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Monday, April 25, 2022

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

Prayer by Honorable Christopher W. Babbidge, Kennebunk.

National Anthem by Honorable Lydia C. Blume, York.
Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Wednesday, April 20, 2022 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 1283)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE**

April 20, 2022

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby it accepted the Report C Ought to Pass As Amended Pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 106, section 3 Bill "An Act To Reorganize the Provision of Services for Infants, Toddlers and Children with Disabilities from Birth to 6 Years of Age and Extend the Age of Eligibility under the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to 22 Years of Age" (H.P. 1531) (L.D. 2039) and all accompanying papers in non-concurrence.

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Jennifer Quimby, of Springvale, who is retiring after 27 years of dedicated service leading the Women, Infants and Children program in York County. Ms. Quimby has been instrumental in improving the lives of tens of thousands of York County infants, children and parents by ensuring access to prenatal screening, developmental assessment, lactation support and nutritious food. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 811)

Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York, Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MEYER of Eliot, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **MEYER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, Jennifer Quimby, a registered dietician, is retiring after heading up the Women, Infants and Children's nutrition program in York County for 27 years. Jennifer has been a tireless leader and educator, helping pregnant women and parents of young children to understand the role that diet and nutrition play in early brain development. The WIC program has been credited with reducing the prevalence of low birth weight and premature babies, improvements in infant cognitive development and as WIC children age, they have been shown to fare better academically than similarly-situated children without WIC benefits. During her tenure, more than 80,000 children and their parents have received support from the WIC program in York County. For Ms. Quimby's leadership and dedication to providing nutrition education and nutritious foods to help keep pregnant women, new mothers, infants and preschool children healthy and strong, the York County delegation and the people of Maine are deeply grateful and wish her the very best in her retirement.

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

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative COLLINGS of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1539)

**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923**

WHEREAS, on April 24, 1915, a campaign was launched by the Turkish regime of the Ottoman Empire against the Armenian people; and

WHEREAS, this campaign, which was waged from 1915 to 1923, was an attempt to annihilate the entire Armenian people and resulted in the deaths of more than 1.5 million Armenians; and

WHEREAS, many of the survivors settled in the State of Maine and their heirs have made significant contributions to the State over the last 107 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to join our citizens of Armenian heritage in remembering the 107th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and to express our deepest sympathy to the families of those who perished; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we commemorate April 24, 2022 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day in memory of the victims of the Armenian Genocide and in honor of the survivors and their descendants and urge all citizens of the State to join in this solemn remembrance.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative COREY of Windham, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1540)

**JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY 2022
AS AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL
SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as ALS, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, the life expectancy for an individual with ALS is between 2 and 5 years after the date on which the individual receives an ALS diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, ALS occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic, gender or socioeconomic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the 2 different types of ALS are sporadic ALS and familial ALS; and

WHEREAS, sporadic ALS is the most common form of motor neuron disease in the United States, accounts for between 90% and 95% of all cases of ALS in the United States and may affect any individual in any location; and

WHEREAS, familial ALS, also known as FALS, is inherited and accounts for between 5% and 10% of all cases of ALS in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is a 50% chance that each of the offspring of an individual with familial ALS will inherit the gene mutation for familial ALS and develop the disease; and

WHEREAS, the onset of ALS often involves muscle weakness or stiffness, and the progression of ALS results in the further weakening, wasting and paralysis of the muscles of the limbs and trunk and the muscles that control vital functions, including speech, swallowing and breathing; and

WHEREAS, on average, the period between the date on which an individual first experiences symptoms of ALS and the date on which the individual is diagnosed with ALS is about one year; and

WHEREAS, ALS can strike individuals of any age but predominantly strikes adults, and it is estimated that tens of thousands of individuals in the United States have ALS at any given time; and

WHEREAS, based on studies of the population of the United States, slightly more than 5,600 individuals in the United States are diagnosed with ALS each year, and 15 individuals in the United States are diagnosed with ALS each day; and

WHEREAS, the majority of individuals with ALS die of respiratory failure; and

WHEREAS, a military veteran is approximately twice as likely to be diagnosed with ALS as is a member of the general public in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of introduction of this resolution, there is no cure for ALS; and

WHEREAS, the spouses, children and other family members of individuals living with ALS provide support to those individuals with love, day-to-day care and more; and

WHEREAS, an individual with ALS, and the caregivers of such an individual, can be required to bear significant costs for medical care, equipment and home health care services for the individual as the disease progresses; 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 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month. We affirm the dedication of the Legislature to helping to work toward securing cures and better treatments for ALS, recognize the challenges that individuals with ALS face on a daily basis and commend the dedication of

the family members, friends, organizations, volunteers, researchers and caregivers across the United States who are working to improve the quality and length of life of persons with ALS.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Reinstate and Increase the Income Tax Deduction for Contributions to Education Savings Plans

(S.P. 31) (L.D. 23)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 3, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-72)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-72) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-584)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk

(H.P. 51) (L.D. 85)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 28, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-45)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-45) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-585)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Support Apprenticeship Programs

(H.P. 130) (L.D. 177)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 7, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-927)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-927) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-586)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Improve the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund and Agricultural Development Grant

(H.P. 154) (L.D. 219)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 7, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-890)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-890) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-587)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Establish Semi-open Primaries

(S.P. 99) (L.D. 231)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 9, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-195)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-195) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-588)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Regarding Rural Water Districts

(S.P. 106) (L.D. 245)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 9, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-198)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-198) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-589)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Homestead for at Least 10 Years

(S.P. 126) (L.D. 290)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 14, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-222)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-222) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-590)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health Care

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

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 5, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" (S-476)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" (S-476) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-591)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Strengthen the Ability of Public Employers and Teachers' Unions To Negotiate

(H.P. 325) (L.D. 449)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 15, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-540)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-540) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-592)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Relating to the Distribution of State Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax

(S.P. 190) (L.D. 484)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 12, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-537)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-537) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-593)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Continue Funding for Home-delivered Meals for Homebound Seniors and To Address Growing Demand

(S.P. 191) (L.D. 485)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 28, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-44)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-44) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-594)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Reduce the Tax Burden on Low-income Electricity Customers

(H.P. 369) (L.D. 506)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 8, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-343)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-343) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-595)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program

(S.P. 220) (L.D. 533)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 11, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-510)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-510) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-596)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine

(H.P. 387) (L.D. 542)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on May 19, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-102)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-597)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Establish a Conditional Presumption of Compensability for Certain Employees in Cases of Impairment from Hypertension or Heart Disease

(S.P. 228) (L.D. 575)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 9, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-73)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-73) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-598)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

(S.P. 252) (L.D. 647)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 8, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-178)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-178) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-599)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Promote Better Dental Care for Cancer Survivors

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

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 31, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-864)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-864) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-600)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Promote Economic Development and Outdoor Recreation through Investment in State Parks

(H.P. 512) (L.D. 700)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on May 19, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-100)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-100) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-601)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Enhance and Improve the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board and To Establish the Aging and Disability Mortality Review Panel

(H.P. 526) (L.D. 716)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 17, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-660)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-602)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits

(S.P. 281) (L.D. 730)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 8, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-174)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-174)** **AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-603)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Establish a Program To Assist Regional Firefighter Training Programs, To Provide Tax Credits to Businesses That Employ Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons and To Provide Benefits to Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons

(S.P. 283) (L.D. 731)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 9, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-187)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-187)** **AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-604)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Regarding Criminal Services for Juveniles

(H.P. 561) (L.D. 756)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 18, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-940)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-940)** **AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-605)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker FECTIONAU of Biddeford moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **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. 605

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

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

ABSENT - Bernard, Caiazzo, Cebra, Cloutier, Connor, Crockett, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Gifford, Grignon, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Prescott, Quint, Roberts, Sharpe, Stetkis, Supica, Sylvester, Terry, White.

Yes, 68; No, 52; Absent, 27; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

68 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 27 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Protect the Reproductive Rights and Freedoms of Maine People

(S.P. 156) (L.D. 811)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 12, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-534)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-534)** **AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-606)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker FECTIONAU of Biddeford moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **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. 606

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

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Bernard, Caiazzo, Cebra, Cloutier, Connor, Crockett, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Gifford, Grignon, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Osher, Paulhus, Perry, Prescott, Quint, Roberts, Sharpe, Stetkis, Sylvester, Terry, White.

Yes, 68; No, 54; Absent, 25; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

68 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 25 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Examine and Amend the Conditions of Release and Probation

(H.P. 612) (L.D. 844)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 17, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-704)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-704) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-607)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Increase the Fees Paid to Sheriffs and Their Deputies for Service of Civil Process Documents

(H.P. 621) (L.D. 853)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 15, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-594)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-594) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-608)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement

(H.P. 666) (L.D. 910)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 7, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-223)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-609)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment

(H.P. 711) (L.D. 965)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 7, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-906)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-906) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-610)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Establish the Rare Disease Advisory Council

(H.P. 718) (L.D. 972)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 9, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-391)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-391) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-611)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Improve Outcomes for Persons with Limb Loss

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

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 31, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-863)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-863) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-612)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Improve the Long-term Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Raising the Upper Age Limit for Voluntary Support Eligibility

(S.P. 352) (L.D. 1091)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 2, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-78)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-78) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-613)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations To Evaluate Direct-to-consumer Wine and Spirits Sales

(S.P. 444) (L.D. 1358)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on March 24, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-441)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-441) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-614)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1020) (L.D. 1386)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on June 7, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-276)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-276) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-615)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Maximize Health Care Coverage for the Uninsured through Easy Enrollment in the MaineCare Program or in a Qualified Health Plan in the Marketplace

(H.P. 1024) (L.D. 1390)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 17, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-684)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-684) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-616)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Study and Recommend Improvements to Maine's Dam Safety

(H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1488)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on June 9, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-436) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-470)** thereto)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-436) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-617)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Provide Climate Change Transition Assistance for Maine's Energy-intensive Businesses

(H.P. 1159) (L.D. 1554)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 14, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-510)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-510) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-618)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Role of Water as a Resource in the State of Maine

