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15th Legislative Day
Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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

Prayer by Reverend Mark Tanner, Skowhegan Federated Church.

National Anthem by Messalonskee Mastersingers, Messalonskee High School.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 403)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 12, 2022

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Ch. 13, Subchapter 1, §411.2-L, I am pleased to appoint Honorable Kimberly Monaghan to the *Right to Know Advisory Committee* effective immediately.

Ms. Monaghan will serve as a member who represents the public.

Should you have questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 1257)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE**

April 12, 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 nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

To the State Board of Education:

- Ryan Hafener of Hampden for appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary:

As an Active Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court:

- The Honorable Thomas E. Humphrey of Sanford for appointment

As an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court:

- The Honorable Rick E. Lawrence of Portland for appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor and Housing:

To the State Workforce Board:

- Bruce L. Noddin of Auburn for appointment

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1525) (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, 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, 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, MEYER of Eliot, 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, ORDDWAY 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: BAILEY of York, 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
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, sexual violence affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual violence may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, eating disorders, homelessness and suicide; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence can be devastating not only for the victim, but also for the family, friends and community of the victim; and

WHEREAS, Maine communities bear the substantial fiscal costs related to sexual violence, such as lost work time and increased health care costs, thereby increasing the need for prevention and awareness; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual violence on its own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about how we can all prevent sexual violence and support victims and their communities; and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment, assault and abuse happen in all communities, including online spaces, and there is a need to create online spaces that are built on the foundational values of practicing consent, keeping children safe and supporting survivors; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and provides an excellent opportunity for citizens of Maine to learn more about preventing sexual violence; 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 Sexual Assault Awareness Month and to express our support for and encouragement of all those affected by sexual violence; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault as a token of our respect and support.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Orchard Beach, Representative Gramlich.

Representative **GRAMLICH**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Colleagues of the House, I rise today to present this joint resolution recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Observed as an opportunity to promote education and the prevention of sexual violence, Sexual Assault Awareness Month traces its history to the 1970s, when activists first began organizing on a national scale to reduce sexual assault and violence against women. Advocates fought tirelessly to bring a topic once taboo for public discussion out of the shadows and shed light on the widespread problem of sexual assault. I would like to share a few data points which illustrates the importance of recognizing this important topic. In the United States, 21% of women and 2.6% of men have experience rape. However, this still amounts to a significant figure, with over three million men reporting a rape during their lifetime, with men experiencing rape at one-tenth the rate of women. More than half of women who are raped report that their perpetrator was an intimate partner. In fact, Mr. Speaker, rape frequently happens between partners. Child sexual abuse, which is also sexual assault, is a significant but preventable adverse childhood experience and public health problem. Although estimates vary across studies, the data shows that about one in four girls and one in 13 boys experienced child sexual abuse at some point in their childhood. Ninety-one percent of child sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or child's family knows.

Sexual assault has financial costs as well. The estimated lifetime financial loss due to rape is \$122,461 per victim. The total lifetime economic burden of child sexual abuse in the United States was estimated to be at least \$9.3 billion in 2015. This includes medical costs, the loss of productivity, criminal justice costs and other associated losses. However, these economic costs are likely to be an underestimate of the true impact of this problem since sexual assault is often underreported. Having an open conversation about issues like sexual violence can help reduce the shame and stigma felt by survivors and encourage them to seek support and community assistance. We can learn more about how to prevent sexual assault and domestic violence and ways to support survivors by reviewing resources compiled by the Sexual Violence Resource Center. If you or someone you know needs help regarding sexual assault, you can contact the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault for free and private support 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to raise awareness about this important, sensitive and pervasive issue.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Maxim LaPlante, of Westbrook, who received the Dale Huff Award for Outstanding Musicians at the Maine Music Educators State Jazz Festival at Hampden Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 762)

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland, Senator SANBORN of Cumberland, Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

the Westbrook High School Jazz Ensemble, which won the Outstanding Musicianship Award at the Clark Terry UNH Jazz Festival at the University of New Hampshire. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 763)

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland, Senator SANBORN of Cumberland, Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

the Westbrook High School Jazz Ensemble, which received the Gold Medal at the Maine Music Educators State Jazz Festival at Hampden Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 764)

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland, Senator SANBORN of Cumberland, Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Salisbury.