(H.P. 1166) (L.D. 1569)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on June 17, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-644)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-644) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-619)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

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)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 31, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-829)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-829) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-620)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Promote Energy-efficient Affordable Housing

(H.P. 1227) (L.D. 1656)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 10, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-479)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-479) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-621)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Establish Fair Housing Goals in Certain Communities in Maine

(H.P. 1244) (L.D. 1673)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 11, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-939)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-939) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-622)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Address Student Hunger through Expanding Access to Free School Meals

(S.P. 540) (L.D. 1679)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 8, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-165)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-165) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-623)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Implement a Geographically Limited Public Defender Office

(H.P. 1255) (L.D. 1686)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 17, 2021. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-700)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-700) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-624)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Concerning Interpersonal Violence on College Campuses

(S.P. 572) (L.D. 1727)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 18, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-554)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-554) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-625)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Improve the Quality and Affordability of Primary Health Care Provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 625) (L.D. 1787)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 7, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-509)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-509) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-626)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel through the Maine Length of Service Award Program

(H.P. 1345) (L.D. 1803)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on February 23, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-756)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-756) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-627)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Promote Labor Education through the University of Maine System

(H.P. 1349) (L.D. 1816)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 9, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-763)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-628)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process

(S.P. 648) (L.D. 1831)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 11, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-514)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-514) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-629)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

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

(H.P. 1378) (L.D. 1868)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 31, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-822)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-822) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-630)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Increase Maine's Veterinary Workforce

(H.P. 1395) (L.D. 1885)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 12, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-963)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-963) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-631)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine through Legal Education

(S.P. 679) (L.D. 1924)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 24, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-448)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-448) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-635)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Provide Assistance to Areas Severely Infested with Browntail Moths

(H.P. 1436) (L.D. 1929)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 24, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-772) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-436)** thereto)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-772) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-636)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

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)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 13, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-548)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-548) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-637)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

(H.P. 1401) (L.D. 1891)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 24, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-796)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-796) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-632)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools

(H.P. 1409) (L.D. 1902)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on March 22, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-769) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-778)** thereto)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-769) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-778) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-633)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Create a Legal Defense Fund for the Maine Lobster Industry

(H.P. 1422) (L.D. 1916)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 7, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-914)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-914) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-634)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Expand Access to Mental Health and Crisis Care for Individuals in Jails and Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

(H.P. 1463) (L.D. 1968)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 19, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-947) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1030)** thereto)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-947) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-638)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Establish and Fund the Maine Climate Corps Program Pursuant to Recommendations in the Report Required by Resolve 2021, Chapter 25

(S.P. 706) (L.D. 1974)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 24, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-440)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-440) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-639)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Establish a Fund for Farmers Adversely Affected by Drought Conditions

(S.P. 717) (L.D. 1998)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 11, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-504)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-504) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-640)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

(H.P. 1489) (L.D. 2003)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 18, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1013) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1024)** thereto)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1013) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1024) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-641)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Incorporation of Equity Considerations in Regulatory Decision Making

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

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 14, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-999)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-999) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-642)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Regarding Taxation of Energy Storage Facilities and Equipment

(H.P. 1512) (L.D. 2030)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on April 18, 2022. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1015)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1015) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-643)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance

(S.P. 661) (L.D. 1862)

(C. "B" S-560)

- In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on April 18, 2022.

- In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on April 19, 2022, in concurrence.

- **RECALLED** from the Governor's Desk pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 755.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-560) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-644)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Wednesday, April 20, 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 Honorable John L. Martin, of Eagle Lake

(HLS 793)

TABLED - April 20, 2022 (Till Later Today) by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

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

Representative **RIELLY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has been a true honor to serve with the Good Representative from Eagle Lake. His over five decades of service to this State is truly remarkable and his dedication as a public servant to the people of Maine is inspiring to the Members of this Body, including myself. Serving as Speaker from 1975 until 1994, Representative Martin has more institutional knowledge than

any legislator in this room, which we will all miss next session. I want to personally thank him for the work he's done for the State. I'm a firm believer that we should all look for ways to make the world or at least our part of it better for those around us. Representative Martin has had a lifetime making his piece of the world better for all Mainers. Thank you, Representative Martin, I'm going to miss serving with you next session and listening to your stories.

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

Representative **RECKITT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wrote some notes to use should this occasion occur and then, of course, I lost them. So, you'll have to take my impromptu commendation to Representative Martin. I noted when you spoke of him that you talked about his service as Speaker of the House starting, I believe, in 1974. It was in 1977 that I first started being a gadfly up here on behalf of gay rights. And actually I don't think that was when that happened, I take that back, the Speaker is in error here. Anyway, but in 1977, I was here for the first time advocating for ratification of the federal Equal Rights Amendment and now the Speaker is now in error again. If I'd only found those notes. But in '77, it was the gay rights bill that I was here working on and that's when I first interacted with Speaker Martin. It was not a wonderful time here, trying to lobby that gay rights bill the very first time it was introduced in 1977 and I recollect at the time that we had a big public hearing and no one testified in opposition. So, Representative Talbot, Representative Talbot Ross's father, who was the lead sponsor, jumped up at the end of the hearing and said I guess we've won. He was a little overenthusiastic, since it was decades later. But I interacted with Speaker Martin and I understood even then the level of institutional knowledge that this man had and how useful it was for the process here and for those of us who wanted to learn how to do better. And I have been happy for the last six years to serve with him and to be understanding even more thoroughly the value of his institutional knowledge to this place. He will be sorely missed next time. He's the biggest argument for getting rid of term limits, even though he was probably the biggest argument for having them in the first place. And for all the wrong reasons. But I really have been sometimes a sideways admirer and then now a direct-on admirer of the work of Representative Martin and hope that his retirement will continue to serve the people of Maine, which I'm sure it will and I'm certain it will also continue to serve the people of Northern Maine for sure and Eagle Lake will never be the same while he is no longer with us, which I hope will be a very long time from now. So, again, congratulations on this sentiment. I really feel that your service to this State is totally extraordinary. The times I agreed with you, the times I didn't agree with you, it's been extraordinary every time and I thank you for all of the years that you have spent, Representative Martin, in service to this institution. Thank you very much.

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

Representative **LANDRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of a man I greatly admire. Representative John Martin began his service to the State of Maine in 1964, while I was still in high school. On my first day

at the horseshoe, in the Inland Fishery and Wildlife Committee for years ago, to my left was an empty seat. Soon, Representative Martin showed up and I was in awe. The wealth of institutional knowledge that he possesses is unmatched. I knew little of how the system worked and listening to him and asking questions certainly helped me. Two years later, when I became House Chair of the IF&W committee, it was comforting to know that he and the Representative from Sinclair, Danny Martin, were there to guide me through to make sure that I didn't get too far out into the weeds while chairing the committee. Today, as we are here in possibly the last day of the 130th session, I feel like Frodo watching Bilbo Baggins sail off into the undying lands, never to return to this chamber, or will he? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Mr. Speaker, the mid-'70s was an interesting and exciting time for at least three Members of this Body. In 1975, my good friend and colleague, the Representative from Waterford, was appointed and sworn in as our Commissioner of Education. I had the honor of serving as a freshman Member of this Body and the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative John Martin, was elected Speaker of the House, where he continued to serve for some 20 years. There are those, Mr. Speaker, that would argue that John ruled with an iron fist. I wouldn't say that that was not necessarily the case but I will tell you as a freshman legislator and as a young Turk; they all called us young Turks because in '75 a lot of new Members were elected to this Body. I will tell you that he didn't necessarily, like I said, with an iron fist, but I'll tell you, as a freshman legislator, you better had to learn your House and Joint Rules in order to get recognized. For example, I recall my very first floor speech standing up, now, keep in mind that back then we didn't have all the electronic equipment that we had, we had mics that were telescopic and you had to raise and what you had to do, according to the House Rule, was stand up and say Mr. Speaker. Well, I guess I hadn't learned my House Rules. After attempting to stand up and getting recognized by the Speaker Martin and knowing full well that he would've at least seen me, I did not get recognized. After the third attempt, I sent my good friend, John Martin, who was Speaker, a note saying John, why are you not recognizing me? I sat down, the page sent me a note and the note read Representative Martin, go to your motel room tonight, read and learn your House Rules. So, I did. So, at least, Mr. Speaker, I learned one House Rules and that is to stand up, back then and say Mr. Speaker. Only then would you get recognized. Five or six years ago, I asked John when he was going to retire. His response was I will retire when the Maine Department of Transportation completes the improvements and upgrades of his beloved Route 11. Well, as we all know, Route 11 is probably 99.9% complete. And that's great news, Mr. Speaker, for Aroostook County because now the rest of us will have an opportunity to communicate with MDOT and have them upgrade some of our other roads other than Route 11.

John once told me that he did not need a gavel to lead. Well, Mr. Speaker and Members of this Body, you'll note where

John Martin sits. John Martin's seat assignment has been for many years right next to his fellow colleagues that serve on the Appropriations Committee and right behind our two leaders. I would strongly suggest, Mr. Speaker, that that's not by coincidence but by design and, yes, he does not need a gavel to lead. The Good Representative, it's turned out, as we all know, at least for this eight years series, but I am not convinced that we've seen the last of John Martin and I'm truly convinced of that. Mr. Speaker, I have a letter here that was sent to me from someone from the second floor, our Chief Executive and if you'll allow me, I'd like to read it. I wish, though, it was in larger fonts, but anyway. It reads as follows, Mr. Speaker:

Dear Members of the House of Representatives, Representative John L. Martin is the comeback kid, so I'm not sure why you are honoring him today. He is bound to be back, guaranteed. Fifty-four years in the Maine Legislature, he's been around long enough to have served with Representative Sophia Warren's father. Heck, I believe he served with my father. Twenty-seven terms, 27 biennial budgets, many more supplementals, change packages and other financial measures. Thousands of bills sponsored, enacted and signed into law. Millions of words on paper and speeches on the floor of two bodies, speeches and words that turn into law and policies to change things for the betterment for Maine families across Maine. I suspect he's served on every committee in the Legislature. In fact, I suspect he invented some of the committees. If he couldn't get things done in one committee, he would invent another one. There are today; this is interesting, there are today three Martins in the House but when anybody says it's a Martin bill or Martin did that or Martin did this, good or bad, you know they're referring to only one person, the one and only John L. Martin. When he actually does retire from public service, they ought to retire the name. Danny and Tom will have to find another surname. The Earl of Eagle Lake, as Davis Robinson first labeled him. This man has been responsible for more miles of highway paved, more health care grants, more fish and wildlife permits, more public school funds, more potatoes subsidies, all dedicated and directed in the dark of night for certain entities somewhere in the far corners of the St. John Valley. John's tenure is remarkable, his accomplishments too many to recite, his attention to his constituents unmatched, even when not officially in office. He knows who to call, what to say, how to get things done for a person in need. Through knowledge, experience and legendary persistence when it comes to helping someone in need, John L. Martin will not take no for an answer. The county owes him, the State of Maine owes him, the nation owes him for showing how leadership and knowledge of the rules and procedures can get things done for people in the State. I know everyone thinks that that long river up north and I'm sure the Chief Executive is referring to the St. John River that forms part of our border with New Brunswick, the river which flows from a remote pond all the way to the Bay of Fundy is named after one of the apostles, but no one believes that in the valley. Many children, if asked, will whisper that the broad and beautiful waterway is named for the longest-serving Member of the Maine Legislature, St. John Martin. With admiration and affection for the propriated retirement for

John from the House, signed Chief Executive T. Mills. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative MILLETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think we've all heard from the sentiment and the comments made previously today that John Martin has been a fixture in this building for more than a half century. Most of his adult life has been spent in one way or another in this chamber or the other and within the City of Augusta and affecting all of us across the State of Maine. I would like to just touch briefly on his early years and his years in power and talk a little bit about the observations I had of him during that time period. We all know that John arrived here in the 102nd Legislature, during the so-called Gold Water turmoil of that election while he was a senior at the University of Maine. That was the 102nd Legislature. Immediately upon his arrival, he was appointed to a committee of significance. He was appointed to the Taxation Committee. At that time, a committee of 10 people. He also served on the bills in the third reading then committee. John was in the majority, obviously, at that time. Things changed in the 103rd when Republicans took control again and for the next five terms remained in control; next four terms, I will say. At that time, John was appointed to the Committee on State Government. It was then just State Government, not State and Local. In fact, we had a Local and County Government Committee at the time. In the third term, the 104th, that's when I met him because I became a Member of that 104th and John was appointed to the Appropriations Committee in only his third term here in the House. He was still in his mid-20s, I had just become 30 and we got to know each other a little bit in the December orientation in 1968. I marveled at his experience thus far and was amazed at his stature on the Committee on Appropriations, then a 10-member committee and John had just been appointed and I think he dropped the average age level of the other nine by about 20 years because he was still, as I say, in his mid-20s. We even had a small group of people we referred to and this will sound strange coming from me, as the young Turks back in that era. And I went through the registers and back in those days, we had a very thin little register that didn't tell you much of anything, no pictures and John changed that along the way. But I counted 11 people, including John and myself, under 35. That tells you a little bit about the age level of people prior to John's ascension to power. And his ascension began very quickly thereafter. In the 105th Legislature, he became the Minority Leader, sitting right here where Representative Dillingham does now. He remained there in the 106th and in the 107th he became Speaker of the House at the time of the inquiry of Jim Longley as Chief Executive. And I will tell you that that was a unique period in time because we had a Democratic House, an Independent Chief Executive and, I will say again, a very independent Chief Executive and a Republican Senate. We had morphed from a period of older people running this chamber to John and I will say, Mr. Speaker, this is an interesting comparison, the Former Speaker was known for his regular cigar, nonstop, sometimes lit, sometimes not lit and for most of the time he presided at the chamber he had that cigar in his mouth. And he could chew it and he could speak and he

never missed a beat and sometimes he even lit it while he was presiding. I can't imagine John serving in that way with a cigar in his mouth and, Mr. Speaker, I can't imagine even thinking about you having a cigar in your mouth at that time. But that led to a period of reforms and most of those reforms came as a result of John's ascension to power. I just listed six and I'll go through them very quickly.

Smoking was ever-present in this chamber in the early days. The smoke would rise at this time of the year and it would cloud the entire ceiling. Cigars, cigarettes and pipes were very common. There was no glass in the back so it was an open gallery in the back and I would say a gallery because lobbyists were very present, media was ever-present, lobbyists could walk along in the back row and tap somebody on the shoulder, hand them a message, give them a speech, a lot of things happened that you would call not of a highest decorum back in those days and the media would come in here during breaks and would sit in the corners and write their regular columns, both radio and print and we even had television here coverage almost nonstop. There was a lack of decorum in a lot of ways and the Representative from Sinclair referred to some of them. John changed the rules and made them clear and specific and enforceable. The Joint Rules, the House Rules, the Senate Rules, all of those things that would basically standardize the way in which this House operated were done at the hands of John Martin. He even changed the registers. As I said, they used to say nothing but John put color to them and brought pictures to them and it made it a much more living document. He added staffing both at the level of the people who sit in the front of the chamber here now and in the offices that exist on this floor and the fourth and he actually added professional staff that were probably taking the place of the lobby, in many ways, because he was responsible for making staff, particularly the nonpartisan staff, of a professional quality.

The diversity that came within the chamber started even before John became Speaker with the early right to vote, the 18-year-old vote and the younger people coming along, eliminating the big box on the election ballot and so we saw a real change in the age, sex, diversity, culture, the whole works changed during John's 20 years as Speaker. His connections with national organizations made Maine much more present in the world scheme of legislation. He became very active in the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments, even ascending to the presidency of the National Conference of State Legislatures. A lot of this happened because John wanted to make it a professional operation, with decorum and with standard rules and he enforced them with an iron hand, I would say. John was not a, I want to choose my words right, John, because I would say he recognized power and he personified power. He ruled with an iron hand but he ruled with fairness and he ruled in a way that no one challenged him. I could tell stories and I won't, of many people who had the courage to defy John and who found themselves being escorted out of the chamber, but I will not because John can tell them much better than I can and he can even put names and faces and issues to them. But John was a strong leader. During the Longley years, I think it was a test of his ability as a very young man to lead a large chamber, but he performed well, he performed well through the Brennan

years, the eight years that followed Longley and during the McKernan years, where I served on the staff of John McKernan, it became somewhat of an adversarial relationship because things were very political at times and I think John probably earned a reputation of being somewhat autocratic at the time. But power was part of his quiver and he used those arrows very well and very effectively. I never felt of him as anything but a friend and he even treated me well during that period of high adversity because we worked in different floors on different issues but we always worked together. I think those of you who have come to this chamber in the 21st century probably don't realize the changes that came about under John's hands, but here we are and we've seen him over the last now 22 years, he's mellowed a lot, he's mellowed in ways that we all do over time, but I think with no loss of fire in the belly and no loss in interest in preserving the decorum of this chamber. I think we all remember how close we came to losing him a year ago and how quickly he has bounced back in both physical and stamina terms. I think that's a characteristic of John. You may knock him down, but you won't, he will live to see another day and he will always bounce back.

And I will close by saying he's not only a good friend and on occasion an adversary but never one that took it personally. I remember in the fall of 2018, my wife and I lost our youngest son. And at the funeral in South Paris, Maine, I stood at the outside and I greeted four legislators, including my current Floor Leader and my previous House Member along with two Senators and a Senator from Windham came. And I looked out and here drives in this vehicle with two men who get out and come across the parking lot with John Martin and former congressman, Mike Michaud. And they had come specifically, now, you don't get from Eagle Lake to South Paris in a quick jaunt and I'm sure that they gathered together in Augusta and came together, but it was a real meaningful gesture on his part to be there. Similarly, I've received notes from him when my wife passed and I think those are; those are things none of us would ever forget because they typify a real person and I would say, in closing, John Martin is a real person. He has left a legacy that few, if any, will ever match. He is a true friend and I will miss him.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brewer, Representative O'Connell.

Representative **O'CONNELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As some of you may know, some of you may not know, I've got all those initials up there, the last one stands for Martin. I am very fortunate to be a cousin of John Martin. And as a kid growing up in the '60s and '70s, our house in Brewer was the halfway point for people coming from the county going to Connecticut and we'd always have a ton of people there and a lot of the conversation always centered around this cousin, John Martin. I never met the man and I finally got to meet him and as we all know, it's an honor to serve here. For me, it's a double-honor and it was a small bucket list item well, maybe a big bucket list item to get to serve with you. It's a complete honor. And the Sergeant-at-Arms just gave you a coin that we have for the Maine State Legislature. On the bottom of it, it says Dirigo. And, again, as the Brewer coin that I gave you, it precedes, I lead. So, who else, who better to get that coin? Who personifies that is John

Martin. So, John, thank you very much and it's been an honor. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fort Fairfield, Representative McCrea.

Representative **McCREA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I will be brief, I promise. I was going to start what I was going to say we are here to honor the legendary John Martin. Well, if there was any doubt in anybody's mind about the legend, we've just heard all about it and from people that really knew. And I can barely scratch the surface. I first became aware of John Martin back in the early '70s when I was beginning my teaching career and I was part of the MTA representative assembly. Now, the MTA was the Maine Teachers Association, it is now the Maine Education Association and guess who, who better, to be our parliamentarian than the Good Representative, John Martin. So, that was my first interaction with him and I think that was for two or three years he did that. Our paths crossed numerous times in the county and he was sort of Mr. County. I mean, he led the county to prominence in so many ways and did so many things, we've heard from constituent issues, we can only aspire to be as effective a legislator for our constituency as he has done. In 2017, I had the profound honor of joining this Body and becoming a colleague of John Martin. And I consider that a real honor. It's been great to become his friend personally. He has been our friend, all of us, he is a great friend of the county, he is a great friend of the State and I think both the county, the State and all of us can only hope that we get to see him back here in a couple years. So, for that, I want to say to the guy that knows everything that goes on in this House and more, okay, I would like to thank him and Godspeed, my friend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **FAY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I'd like to thank you in your infinite wisdom in sitting me next to John Martin. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to learn about process, policy and the history of this place from my seatmate. And I also learned how to turn off his phone. He's actually served in the Legislature longer than I've been alive and I have had the privilege of serving on a committee with him and learning from him all of the six years that I've spent in this Body. And I just want to thank you, Representative Martin, for being an excellent seatmate.