Representative **SALISBURY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to share some exciting news about the Westbrook Music Department. As you've just heard, we've had some really great things that have happened. I wanted to share a few other things.

We had a group of students that have also been recognized for the MMEA District 1 Honors. We've had students that have also been recognized for their All-State Band and Chorus. As mentioned before, the Jazz Ensemble was recognized at the UNH Clark Terry Jazz Festival for

outstanding musicianship and then for the gold medal award, also at the State jazz festival. Our marching band, who just wanted to point out, rehearsed after school every day when there was no school in session during the day for the entire season. And despite a trying time to be a part of a marching band, they were also the only band in New England to have a spring marching band. They were the 2022 MBDA gold medal award recipients, with a perfect score of 5, the 2022 NESBA second-place recipient and the 2022 NESBA best color guard recipient. We're so proud of our musicians and the music department in Westbrook and thank you for letting me share all that.

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

In Memory of:

James Mardin, of Portland. Mr. Mardin was a veteran of the United States Army Reserve and the United States Army, serving in the D-Day landings in Normandy, France. He also was stationed in Belgium, Germany and the Czech Republic, where he served as a sergeant major. He worked for Merrill Transport as Vice President of Traffic in Portland for 29 years before retiring in 1987. In 2012, he was recognized and honored by the President of Maine Medical Center for performing 11,000 hours of volunteer work at the hospital. He also volunteered with the Civil Air Patrol, flying small planes, with the Maine State Police as a reserve dispatcher, with Sedgewood Commons, with Hills Beach Fire Department, participating in building the fire barn, and with the Maine Military Museum in South Portland, as well as serving in several offices for the condo association where he lived. Mr. Mardin will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(SLS 936)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

In Memory of:

Zackary Forest Gilbert, of Belfast. Well-known in his community, Mr. Gilbert was a gifted all-around athlete as a student and a valued member of the Belfast Area High School basketball, soccer and track and field teams. After traveling as a young man, he returned to Belfast and worked in masonry, carpentry, eeling, lobstering, security, food service and road construction. On September 25, 2021, he died unexpectedly of an opioid overdose. Mr. Gilbert will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

(HLS 767)

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle. Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo, Representative DODGE of Belfast.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newcastle, Representative Crafts.

Representative **CRAFTS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Zackary Forest Gilbert of Belfast. Zack

was my cousin. We grew up together diving off the cliffs of Lake Megunticook, eating blueberries along Appleton Ridge and camping in Baxter. Zack worked as an elver fishermen, was quick to lend a hand and loved to cook for his family. Zack was my cousin but he was also a son, brother, uncle, friend, employee and a neighbor to many. He lived life loudly and he died in silence, one of the 636 Mainers who died last year by overdose. Our family and our community will forever miss him.

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday 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 Margo Moore Interiors, of Camden

(HLS 755)

TABLED - April 12, 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 very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, just a few days from today, on April 16th, Camden will celebrate the 50th year of operation for a landmark clothing and boutique giftshop located on Elm Street called Margo Moore. I have a personal connection to this store because for 12 years I lived just a few doors down. I got to know Marcy van der Kieft, who started the store and, to my husband's chagrin, found I loved shopping in the store. It has very upscale feel to it but it also feels very comfortable and homey. And that's perhaps because it is housed in a historic 1830 house called the Perry House. But like with so many businesses, the warmth also came from the person running the store and that was Marcy, a former assistant fashion editor for Mademoiselle magazine. She was just always so welcoming and made it a pleasure to shop there. She grew up in the business because her mother started the first Margo Moore in Connecticut in 1960. Sadly, Marcy passed away in 2020, but her daughter, Megan van der Kieft Carozza, rose to the occasion and took over as president of Margo Moore. Her return to Camden, like many of the folks in our State, was kind of a boomerang experience. Her own design and professional experience started in Boston but she came back to Camden and, influenced by her grandmother, Margo and working alongside her own mom, Marcy, for 11 years, she took over as the president and is running the store. Fifty years is a long time. Some of us in this chamber haven't even been alive for 50 years. It's truly wonderful when we can celebrate a third-generation family-owned and women-operated business and I just wanted to lift them up. All of us in Camden are very proud and happy to see a business like this continue and prosper. Thank you.