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

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Men and Women of the House, I rise also to honor the Good Representative from Eagle Lake and to tell briefly the story of my experience in 2009 when, as a newly-minted Assistant Majority Leader, I had 39 new House Democrats that I was tasked with, quote-unquote, training. Speaker Martin was one of them. Needless to say, he taught me just about everything that I know today. He has forgotten, as many have said before, more about the rules, more about the laws of Maine than most of us here have ever even learned. And he has accomplished more than most of us can dream of accomplishing through his work in this Body. I want to respectfully disagree with my Good Friend from Farmington. On my visit to Moose Point Camps where I brought my sons and where they fished and enjoyed some time with Speaker

Martin, I felt like I was sitting not next to Bilbo but next to Gandalf. And it was absolutely magical to sit with him in front of his fire at Moose Point and I will be remembering him at that place on our magical visit and imagining him there as he sails off into today's sunset and as we say see you soon, Speaker Martin, don't be a stranger. This House will always be part of you and you will always be part of the Peoples' House. Thank you.

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

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's an honor for me to rise and honor the man that we're speaking of today. I believe I first encountered John L. Martin when I brought a bus full of students from Greenville High School to the State House 47 years ago. John was wonderful to us. He was a brand-new Speaker, it turned out, I didn't know that until years later. He didn't look young to me at the time, I was in my mid-20s, he was approaching his mid-30s, but he was very good to my students. John had spent his elementary years in Greenville and I think he was partial to sharing what he could with them and I will always be indebted for those early years. But I continued to come year after year. I learned a lot in that early period. One thing that I learned was to know the secretaries. The second thing that I learned was from John and that's to know the rules. John was a master. At my first political State convention, John was the parliamentarian. I know he later was head of the National Association for Presiding Officers and he commanded such respect. I've been active under three Democratic Chief Executives, two Republican and one Independent Chief Executive, excuse me, Mr. Speaker, for that. I had a real concern with my municipality and the Executive Branch was working on it and they notified me late in the evening that they had come to impasse and was not going to act. It was a real crisis for my community. So, when I went into the Office of the Chief Executive first thing next morning, about seven o'clock, said I've got to speak with the Chief Executive and I received a phone call about 20 minutes of eight, explained my entire situation; very, very complex problem. And the first thing out of the Chief Executive's mouth, the first thought, was have you spoken with John Martin. I thought wow, even the Executive Branch defers to the knowledge about the rules to this man who is among us today. Forty-seven years ago. It's a long time. Little did I know that he would become the longest serving Speaker in Maine history, a record that is likely to be maintained. Forty-seven years ago, I don't think I would have ever imagined that Speaker John L. Martin and Representative Chris Babbidge would be termed out together. As a matter of fact, in the 1970s, there's a lot about that sentence that I wouldn't understand. The last time, my first tour of duty in the Legislature ended and I was out six years before I returned. If I should decide to run again and be honored to return to this Body six years from now, I'm sure John Martin will already be sitting here. Representative Martin, Senator Martin, that doesn't seem to go to me, though, John, Parliamentarian Martin, Speaker Martin, thank you for your service. It's been an honor. I can't wait for the book, John. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **PERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's an honor to stand here today and try and help honor retiring colleague John Martin. As a young man/child/kid growing up, I'd always heard of the legend of John Martin, never had the opportunity

to meet him, but in my 20s I worked for a grocery wholesaler and we set up stores throughout the State of Maine, a lot of them in Aroostook County. And I can remember being at a store somewhere up near the sporting club, John, right on the bend there and there was a new store opening up, they wanted to get going for the summer and they were having trouble. I think it was their lottery machine they couldn't get and they were racking their brains and they were really stressed out about getting this thing going and then one of them said, it was a husband and wife, call John Martin. And it wasn't like maybe it'll get done, like, the relief, the situation was over. She said call John Martin and that was it, it was done. They knew that there was going to be no issues getting that machine. But the thing, obviously, the House is a lot more fun than the Senate, but in the Senate, the one advantage is the entire caucus can sit together in the President's office every morning and discuss everything that's going on in every committee. And what I learned in six years sitting with John as problems arose and he always had something historical he could tell us or compare it to. And it always made sense. But every time in my head I'd be thinking well, we have no idea if that's true. I mean, there's only one person in this building who knows all that history. But it always made sense and he always had an answer for us. But some of the things I've heard around here that people might not know is I'm told there's dozens of people here in Augusta who owe their college degree to John Martin as a teacher and a tutor and someone who made sure people who work here could get their education while working here.

I believe, John, I don't know how many times, traveled to Madagascar, I think it was, to do poll watching. And I asked John, I said, could I go with you, it sounds like fun and he said do you speak French, you know, that's the language there. Or traveling with him to Quebec City on the exchanges we used to have during winter carnival and seeing how John operated at Parliament in the restaurants at City Hall. You know, he's truly an international figure. I was driving one day, we heard about Route 11, I was driving one day in a rural part of Maine, it was not in Aroostook County and the roads were surprisingly nice. My son was with me and he said do you suppose John Martin has a reason to travel this road? Does he have a camp out here or something? John, what you've done is; one last thing. I can remember a particularly difficult time trying to get a budget together. Libby Mitchell was the President of the Senate at the time and I was talking to her about it and she said don't worry, John Martin's a closer, we'll get this together, we'll get it done and we did, as we always have. And your leadership is, I don't know what we'll do without you, John, but you're a treasure. Thank you.

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

Representative **COREY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good thing I didn't have to follow Sawin. Men and Women of the House, the Good Representative from Eagle Lake once encouraged me to sign a gun bill that we both took a lot of heat over. I visited the comments section on the Press Herald and I was finally aware that I made it. A commenter said me, the Republican from Windham and him, the Representative from Eagle Lake, both needed to be voted out of office. That was two terms ago. Thank you for asking me to sign that bill, John and thank you for always supporting my Second Amendment rights. Thanks.

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

Representative **BRENNAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. We've established the fact that Representative Martin has cast more votes than any other person that has served in this Body. But the most important vote he took was in the State Senate. And in 2002, I ran for the State Senate to fill an open seat, it was a special election. I won by 10 votes. And because there were disputed ballots, that election was turned over to the Senate Vote Committee to decide the outcome. On a four to three vote, with John Martin casting the fourth vote, I was elected to the Senate and seated in the State Senate. I'm not sure that John Martin would say it was the most important vote he ever made, but certainly I thought it was the most important vote that he ever made. And as a result of that vote, the State Senate at the time had been tied 17-17-1. And by his vote and by me being seated, the Senate then went 18-16-1. So, it was a historic time and a historic vote and I thank John Martin for electing me to the Senate by that one vote. I also want to say I've had the pleasure of serving with John on the Education Committee and on the Health and Human Services Committee. And there is nobody in the State of Maine that has served in either the House or the Senate that has been more committed to higher education, to teaching and to assisting our most vulnerable citizens in the State of Maine. And, John, we will miss you, we'll miss your vote, we'll miss your voice and we'll miss your commitment. And I wish you the best of luck in the future.

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

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House and the Good Representative Martin from Eagle Lake. I don't have the vast history that the Good Representative from Waterford has, but I do remember something that struck me incredibly when I first came to this Body and that was the procedural knowledge that Representative Martin had was so respected that I was shocked to find the Honorable Minority Leader running down this aisle yelling John, John, John, to ask him questions about the Rules of the House. So, that was quite the experience. I've also heard great stories in the AFA committee about get-togethers at his Moose Point hunting camp and I'm sorry that I never got to be part of that club there where he sometimes invites the members of AFA. However, I am also forever grateful that he introduced me to his favorite lunch, the wonderful seafood stew from the Red Barn. So, thank you for that, Representative Martin and thank you for all your work.

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

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Colleagues. The day before starting my first session, the other Representative from York and I were eating dinner at a local restaurant and word went around that John Martin was there. Like school kids, we found him, we introduced ourselves and I felt honored to be entering into this historic institution where democracy is not a spectator sport, serving with the Honorable John Martin. So, fast-forward this last session in Appropriations, we would sit in the back-room caucus and ask John to tell us campfire stories, which is what we called them and John would tell us a story, sometimes about bringing democracy to the Legislature in Madagascar, great story. I'm feeding you all the stories you can ask him in the hallway because they're really fun to hear. One day from the rostrum, he couldn't see out because of the smoke so he banned smoking. Done. He told stories about working as an aide for

Senator Ed Muskie in Washington and traveling a long distance in cars with people and having what seemed to me to be like a car caucus with very important people sitting together talking as they headed from Aroostook County down to DC. We would bring up a rule or a law and John would say yeah, that was mine. We'd ask about its history and John would tell us. John knows everyone around here and how to get it done. He's quiet about that and handy with his phone. I would like to see his contact list. It's been a real honor to get to know you, John, working with you on the many budgets we had this session and may your seat stay warm for you as it waits for you to return. Thank you.

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

Representative **BRYANT**: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House. John Martin is legend, as you all say. His institutional wisdom is impeccable. But I remember being in Judiciary my freshman term and this guy named John Martin came up just at the end of the session, we had the errors bill and there was some language that was looking to come into it. But I'll leave that alone and I'll say that, I want to go back to the Representative from Waterford that he mentioned that John's just a real person. One night, stormy night, he welcomed me over to his house in Augusta with my brother and a few others and it stormed and in the morning, I got out and tried to get my car out of the driveway and it wouldn't move. But, you know, as I was spinning the wheels and people pushing, I looked back and it was my brother and all of them, but there was John Martin also pushing that car. So, that's the real person that John is and John, we honor you and thank you for being here. Appreciate it.

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

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the first thing I learned from Representative Martin was that it's thank you, Mr. Speaker, it's not anything else, which he frequently reminds us of, which I appreciate. I came in as a freshman with John. Like, it's interesting to come in with Representative Martin because that's probably his eighth freshman start, right, or so, I don't know if I do the math correctly. Not knowing him at all but having great respect for what I had heard, it has been really just amazing to spend the past eight years together, serving on Appropriations for four years. I'm sure he wondered who are all these people streaming through the back room and wondering what was going on but he is quick to not only tell a story but to share his expertise and his experience. He is very, very complimentary and also professional around not only Mr. Speaker but Madam Chair, which I've always appreciated. I love his quick wit and one of my best stories, too, was a trip to Red Barn that I had no knowledge of and we all piled in the back of his, I believe, Cadillac with now Attorney General Frey and maybe Representative Dunphy and maybe Representative Jorgensen and it was quite an adventure to go over there on lunch one day and sit outside and see that whole environment with all of his friends over there. When you're in the back room, there are a lot of stories and there are a lot of phone calls and there's a lot of paper, but John never missed, Representative Martin never misses a beat, always knows where we are, what we're doing and why and has the history behind it, which is just so important to this institution. So, Representative Martin, I'm going to miss you but we'll walk out together right now with our lights off, but I'm sure you'll be back, I hope I will sometime, too, but until that time, thank you for the history and the professionalism and the just genuine great time that you just

provide everyone with your knowledge. It's just really something. The only thing I won't miss is that phone ringing and thank goodness for Representative Fay who learned how to turn it off.

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

Representative **SKOLFIELD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I began working for the Executive Branch under the Curtis administration back in 1967 and as a young Park Ranger and through the years working for natural resource agencies, it became quite evident that Chief Executives come and Chief Executives go but the one who had the most influence, at least perceptually, from natural resource agencies, Fish and Wildlife, Forest Service, Park Service, the one who was really in charge was a fellow by the name of John Martin, Speaker of this House. And we soon realized that and we soon realized that he was a force to be reckoned with and he always seemed to have the good intentions of those agencies in mind. I don't know about the other agencies, DOT, State Police, all of those, but for the natural resource agencies, he was a very heavy presence among us. And I was sitting here thinking a few minutes ago what a great honor it is to serve with a man, two men, in fact, who bookend this building and it's something that I am proud to be able to say as my last term, this is probably the last time I'm apt to stand on this floor and speak in front of this Legislature and you, Mr. Speaker, but I want to just say it's a privilege and an honor to be here and to have served with these two men as well as the rest of you and I want to say thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know I'm not supposed to do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and the Honorable Representative Martin. One of the few Representatives here on the floor that grew up in Aroostook County and for those that have mentioned Route 11, we call that up there the road to Martinsville and it has improved exponentially every year that I can remember and just for the record I was born in 1964, Mr. Speaker. That was the year that I heard Representative Martin started out, so, doing the math, if I were to try to match Representative Martin's feat, I'd have to live to be 111 to get 54 years in here in the Legislature. I first spoke with Representative Martin at a time he didn't remember up at Beans Motel when I was in there having a cheeseburger and a fry and he stopped in with some friends he was transporting up to Eagle Lake and I was with a friend and he said you know who that is over there and I said no, who, he said that's John Martin. And it might as well have been Elvis at the time. But I just wanted to rise and say from one Aroostook County citizen to another Aroostook County citizen, thank you for all your time devoted to the people of Maine. You're on your last term, hopefully and I'm on my first term and I know that you will leave a legacy that will stay with your counterparts that we will learn from as I go from committee to committee and floor speech to floor speech. So, again, thank you, Mr. Martin and thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to rise.

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

Representative **DUNPHY**: Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I am not at all convinced we've seen the last of John Martin. He says it is, but if I've learned anything in my service with John Martin, I've learned you take him at his word. Although, he did at one time say he would never use a

computer or serve in the other Body and we know how those endeavors worked out. So, I'm not holding my breath. John Martin has an impressive resume and you've heard it all already. Longest serving legislator in Maine history, most of which in the era of term limits, the longest serving Speaker in the Maine House, a former President of NCSL and many other leadership posts here and nationally and he's a legendary institution in the State of Maine. This House conducts itself largely as a national model because of the reforms led by John Martin. All you have to do is compare today's legislative calendars with some of the old ones downstairs in the law library. Where we now breeze through consent calendar, at one time we labored over unanimous Committee Reports in the third reading for an additional legislative day. And as you've heard, John was also a legendary enforcer of decorum. Legendarily, putting the House at ease so that a Member could publicly dispose of his chewing gum and cease with the violation of the rules. Mr. Speaker, as much as we love you, a morning after John Martin on the rostrum, I think we'd love you even more. The real difference, though, that John Martin has made, however, is how he's helped so many inside and outside of this building. He's helped young people go to college, retirees secure benefits, people in trouble navigate their way through the system and people with hope develop new ideas into the economy. And I believe we all work in the same way to help our constituents but few with the power and the fury of John Martin. Any administrator in State government will tell you that when John Martin calls, you know you'll be spending the rest of the day solving the problem he's brought you.

I had the honor of serving with John on the Appropriations Committee in the last Legislature and I've seen firsthand that he can take on more and keep more in his head than probably anyone that's ever served in this institution. I think that's because while we're always grappling with new and emerging challenges, these challenges tend to run in predictable cycles. That's where the historic and institutional knowledge of John Martin is so invaluable. When he was first elected Speaker of the House, he said to the Body we have convened the 107th Legislature in difficult times. The economy is at a low, unemployment is high and the cost of living continues to rise. I'm sure that sounds familiar. But he continued, referencing the aftermath of the Watergate scandal; the spirit of our people and their confidence in government has been shaken. These problems result from our own imperfections. They mark the limit of our ability to use our knowledge and talents to ease the suffering of our people. Therefore, the resolution of these problems will require the finest qualities of leadership, courage, compassion and wisdom. Mr. Speaker, it's been an honor to serve with John Martin. In my work outside of this building, I've had the opportunity to meet legislators and members of leadership all over the country. Inevitably, when they learn I'm from Maine, they always ask do you know John Martin and I always answer that question proudly. We'll see you soon, John Martin and thank you for your service to the State of Maine.

The **SPEAKER**: Announcement from the Chair. Before I let the Mr. Speaker have the final word, I just want to share a few comments of my own. There are many, many stories I could share that I won't but I will start by just saying that in my third term I became the Assistant Leader, sat down in the corner and my professor, one of my former professors from Catholic University in DC was on sabbatical, he normally was focused on the congress and the power dynamics of congress but he was shifting his focus and was setting out to write a book about State legislatures and how they work and how they

function and so, he had emailed me and asked to shadow me for the day and see how the inner workings of the Maine Legislature work. So, I was pretty excited, I was 27, 26 at the time and thought like here I am, you know, my professor is now going to learn from me, what a great opportunity, the dynamic has shifted. So, Dr. Green comes to Augusta, flies into the Augusta airport, which I thought was pretty amazing, he stands behind the glass and he's asking me questions and we're talking and he sat in on caucus and he sat in our chairs meeting and was asking if he could get connected to the Republican floor leaders as well so he could ask how their caucus works. And then quickly he started to learn about John Martin and very quickly I learned he was very disinterested in my role in this Legislature and far more interested in how John Martin has been able to be a fixture, a pillar that has held up this House, this Body of government for so many years. And what I think is most remarkable about John is to be able to be malleable, to change with the times. That takes a lot of character, it takes a lot of skill to change from being the longest serving Speaker to a Member of the Body and not standing here at the rostrum, that is not easy. I can't imagine the shift and having to relearn how to be a leader and we all know John has found a way to continue to be a leader in this Body.

You know, I'm terming out at 29 years old, John was Speaker, he became Speaker at 34 years old, he's still here today and I just have to ask myself how do these term limits work? What, something's wrong about this picture. As you all heard, John Martin is the longest serving legislator in Augusta, he is serving his 23rd nonconsecutive term in the House. Representative Martin is a storied Maine politician, a University of Maine professor, has served an unprecedented 10 terms as Speaker of the House from 1975 to 1994. He also served four terms in the Senate. When he was elected in 2020, he rejoined the Legislature with over, when he was elected in 2014, he rejoined the Legislature with over 50 years of service. For Representative Martin, doing what's right comes easily and Maine is better for his over five decades of service to our State government. He taught many of us what lawmaking is all about, using the art of voicing our values and willingness to stand up for what is right. He has been a mentor, he has been a friend and a confidante since I entered the Legislature at 22 years old, which was almost the same age John was when he first took office at 23 years old. John has served as a life-long educator, gifted parliamentarian, eloquent orator and outdoorsman. For many of us, he's brought the history of Maine's political battles to life. I could listen to Sawin and John all day. We might have to build a campfire here in the middle of the chamber for all the downtime we'll have for the rest of the day. With every new challenge, John is ready with a relevant anecdote or sage advice. It's why many people consider him to be a giant of this Maine Legislature, myself included. You can sit in my office and John can tell you what the room looked like in every year that he served. You know, in 1975, things were arranged this way, in 1980 they were arranged this way, in 1985 the walls were this color. I don't know how you keep all this stuff figured out in your mind, you're an encyclopedia of this place, John. You've been a devoted public servant, you've spent your life here in this Maine Legislature improving the lives of Mainers across the State, not just in Aroostook County but in every corner and everyplace in between. We owe you an enormous debt of gratitude for your lifelong dedication to lawmaking, good governance and to the people of Aroostook County. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, with that, the Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Mr. Speaker, John Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must admit, listening to all that is almost like walking into a funeral. But first of all, I want to thank all of you who have spoken and very much for your thoughts and comments. I must tell you how I got to be a legislator. I was in graduate school, intending, like everyone else from Eagle Lake and my friends, to go to Connecticut. Came in to the store one day and sitting around they said well, what are you going to do when you graduate? Are you going to leave town like everyone else? And I thought about it, drove home, drove to Orono and I said why, if they are serious, I'm going to run for the Legislature. And I did. And I must tell you that I was in graduate school when I announced and appeared on the ballot. My parents couldn't vote for me because they were Republicans. So, they wrote in my, all the relatives got together and they wrote my name in to a Republican nominee. And I get a letter from the Secretary of State that because of State law, I can run on both ballots. And I had to make a decision was I going to do that. I finally decided that I would let go of the Republican nomination and ran as a Democrat. The rest is history. And people have asked why have you kept running. I believe I did because I thought I could make a difference. And I think that's true for all legislators who make a decision to make a part of this Body and the other Body as well. And I think that I chose to do that because I made the commitment and I was going to fulfill it.