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

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Company

(HLS 676)

TABLED - March 29, 2022 (Till Later Today) by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 1277) (L.D. 1722) Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to All Paths to Recovery for Persons Affected by Opioids Using Money Obtained through Litigation against Opioid Manufacturers" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-997)**

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

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Stabilize State Funding for County Corrections
(H.P. 1225) (L.D. 1654)
(C. "A" H-994)

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

Acts

An Act To Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act
(H.P. 1323) (L.D. 1772)
(C. "A" H-987)

An Act To Facilitate Communication between Prosecutors and Unrepresented Defendants While Protecting the Rights of Those Defendants
(H.P. 1412) (L.D. 1905)
(C. "A" H-989)

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

Resolves

Resolve, Concerning Training and Assessments Related to Protection from Substantial Threats

(H.P. 629) (L.D. 861)
(C. "A" H-986)

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** with the exception of matters being held.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked by and Workloads of Child Protective Services Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services"

(H.P. 1358) (L.D. 1825)

Majority (8) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-847)** in the House on March 29, 2022.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (5) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Energy Security of Maine Residents"

(H.P. 509) (L.D. 697)

Majority (7) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-935)** in the House on April 7, 2022.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (6) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Maine Food Sovereignty Act"

(H.P. 419) (L.D. 574)

House **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Minority (5) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-402)** in the House on June 10, 2021.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (5) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-402) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "C" (S-543)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Municipalities and Multimunicipal Regions of Every Size and Capacity Have Guidance on Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategies for Policy, Implementation and Investment Decision Support"

(H.P. 1205) (L.D. 1616)

Majority (9) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-917)** in the House on April 11, 2022.

Came from the Senate with the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 671) (L.D. 1937) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Exemption from Income Tax and Withholding Tax Liability for Certain Out-of-state Suppliers of Spirits Purchased by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-548)**

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

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Expand the Address Confidentiality Program to Victims of Certain Human Trafficking Crimes

(S.P. 684) (L.D. 1943)

(C. "A" S-541)

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

Acts

An Act Pertaining to Transmission Lines Not Needed for Reliability or Local Generation

(H.P. 123) (L.D. 170)
(C. "A" H-931)

An Act To Enact the Uniform Foreign-country Money Judgments Recognition Act and the Uniform Registration of Canadian Money Judgments Act

(H.P. 659) (L.D. 903)
(C. "A" H-948)

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

Resolves

Resolve, To Examine Recruitment and Retention Programs and Incentives for Public Safety Workers

(S.P. 623) (L.D. 1785)
(C. "A" S-466)

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 749)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2022 TO MAY 7, 2022 AS MAINE HOME EDUCATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the Maine Legislature is committed to excellence in education and recognizes the importance of family participation and parental choice in the pursuit of that excellence; and

WHEREAS, families that choose the option of educating students at home make many sacrifices, and the number of students in the State who are being homeschooled has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, with mothers, fathers, grandparents and other caregivers educating these students; and

WHEREAS, excellent individualized preparation for citizenship and life work can be provided by home education; and

WHEREAS, homeschoolers in the State will be celebrating home education from May 1, 2022 to May 7, 2022, the 35th consecutive year Maine homeschoolers will have celebrated home education; 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 declare the week of May 1, 2022 to May 7, 2022 as Maine Home Education Week.

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 750)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2022 AS CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis, commonly referred to as "CF," is a genetic disease affecting over 31,000 children and adults in the United States and over 70,000 children and adults worldwide; and

WHEREAS, a defective gene known as CFTR causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, and these secretions produce life-threatening

lung infections and obstruct the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

WHEREAS, more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CFTR gene; and

WHEREAS, the median predicted age of survival for a person with CF is 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the number of adults with CF has steadily grown, and approximately 700 new cases of CF are diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, 57 percent of the CF population is 18 years of age and older, and people with CF have a variety of symptoms attributed to the more than 2,000 variants in the CFTR gene; and

WHEREAS, infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons likely to have CF; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and enhances quality of life and longevity, and the treatment of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved; and

WHEREAS, clearing mucus from the lungs is an important part of the daily CF treatment regimen, and other types of treatments include inhaled antibiotics and pancreatic enzymes, among others; and