There are a couple of things that the Representative from Waterford mentioned that I want to reemphasize, decisions that I made when I was Speaker. And you used to come into this Body and your seat was empty, a lobbyist would be sitting next to you, lobbying you. And I just, got me the wrong way, especially when I found out the lobbyists were working against most of my bills. And so, one day I basically announced that the lobbyists were no longer allowed to sit in Members' desks in or out of session, at any time. That went okay until I threw them out of the House completely. Because what they would do, there was no glass at that time and they would tap on legislators and give them notes and I mean, they, you know, I had, woah, the time has come to change that. And it was difficult, but I want to tell you the toughest decision I made as Speaker, which almost cost me my job, is when I announced one day there'd be no more smoking in the Maine House. Because at nine o'clock at night when you're up there in mid-June, you could hardly see the back of the room where legislators were standing up to speak. Never mind their health. And that's when I made that decision, which was not very popular, I want to point out. We've come a long way in that regard.

But I just want to make those points to concur with my good friend who raised them earlier. And then I just want to end by saying thank you to all of you for being a part, your being with me, being here, but I do want to just close with some thoughts, I've been involved in a lot of things through this process but there are things that I really am proud of; my work on the Allagash waterway, certainly public lands, where we are today, by the way, I wanted to take it to a three-fourths vote and I had to compromise to two-thirds so that basically before we could sell or transfer land and shoreland zoning that we now have. But I want to tell you that the shoreland zoning debate and how I won it had nothing to do with shoreland zoning. It was how the City of Augusta was destroyed in my lifetime, my beginning of my serve; Western Avenue. They had no zoning in Augusta and got to a point where every tree was gone and there's at least six or seven, probably, gas stations coming down the hill. And I said, you know, we can't

let this happen and certainly I didn't want it to happen on the lakes of Eagle Lake. And that's how I won that vote initially by one vote. Now we have it in place and it is absolutely, I think, working well. Obviously, there are a few people that don't appreciate that, I suppose.

And I think that I want to make one last comment that I'd ask all of you to do before you leave. Go down to the law library and pick up the register of 1965 or '63 or whatever and read the rules and read them today. One of the greatest things I've left this Body with is a rewriting of the rules for the House and Senate. Most of them are in pretty good shape, I think, since I was part of it. But we created a committee, House and Senate, where we said do these things, do these works? We used to have three readings of a bill. It was, you know, you just look through it, just read through and you quickly realize and there's still some changes that can be made, I might point out, I'm not suggesting any at the moment, but I think that we've come a long way in the years that I've been here with the help of people that were here and some that are still here and for that I'm very thankful.

As to what my future will bring, look, a year ago I didn't think I had a future after that accident. So, I am thankful to God for having come through that and, frankly, I'm almost back to where I want to be in health. And so, thank you all for all of you. I've enjoyed, obviously, my role both in the House and Senate, being in leadership and certainly the toughest job I had was being Minority Floor Leader and I feel for anyone who has to sit in that seat. Because they expect you to deliver and you haven't got the votes. And that's the thing I quickly realized that if I wanted to change this, I had to be Speaker. And eventually that occurred four years later after that, when I was Minority Floor Leader. But I do think that leadership is responsible for making us function and I say that to the present leadership and to those of you that serve in leadership now, I want to thank you for letting me intervene from time to time and certainly to the Speaker that I, you know, continue to give advice, whether he wants it or not, I don't know. But I want to say to all of you thank you and I want to assure you that I don't know where I'm going to be next time but, this summer, I will be at my sporting camp and you can come visit any time and I'll give you a free meal. How's that for a deal? Thank you very much.

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence against Health Care Workers (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 465) (L.D. 629)
(C. "A" H-311)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on June 8, 2021.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-311) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-645)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State

(H.P. 1322) (L.D. 1771)
(C. "A" H-770)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on March 22, 2022.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-770) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-648)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **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. 607

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

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

ABSENT - Bernard, Caiazzo, Cebra, Cloutier, Connor, Crockett, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Gifford, Grignon, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Martin, Osher, Paulhus, Prescott, Quint, Roberts, Sharpe, Stetkis, Sylvester, Terry, White.

Yes, 71; No, 51; Absent, 25; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

71 having voted in the affirmative and 51 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 25 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals

(S.P. 408) (L.D. 1240)
(C. "A" S-492)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on April 7, 2022.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-492) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-647)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1496) (L.D. 2008)
(C. "A" H-1003)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on April 14, 2022.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1003) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-646)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Generation Authority"
(H.P. 1218) (L.D. 1634)

Minority (6) **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-982)** in the House on April 12, 2022.

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

The House voted to **INSIST**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-649)** on Bill "An Act To Encourage Relocation to Rural Maine"

(S.P. 455) (L.D. 1406)

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

- TERRY of Gorham
- BICKFORD of Auburn
- CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
- COLLINGS of Portland
- GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
- HANLEY of Pittston
- MATLACK of St. George
- PERRY of Bangor
- SACHS of Freeport
- STETKIS of Canaan

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

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

LIBBY of Androscoggin

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-649)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-649)** 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-649)** in concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish the Hospital System Loan Fund Program

(S.P. 158) (L.D. 372)
(S. "A" S-591 to C. "C" S-476)

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

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care

(H.P. 1020) (L.D. 1386)
(S. "A" S-615 to C. "A" H-276)

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. 106 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.

Acts

An Act To Reinstate and Increase the Income Tax Deduction for Contributions to Education Savings Plans

(S.P. 31) (L.D. 23)
(S. "A" S-584 to C. "A" S-72)

An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk

(H.P. 51) (L.D. 85)
(S. "A" S-585 to C. "A" H-45)

An Act To Support Apprenticeship Programs

(H.P. 130) (L.D. 177)
(S. "A" S-586 to C. "A" H-927)

An Act To Improve the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund and Agricultural Development Grant
(H.P. 154) (L.D. 219)
(S. "A" S-587 to C. "A" H-890)

An Act To Establish Semi-open Primaries
(S.P. 99) (L.D. 231)
(S. "A" S-588 to C. "A" S-195)

An Act Regarding Consumer-owned Water Utilities
(S.P. 106) (L.D. 245)
(S. "B" S-589 to C. "A" S-198)

An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Homestead for at Least 10 Years
(S.P. 126) (L.D. 290)
(S. "A" S-590 to C. "A" S-222)

An Act To Strengthen the Ability of Public Employers and Teachers' Unions To Negotiate
(H.P. 325) (L.D. 449)
(S. "A" S-592 to H. "A" H-540)

An Act Relating to the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund
(S.P. 190) (L.D. 484)
(S. "A" S-593 to C. "A" S-537)

An Act To Continue Funding for Home-delivered Meals for Homebound Seniors and To Address Growing Demand
(S.P. 191) (L.D. 485)
(S. "A" S-594 to C. "A" S-44)

An Act To Reduce the Tax Burden on Low-income Electricity Customers
(H.P. 369) (L.D. 506)
(S. "A" S-595 to C. "A" H-343)

An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program
(S.P. 220) (L.D. 533)
(S. "A" S-596 to C. "A" S-510)

An Act To Establish the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund
(H.P. 387) (L.D. 542)
(S. "A" S-597)

An Act To Establish a Conditional Presumption of Compensability for Certain Employees in Cases of Impairment from Hypertension or Heart Disease
(S.P. 228) (L.D. 575)
(C. "A" S-73; S. "A" S-598)

An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption
(S.P. 252) (L.D. 647)
(S. "A" S-599 to C. "A" S-178)

An Act To Promote Better Dental Care for Cancer Survivors
(H.P. 492) (L.D. 665)
(S. "A" S-600 to C. "A" H-864)

An Act To Promote Economic Development and Outdoor Recreation through Investment in State Parks
(H.P. 512) (L.D. 700)
(S. "A" S-601 to C. "A" H-100)

An Act To Enhance and Improve the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board
(H.P. 526) (L.D. 716)
(S. "A" S-602)

An Act Regarding Staffing and Funding of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission
(S.P. 281) (L.D. 730)
(S. "A" S-603 to C. "A" S-174)

An Act To Establish a Program To Assist Regional Firefighter Training Programs, To Provide Tax Credits to Businesses That Employ Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons and To Provide Benefits to Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons
(S.P. 283) (L.D. 731)
(S. "A" S-604 to C. "A" S-187)

An Act Regarding Criminal Services for Juveniles
(H.P. 561) (L.D. 756)
(S. "A" S-605 to C. "A" H-940)

An Act To Protect the Reproductive Rights and Freedoms of Maine People
(S.P. 156) (L.D. 811)
(S. "A" S-606 to C. "A" S-534)

An Act To Examine and Amend the Conditions of Release and Probation
(H.P. 612) (L.D. 844)
(S. "A" S-607 to C. "A" H-704)

An Act To Increase the Fees Paid to Sheriffs and Their Deputies for Service of Civil Process Documents
(H.P. 621) (L.D. 853)
(S. "A" S-608 to C. "A" H-594)

An Act Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment
(H.P. 711) (L.D. 965)
(S. "A" S-610 to C. "B" H-906)

An Act To Establish the Rare Disease Advisory Council
(H.P. 718) (L.D. 972)
(S. "A" S-611 to C. "A" H-391)

An Act To Improve Outcomes for Persons with Limb Loss
(H.P. 741) (L.D. 1003)
(S. "A" S-612 to C. "A" H-863)

An Act To Improve the Long-term Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Raising the Upper Age Limit for Voluntary Support Eligibility
(S.P. 352) (L.D. 1091)
(S. "A" S-613 to C. "A" S-78)