WHEREAS, there are 3 world-class treatment centers in this State that specialize in the diagnosis of CF and the care of persons with CF; and

WHEREAS, a critical component of treating patients with CF is access to innovative treatments that can play a crucial role in the lives of patients with CF; and

WHEREAS, improving the length and quality of life for people with CF starts with awareness; 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 May 2022 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Update the Laws Regarding the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

(H.P. 1216) (L.D. 1632)
(C. "A" H-995)

An Act To Limit Eligibility for Commercial Menhaden Fishing Licenses

(H.P. 1414) (L.D. 1908)
(C. "A" H-990)

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** with the exception of matters being held.

STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 120, section 2** on Bill "An Act To Incorporate Respectful Language into the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 22, 25 and 34-A"
(H.P. 1526) (L.D. 2038)

Signed:
Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
COSTAIN of Plymouth
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
PLUECKER of Warren
RECKITT of South Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 120, section 2** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representative:

RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

On motion of Representative WARREN of Hallowell, the Majority **Ought to Pass Pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 120, section 2** 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 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-993)** on Bill "An Act To Advance Health Equity, Improve the Well-being of All Maine People and Create a Health Trust"
(H.P. 1258) (L.D. 1693)

Signed:
Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais

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

Signed:
Senator:

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.

Representative JAVNER of Chester **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 Chester, Representative Javner.

Representative **JAVNER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This bill; the topic is very serious. Child obesity, we all know, is an issue in our State. I don't say this flippantly, I say this very seriously, I actually have been celebrating the last two weeks. Two weeks ago I finally came off the obesity BMI column, so, I'm very happy about that. Often, I have stood up here and I have tried to explain that bills that have come before us from Health and Human Services that the department is already working on. Again, this is something that I believe is a priority for the Health and Human Services Department and the Department of Education. Good nutrition is one of the best gifts you can give your children and yourself. Research shows that children who are well-nourished do better in school, get sick less often and are less prone to behavior problems. The Maine CDC WIC nutrition program is committed to helping families reap these benefits. Every WIC appointment includes nutrition education to help parents and caregivers make the best possible decisions about feeding the next generation of Mainers. The Maine Department of Education oversees several USDA food and nutrition service programs and initiatives that provide healthy food to children. Each of these programs help fight hunger and obesity. These are the programs: afterschool snack service, the breakfast program, child and adult care food program, culinary classroom, farm and sea to school, that's my personal favorite, fresh fruit and vegetable program, the lunch program, summer food program, seamless summer option food distribution program. On top of all of that, the Department of Education Professional Standards Training Database lists more than 500 free or low-cost training opportunities for school nutrition professionals. The obesity levels are plateauing. I looked at a lot of data. And, thankfully for Maine, they are plateauing and hopefully soon we will see that they are going down. This bill spends \$1.4 million on an issue that is already clearly being emphasized as a priority with the Maine CDC and the Department of Education. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 557

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

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

ABSENT - Bernard, Berry, Costain, Grignon, Haggan, Head, Lyford, Prescott, Sharpe.

Yes, 81; No, 57; Absent, 9; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 57 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-993)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative MEYER of Eliot **PRESENTED** House Amendment "A" (H-998) to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-993)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-993) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-998) thereto was **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-993) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-998)** thereto and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The following item was 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 yesterday had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-971)** - Minority (4) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Concerning Equity in Renewable Energy Projects and Workforce Development"

(H.P. 1464) (L.D. 1969)

TABLED - April 11, 2022 (Till Later Today) by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

PENDING - Motion of Representative SYLVESTER of Portland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report. (Roll Call Ordered)

The SPEAKER: A roll call having been previously 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. 558

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

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

ABSENT - Bernard, Costain, Grignon, Haggan, Head, Lyford, Prescott, Sharpe, Sylvester.

Yes, 81; No, 57; Absent, 9; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 57 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-971)** 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-971)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Energy Security of Maine Residents"

(H.P. 509) (L.D. 697)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the House voted to **RECEDE**.

Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-1001) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-935)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the amendment before the Body at this time would strike part, excuse me, Section 2C, sub-3, to the bill. And that is the portion, for those familiar with the bill, that deal with ownership or control in whole or in part of a public utility by a foreign government, a government corporation, or the subsidiary of a foreign corporation, etcetera. So, what is left with this amendment is simply an act to clarify the net benefit standard for utility reorganizations and that would be the title of the bill if we adopt this amendment. It would simply clarify that because net benefits are what is required of a utility reorganization that the specific verbiage that the PUC needs to follow regarding whether it will result in a rate increase or a loss of control are phrased in the positive. Since we've adopted a net benefit standard, those sections would simply be clarified to be lower rates rather than a rate increase, greater local control rather than a loss of local control and, in addition, the part that adds identifiable long-term as modifiers to the phrase net benefits would also remain in the bill. So, I hope that that helps to remove a concern that evidently existed for some Members of this Body and that we can proceed with that simple clarification to our net benefit standard for utility reorganizations. Thank you.

Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT House Amendment "A" (H-1001) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-935)**.

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 Adoption of House Amendment "A" (H-1001) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-935). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 559

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

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Corey, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Hutchins, Javner, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Pickett, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Bernard, Cloutier, Connor, Costain, Craven, Cuddy, Grignon, Haggan, Head, Kinney, Lyford, Paulhus, Prescott, Sharpe.

Yes, 79; No, 54; Absent, 14; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 14 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-1001) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-935) was ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-935) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-1001) thereto was ADOPTED.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-935) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-1001) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-999)** on Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Incorporation of Equity Considerations in Regulatory Decision Making"

(H.P. 1500) (L.D. 2018)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-1000)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

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

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-999)** 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-999)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

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

Representative **COREY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to speak on the record.

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

Representative **COREY**: I'd like to bring to the chamber's attention a book placed on our desks this morning that says One Nation Under Fraud in the title. For record, my God is not a deceiver. I find it offensive that a government-established commission published a document with a title that shows insensitivity for many with religious beliefs. God with fraud may hit the mark for some in delivering one's viewpoint, a cute rhyming substitution. But for many, the word God has a deeper meaning. Some of the faithful will not even spell it out due to respect. It takes quite a bit to offend me. The substitution of the God with fraud in a document published by the government, though, isn't appropriate and, for some, objectionable. Thank you.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

Bill "An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked by and Workloads of Child Protective Services Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services"

(H.P. 1358) (L.D. 1825)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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 to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 560

YEA - Andrews, Austin, Bickford, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Hutchins, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

NAY - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, Osher, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Salisbury, Sheehan, Supica, Sylvester, Madam Speaker, Terry, Tucker,

Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Arata, Bernard, Blier, Costain, Cuddy, Fay, Grignon, Haggan, Head, Javner, Lookner, Lyford, Millett, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pierce, Prescott, Sachs, Sharpe, Stover, Tepler.

Yes, 53; No, 73; Absent, 21; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

53 having voted in the affirmative and 73 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 21 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR FAILED**.

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

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Municipalities and Multimunicipal Regions of Every Size and Capacity Have Guidance on Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategies for Policy, Implementation and Investment Decision Support"

(H.P. 1205) (L.D. 1616)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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 to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 561

YEA - Andrews, Austin, Bickford, Bradstreet, Bryant, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Hutchins, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

NAY - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Brooks, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, Osher, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Salisbury, Sheehan, Supica, Sylvester, Madam Speaker, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Arata, Bernard, Blier, Costain, Cuddy, Fay, Grignon, Haggan, Head, Javner, Lookner, Lyford, Millett, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pierce, Prescott, Sachs, Sharpe, Stover, Tepler.

Yes, 54; No, 72; Absent, 21; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

54 having voted in the affirmative and 72 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 21 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR FAILED**.

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

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

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Data Collection Protection Act"

(H.P. 669) (L.D. 913)

Majority (8) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-905)** in the House on April 5, 2022.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (5) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, the House voted to **RECEDE**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-996)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-905)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

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

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I appreciate the intent of this amendment. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to request a roll call and speak to my motion.

Representative **LIBBY** of Auburn **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT House Amendment "A" (H-996)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-905)**.

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

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

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have not had my afternoon coffee yet. While I appreciate the intent of this amendment, I cannot support a bill in which one landlord has the ability to limit the information that is readily available to a future landlord of the same tenant. Please follow my light and oppose the pending motion.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Adoption of House Amendment "A" (H-996) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-905). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 562

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, Osher, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Salisbury, Sheehan, Supica, Sylvester, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bickford, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Hutchins, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Morris,

Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Arata, Bernard, Blier, Costain, Cuddy, Fay, Grignon, Haggan, Head, Javner, Lookner, Lyford, Millett, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pierce, Prescott, Sachs, Sharpe, Stover, Tepler.

Yes, 72; No, 54; Absent, 21; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

72 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 21 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-996)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-905)** was **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-905) as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-996)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** as Amended by **Committee Amendment "A" (H-905)** as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-996)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act To Ensure Access to All Paths to Recovery for Persons Affected by Opioids Using Money Obtained through Litigation against Opioid Manufacturers

(H.P. 1277) (L.D. 1722)

(C. "A" H-997)

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 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 Maine Food Sovereignty Act and To Recognize the Maine Food Sovereignty Act in Plantations and Unorganized Territories

(H.P. 419) (L.D. 574)

(S. "C" S-543 to C. "A" H-402)

An Act To Provide Passamaquoddy Tribal Members Access to Clean Drinking Water

(H.P. 662) (L.D. 906)

(C. "A" H-984)

An Act To Clarify the Exemption from Income Tax and Withholding Tax Liability for Certain Out-of-state Suppliers of Spirits Purchased by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations

(S.P. 671) (L.D. 1937)

(C. "A" S-548)

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

Resolves

Resolve, To Direct the Office of the Public Advocate To Study Reforming Maine's System of Retail Electricity Supply To Provide More Options to Maine Customers and Support Maine's Climate Goals

(H.P. 222) (L.D. 318)
(H. "A" H-955 to C. "A" H-918)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 1433) (L.D. 1926) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Commission Assigned Council, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (EMERGENCY) Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1002)**

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

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1003)** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Court Process for Involuntary Substance Use Disorder Treatment"

(H.P. 1496) (L.D. 2008)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
KEIM of Oxford
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
EVANGELOS of Friendship
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford
THORNE of Carmel

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

Signed:

Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden
LIBBY of Auburn

Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1003)** Report.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-1003)** 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-1003)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

Eight Members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1004)** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Safe Entry and Access for People Seeking Health Care and Other Constitutional Rights"

(H.P. 1406) (L.D. 1899)

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden
LIBBY of Auburn
THORNE of Carmel

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-1005)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1004)**.

READ.

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

Representative LIBBY of Auburn **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 Auburn, Representative Libby.

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is a very rare day when the Christian Civic League of Maine and the ACLU both object to a bill. Today, the stars have aligned and I find myself in agreement with both entities. Enshrined in our Constitution is the right to peacefully express ourselves in public. This bill seeks to limit that right to free speech and even goes so far as to expand the criminal code to enforce the proposed medical safety zone by creating a new Class E crime. As the ACLU stated in their testimony; as we have done consistently for the past decade, the ACLU of Maine urges policymakers not to expand the criminal code and to reexamine their reliance on the criminal legal system to solve society's problems. At times like this, when people increasingly fear for their safety while seeking health care to which they are constitutionally entitled, we do not take this position lightly. We urge legislators to look at the larger picture of how our reliance on the criminal legal system has created a system of mass incarceration. Every year, approximately 14,000 people cycle through Maine's jails and on any given day, 1,820 people are locked up there. Jails have been a hotspot for COVID-19, endangering the lives of people who are detained there despite not having been convicted of a crime. Criminal records are almost always permanent in Maine and even a Class E on a person's record can keep someone from housing or employment. And the racial disparities are stark. In 2018, black people made up only 1% of Maine's population but were 5% of the people arrested. It's no secret that I believe the practice of abortion is morally repugnant, but this bill doesn't affect a woman's right to procure an abortion. It does, however, impact one's right to free speech and it creates a new Class E crime. Please follow my light and vote against the pending motion.