An Act To Maximize Health Care Coverage for the Uninsured through Easy Enrollment in the MaineCare Program or in a Qualified Health Plan in the Marketplace
(H.P. 1024) (L.D. 1390)
(S. "A" S-616 to C. "A" H-684)

An Act To Provide Climate Change Transition Assistance for Maine's Energy-intensive Businesses
(H.P. 1159) (L.D. 1554)
(S. "A" S-618 to C. "A" H-510)

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)
(S. "A" S-620 to C. "A" H-829)

An Act To Promote Energy-efficient Affordable Housing
(H.P. 1227) (L.D. 1656)
(S. "A" S-621 to C. "A" H-479)

An Act To Establish Fair Housing Goals in Certain Communities in Maine
(H.P. 1244) (L.D. 1673)
(S. "A" S-622 to C. "A" H-939)

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, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations To Evaluate Direct-to-consumer Wine and Spirits Sales

(S.P. 444) (L.D. 1358)
(S. "A" S-614 to C. "A" S-441)

Resolve, To Study and Recommend Improvements to Maine's Dam Safety

(H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1488)
(S. "A" S-617 to C. "A" H-436)

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Role of Water as a Resource in the State of Maine

(H.P. 1166) (L.D. 1569)
(S. "A" S-619 to C. "A" H-644)

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

An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement

(H.P. 666) (L.D. 910)
(S. "A" S-609)

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

On motion of Representative ANDREWS of Paris, 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. 608

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

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

ABSENT - Bernard, Caiazzo, Cebra, Cloutier, Connor, Crockett, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Gifford, Grignon, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Mathieson, Osher, Paulhus, Prescott, Quint, Roberts, Sharpe, Stetkis, Sylvester, Terry, White.

Yes, 71; No, 51; Absent, 25; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

71 having voted in the affirmative and 51 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 25 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

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

(H.P. 1378) (L.D. 1868)
(S. "A" S-630 to 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. 101 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.

Acts

An Act Regarding Expanding Access to Free School Meals

(S.P. 540) (L.D. 1679)
(S. "A" S-623 to C. "A" S-165)

An Act To Establish Public Defender Positions and Provide Support for Indigent Legal Services Providers

(H.P. 1255) (L.D. 1686)
(S. "A" S-624 to C. "A" H-700)

An Act Concerning Interpersonal Violence on College Campuses

(S.P. 572) (L.D. 1727)
(S. "A" S-625 to C. "A" S-554)

An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel through the Maine Length of Service Award Program

(H.P. 1345) (L.D. 1803)
(C. "A" H-756; S. "A" S-627)

An Act To Promote Labor Education through the University of Maine System

(H.P. 1349) (L.D. 1816)
(S. "A" S-628)

An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process

(S.P. 648) (L.D. 1831)
(S. "A" S-629 to C. "A" S-514)

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance

(S.P. 661) (L.D. 1862)
(S. "A" S-644 to C. "B" S-560)

An Act To Increase Maine's Veterinary Workforce

(H.P. 1395) (L.D. 1885)
(S. "A" S-631 to C. "A" H-963)

An Act To Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

(H.P. 1401) (L.D. 1891)
(S. "A" S-632 to C. "A" H-796)

An Act To Create a Legal Defense Fund for the Maine Lobster Industry

(H.P. 1422) (L.D. 1916)
(S. "A" S-634 to C. "A" H-914)

An Act To Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine through Legal Education

(S.P. 679) (L.D. 1924)
(S. "A" S-635 to C. "A" S-448)

An Act To Provide Assistance to Areas Severely Infested with Browntail Moths

(H.P. 1436) (L.D. 1929)
(S. "B" S-636 to C. "A" H-772)

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)
(S. "A" S-637 to C. "A" S-548)

An Act To Ensure Appropriate Placement of Defendants with Mental Illness and Intellectual Disabilities

(H.P. 1463) (L.D. 1968)
(S. "A" S-638 to C. "A" H-947)

An Act To Establish and Fund the Maine Climate Corps Program Pursuant to Recommendations in the Report Required by Resolve 2021, Chapter 25

(S.P. 706) (L.D. 1974)
(C. "A" S-440; S. "A" S-639)

An Act To Establish a Fund for Farmers Adversely Affected by Drought Conditions

(S.P. 717) (L.D. 1998)
(S. "A" S-640 to C. "A" S-504)

An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Incorporation of Equity Considerations in Regulatory Decision Making

(H.P. 1500) (L.D. 2018)
(S. "A" S-642 to C. "A" H-999)

An Act To Provide for Reimbursement of the Sales Tax Paid on Certain Battery Energy Storage Systems

(H.P. 1512) (L.D. 2030)
(S. "A" S-643 to C. "A" H-1015)

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 Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools

(H.P. 1409) (L.D. 1902)
(H. "A" H-778 and S. "A" S-633 to C. "A" H-769)

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

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

(H.P. 1489) (L.D. 2003)
(H. "A" H-1024 and S. "A" S-641 to C. "A" H-1013)

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

On motion of Representative ANDREWS of Paris, 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. 609

YEA - Alley, Arata, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Bickford, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, O'Neil, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Poirier, Reckitt, Rielly, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Madam Speaker, Tepler, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Ducharme, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Roche, Rudnicki, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Bernard, Caiazzo, Cebra, Cloutier, Connor, Crockett, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Faulkingham, Gifford, Grignon, Hanley, Harrington, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, LaRochelle, Libby, Mathieson, O'Connor, Osher, Paulhus, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roberts, Sampson, Sharpe, Skolfield, Stanley, Stetkis, Sylvester, Terry, Underwood, White.

Yes, 68; No, 43; Absent, 36; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.
68 having voted in the affirmative and 43 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 36 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

ENACTORS Emergency Measure

An Act To Improve the Quality and Affordability of Primary Health Care Provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers

(S.P. 625) (L.D. 1787)
(S. "A" S-626 to C. "A" S-509)

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. 103 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.

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, Wednesday, April 20, 2022 had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Report "A" (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-544)** - Report "B" (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-545)** - Report "C" (3) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (S-546)** - Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Expand Maine's Clean Energy Economy"

(S.P. 432) (L.D. 1350)

- In Senate, Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-544)**.

TABLED - April 18, 2022 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF ANY REPORT.**

Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended.**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "C" **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 South Portland, Representative Kessler.

Representative **KESSLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This comes down to one thing for me; do we want our clean energy transition to be owned by our corporate overlords or do we want to own it ourselves? Do we want to pay more for the clean energy transition or do we want to play less? Please support the pending motion because I believe truly that we must own the clean energy transition and we must pay less. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Warren.

Representative **WARREN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the pending motion. Just a few weeks ago, most of us voted for a bold, powerful version of this. Today, I ask that we vote once more for a smaller, more incremental version. I've spoken many times on this House Floor about one of the reasons I do all the work that I do is for my nieces and my nephew. And one of the things that worries me the most is about what they will inherit as far as the climate. What all of our young people in Maine are preparing to inherit. We have something here, an opportunity to do something and I hope that we can do that. We must do this and I urge my colleagues to vote yes on the motion before us.

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

Representative **MORALES**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Colleagues and Friends. Mr. Speaker, I'm fairly certain that none of us are here in this Body for the money. I'm also fairly certain that none of us are here in this Body because we don't want to do hard work. In fact, making laws that act in the best interests of Maine people is really hard work. I'll just add not as hard as being a working mother but really close. I have a little experience with that. The lawmaking process, the best

lawmaking process is iterative, it's collaborative, it's at times really complicated and nuanced, at times we don't understand every aspect of it, but it is what we all signed up for and it is so inspiring to be a part of. The iteration of this bill for me is really inspiring because it has involved the most important stakeholders, including the young people of Maine and community stakeholders and partners including one of Maine's and South Portland's most treasured benefit corporation, which is employee owned and dedicated to the community and the environment, it's a B Corp, Revision Energy. And, finally, the iteration of this bill does the following three really important things for me and my constituents; it ensures the lowest long-term energy rates, provides the highest PUC accountability and offers a financial opportunity to meet the urgent and tremendous needs of our farmers due to the terrible discovery of PFAS on their lands. So, Mr. Speaker, in honor of the young people of Maine who make up 20% of our population and 100% of our future, who also support Report C of this bill, I would like to leave you all with the words of a wise and incredibly famous pop star, likely someone that your children and grandchildren and maybe great-grandchildren know and respect very well; Justin Bieber. Never say never, Mr. Speaker. Never say never. Thank you.

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

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'll be brief and to the point. In my time here, I have seen many bills come through on the EUT Committee and I have realized from the beginning that we seem to pick some of the most expensive ways to convert to renewable energy. And this bill is no different. Fortunately, along with many of us here, the residents and especially the ratepayers of Maine are starting to realize that we are paying extra, more than we need to, for what we are doing with renewable energy. I ask that you follow my light and oppose the pending motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Grohoski.

Representative **GROHOSKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good afternoon, Colleagues in the House. In our transition to a clean energy future, the cost of electricity matters, as you've just heard from our colleague in Dexter. If rates are high and people perceive that they cannot afford heat pumps and electric vehicles, we will not convert to clean electricity as quickly as we need to. Worse yet, many people that we serve will be left behind. Right now, all large-scale clean energy generation is built through 20- to 30-year contracts with ratepayers, overseen by our Public Utilities Commission. That is because the cost of wind, solar and other clean energies are about 90% upfront, so developers need a secure funding source before they can proceed. And since our constituents are on the hook for these costs, we must consider all options for how to reduce them. One option that we have used in order to deploy broadband rapidly and affordably is a public private partnership that uses tax exempt revenue bonding. Multiple economists have reviewed a similar option for clean energy generation and have found that it will speed up our transition and save us 10s of billions of dollars over the coming decades. I believe we owe it to our constituents to learn more about this option, which the amendment before us allows us to

do. It has the Efficiency Maine Trust review this option and report back to the Legislature on its efforts and findings. The trust does not get to finance generation without PUC approval that it is in the interest of ratepayers to move ahead. If we cannot ask the Efficiency Maine Trust, who has saved us \$2.5 billion over the last 11 years to look into saving us more money on our energy costs, I ask you; who will we ask? I hope that you will join me in supporting this motion so that we can consider a further amendment to better secure an affordable clean energy transition. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 610

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Dodge, Doudera, Geiger, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Kessler, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin, Mathieson, McCrea, McDonald, Melaragno, Morales, Moriarty, O'Neil, Pebworth, Perry, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Sheehan, Warren C, Warren S, Williams, Zager, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bickford, Blier, Boyle, Bradstreet, Cardone, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Corey, Costain, Craven, Cuddy, Dillingham, Downes, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, Foster, Gere, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Kinney, Landry, Lemelin, Lyford, Lyman, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Matlack, McCreight, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Pickett, Pierce, Poirier, Roche, Roeder, Rudnicki, Sachs, Salisbury, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Tepler, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, Wadsworth, White, Wood, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Bernard, Caiazzo, Cebra, Cloutier, Connor, Crockett, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Faulkingham, Gifford, Grignon, Hanley, Harrington, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Libby, O'Connor, Osher, Paulhus, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roberts, Sampson, Sharpe, Skolfield, Stanley, Stetkis, Sylvester, Terry, Underwood, White.