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

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today because I cannot support this but maybe for some different reasons than you might think me to rise. I'm not actually opposed to having a buffer zone. I think everybody deserves dignity to receive whatever services they feel they need to have. The reason why I'm opposed is this bill actually mandates the municipality to have the financial burden of paying for the boundaries proposed here. And actually the current ways of having people penalized for harassment or trespass when they are causing issues, per se, in this kind of scenario, are already Class C and D crimes. So, this bill actually lessens the crimes. I don't see that this is a positive effect on what we're trying to do here, to give people dignity. So, I would ask you to follow me and oppose this current motion. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harpswell, Representative McCreight.

Representative **MC CREIGHT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, this bill protects peoples' right of access to health care while also protecting the right of free speech and protest. It will give us the important

tool needed to prevent intentional and knowing obstruction of those seeking care, whether it's reproductive health care or any health care that someone else may not like. This is needed to prevent others from jeopardizing the health of persons attempting to receive health care at their chosen health care facility. By providing the option for a health care facility to have a medical safety zone, patients will be able to enter and exit safely and the facility will be able to operate without intentional interference to delivery of care. Specifically, this bill provides an eight-foot semicircle, marked out from the center of the doorway of a facility, that is off-limits to anyone other than patients, staff, approved volunteers, law enforcement or safety personnel. Protest actions outside of the safety zone are not in any way restricted or prohibited by this bill. The medical safety zone must be clearly marked, probably it would be a painted line or temporary barriers. The zone if adopted would only be in effect during the hours of operation of the facility. In addition to addressing the intentional physical blocking of someone attempting to enter or exit a health care facility, the bill also addresses other specific actions that interfere with access that have happened in Maine. Specifically, these are making noise so loud that a patient and facility staff and providers can't hear each other within the building, activating a device or exposing a substance that releases noxious and offensive odors within the building, making or causing repeated phone calls to a person within the building with the intent of impeding access to a person's or building's telephone lines or that other disrupt persons or building's activities. The bill establishes that a person can be charged with a Class E crime if they intentionally and knowingly block access to a health care facility if the actions continue after an official warning. This is the same level available to law enforcement for trespassing. In Maine, judges have considerable discretion when handing down a sentence. Judges can order one or more of the following sentencing options if someone is charged with a Class E crime; incarceration, suspended or split term of incarceration with administrative release with conditions such as restitution and community service, deferred disposition requiring certain conditions be met prior to that disposition, or fines, fees, restitution, or community service or unconditional discharge. Again, discretion.

I don't think any of us take addition of a crime seriously, I'm sorry, the opposite; we don't take addition of a crime lightly, nor should we intentionally obstruct access to care at a health care facility. We need effective tools to protect that access. Currently, we only have a civil remedy, which has not proven effective. A person is not deterred from simply repeating the same intentional blocking of access after they've been told to stop by current policy and law. We will better be able to protect access and deter intentional interference with access to health care through adoption of this bill. Again, supporting this policy will protect rights to speech, protest and access to health care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I pose a question through the Chair?

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

Representative **BICKFORD**: It's two questions, actually. Health care facilities, are they not private property? And, if they are, can't they as owners of private property enact their own policies that can be enforced?

My other question is; isn't harassment already illegal? Such as disturbing the peace? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who wishes to answer it. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Harnett.

Representative **HARNETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As to the first question, which I can answer; yes, facilities are generally privately owned but the sidewalks in front of them and the entryways might about public property.

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

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask a question through the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **STETKIS**: How many Mainers have had their rights violated and not allowed to access health care?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who wishes to answer it. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Libby.

Representative **LIBBY**: The answer is zero.

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. 563

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

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bickford, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Hutchins, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Bernard, Blier, Cebra, Costain, Cuddy, Grignon, Haggan, Head, Javner, Lookner, Lyford, Millett, Paulhus, Pierce, Prescott, Salisbury, Sharpe, Stover, Tepler.

Yes, 75; No, 52; Absent, 20; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 20 being absent, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-1004)** 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-1004)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

Expression of Legislative Sentiment In Memory of James Mardin, of Portland.

(SLS 936)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town pending **ADOPTION**.

On motion of the same Representative, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative DODGE of Belfast, the House adjourned at 4:32 pm until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 14, 2022 in honor and lasting tribute to Hazel Anne Houghton, of Hallowell and Boulder, Colorado, Caelan Baker Lapointe, of Hallowell and Boulder, Colorado and Zackary Forest Gilbert, of Belfast.