Yes, 41; No, 72; Absent, 34; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

41 having voted in the affirmative and 72 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 34 being absent, and accordingly Report "C" Ought to Pass as Amended Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended.

The same Representative **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 Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Colleagues in the House. I rise to speak against this report. Like so much of what we do here, it is very well-intentioned. It is also the wrong path for Maine and the wrong path for our future. Everything is at stake. We can do better and we must do better. We know we stand at the brink of crisis. We know we must decarbonize. Yet we have literally no business plan that tells us this measure, this continuous bleeding of Maine's economy will get us where we need to go. And that is because it will not. As my colleague from Hiram rightly said when we

voted last week, as my colleague from Dexter rightly said today, this measure is yet another expensive gift to Wall Street from Main Street. If FDR and Francis Perkins had funded their reforms in this way, the American economy might never have turned itself around as it did, in time to roar back and to win the greatest trial of my grandparent's generation, the war against fascism. Today, we stand at another crossroads. We have a different challenge. Let's rise to it. Colleagues, if we chose to fund our roads or our schools or our hospitals or our broadband in this way, today they would be owned entirely by private profiteers. They would function poorly. They would be too expensive. We would never do this. Why? Because our roads and our schools and our hospitals and our broadband are too important. So is our clean energy. In those areas, at least, we allow some degree of public funding, public private partnership and competition. Because it works.

A former Chief Executive of this State has said often and rightly that Maine can become the Saudi Arabia of clean energy. This is true. We have significant existing hydro, we have significant biomass, we have significant onshore solar and wind potential and we have a staggering offshore wind potential, 150 power plant; nuclear power plants worth of clean energy blowing in the Gulf. But mark my words, after 14 years in this Body and eight years on the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, I can tell you this; if we continue on this road, we will not become a Saudi Arabia of clean energy. We will not become a Quebec or a Qatar of the 21st century, powering not only our own economy but those to our south and saving our children's future in the process. Instead, we will become a colony of global capital that seeks only extraction, only profit and leaving a few measly crumbs for us and our neighbors. We can and must do better. There's no need for the report before us. It's counterproductive. It will do little and it will do it at great expense. We can vote this report down and stand for something far, far better and Maine clean energy jobs will be created regardless. That's because we've already locked in a renewable portfolio standard that will bring Maine to 80% renewables by 2030. Projects are being built, projects will continue to be built to serve the massive demand to our south. Maine is only 9% of regional demand and that means our own procurements such as the one in this bill are not only needlessly expensive but also relatively meaningless. Mr. Speaker, Colleagues, we've been doing the same thing again and again and have been expecting a different result. For too long, we've been told we must pick the low-hanging fruit. Pick the low-hanging fruit. What does that mean to a farmer? I come from a Maine farming area and a Maine farming family and there is no farmer in the world who stays in business by picking the low-hanging fruit. If they did, they'd be bankrupt. The farmer goes to the barn, the farmer gets himself a ladder or herself and picks the whole damn tree. Anything less and they're in bankruptcy.

This report, piling itself high on top of the many, many other private profiteering procurements we have already enacted threatens to send our clean energy transition into bankruptcy. Let's vote this down. Let's adopt a business plan that makes sense for our State and let come back at this next session with the numbers and the dollars and the cents we need to make it work. Our climate demands it, our children deserve it and we can no longer accept false premises and

pleasant palliatives. Let us have faith in ourselves. But let's do what the economics and the science requires and let us please vote this measure down. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Grohoski.

Representative **GROHOSKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, again, good afternoon, Colleagues in this House. I stand again in opposition to the pending motion. This bill does not ensure more clean energy is built, that jobs continue, or our PFAS contaminated lands are developed. And it just kicks the can down the road on whether we're investing in our future as smartly as we could be. If we follow the business plan this bill has us on, we will pay twice as much for clean energy than we need to, which will slow us down when we know we cannot wait. Don't we owe it to ourselves and our youth to see if there is a better way to do business going forward? I agree with the Representative from Hiram, as has been said that there are winners and losers in the clean energy boom we're just entering. I'd like to see Maine people and our environment as the biggest winners, not Wall Street tycoons. That is why I will no longer support bills which would keep siphoning money out of Maine without at least looking into lower cost options that are proven to work in other sectors. It's no secret that the cost of living and electricity rates are high right now. I hope that we will do everything in our power to make sure that they go down, not up. This amendment does not include adequate price controls unlike other amendments we have or could consider. I ask that you join me in voting no today. I'm voting no, not because I'm against clean energy, but because this amendment does not take the bold action we need to address the climate crisis. It barely takes any action at all.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Yarmouth, Representative Bell.

Representative **BELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Fellow Colleagues. I agree with my colleagues from Bowdoinham and Ellsworth. I believe that we need to take bold action, that this lift that we're going to be making to transfer ourselves to a clean, green, sustainable power source is going to be a heavy lift and it's going to require a bold, bold action. And with that in mind, I strongly urge my colleagues to vote down this and find the bolder alternative that's in front of us. So, I urge you to vote no on this and to find that bold alternative. Thank you.

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. 611

YEA - Alley, Arford, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Collings, Craven, Cuddy, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hymanson, Landry, LaRochelle, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreight, Meyer, Millett, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Madam Speaker, Tepler, Tucker, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Brooks, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Copeland, Corey, Costain, Crafts, Dillingham, Dodge, Downes, Ducharme, Foster, Gramlich, Greenwood, Griffin, Grohoski, Haggan, Hall, Hutchins, Javner, Kessler,

Kinney, Lemelin, Lookner, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Ordway, Parry, Pebworth, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Roche, Rudnicki, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams.

ABSENT - Bernard, Caiazzo, Cebra, Cloutier, Connor, Crockett, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Faulkingham, Gifford, Grignon, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Libby, O'Connor, Osher, Paulhus, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roberts, Sampson, Sharpe, Skolfield, Stanley, Stetkis, Sylvester, Terry, Underwood, White.

Yes, 48; No, 66; Absent, 33; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

48 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 33 being absent, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the Bill and all accompanying papers be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

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

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to speak against indefinite postponement. It seems to me that there is another report that we should give a chance to. I do think that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle got some things right and I'd like to give their report a chance. Thank you very much.

Representative **KESSLER** of South Portland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and all accompanying papers.

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

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise in support of this motion and ask folks to follow my light. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of the Bill and all accompanying papers. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 612

YEA - Alley, Arata, Arford, Austin, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Corey, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Cuddy, Dillingham, Doudera, Downes, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, Foster, Geiger, Gere, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hasenfus, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Kinney, Landry, LaRochelle, Lemelin, Lyford, Lyman, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreight, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Rielly, Roche, Roeder, Rudnicki, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Madam Speaker, Tepler, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, White, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Brooks, Collings, Copeland, Dodge, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Morales, O'Neil, Pebworth, Reckitt, Wadsworth, Warren C, Warren S, Williams.

ABSENT - Andrews, Bernard, Caiazzo, Cebra, Cloutier, Connor, Crockett, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Faulkingham, Gifford, Grignon, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Libby, O'Connor, Osher, Paulhus, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roberts, Sampson, Sharpe, Skolfield, Stanley, Stetkis, Sylvester, Terry, Underwood, White.

Yes, 89; No, 24; Absent, 34; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

89 having voted in the affirmative and 24 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 34 being absent, and accordingly the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence against Health Care Workers

(H.P. 465) (L.D. 629)
(S. "A" S-645 to C. "A" H-311)

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 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder

(H.P. 1496) (L.D. 2008)
(S. "A" S-646 to C. "A" H-1003)

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 4 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Encourage the Relocation of Persons from outside the State to Rural Maine

(S.P. 455) (L.D. 1406)
(C. "A" S-649)

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 Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals

(S.P. 408) (L.D. 1240)
(S. "A" S-647 to C. "A" S-492)

Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State

(H.P. 1322) (L.D. 1771)
(S. "A" S-648 to C. "A" H-770)

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**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 426)

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

April 22, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 21 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics
- L.D. 42 An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 49 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise
- L.D. 133 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations
- L.D. 150 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Hazardous Substance Site Cleanups
- L.D. 181 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research
- L.D. 218 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Accelerate Weatherization Efforts in the State
- L.D. 240 An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 298 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Capital Improvements and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions To Prepare Students To Join Maine's Workforce

L.D. 304 An Act To Make Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 327 An Act To Return Surplus Money to Maine Taxpayers

L.D. 371 An Act To Make Adjustments to General Fund Appropriations Related to the Supplemental Budget (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 373 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure

L.D. 384 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Transition from a Fossil Fuel-based to an Electrical Energy Economy

L.D. 466 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support a Climate Center at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute

L.D. 481 An Act To Propose a General Fund Bond Issue To Train Workers in High-demand Sectors and Support the State's 10-year Economic Plan Goal of Increasing Wages by 10 Percent

L.D. 517 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote the Construction of Energy-efficient Affordable Homes and the Adaptive Reuse, Repair and Weatherization of Existing Homes for Low-income Seniors

L.D. 781 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy

L.D. 987 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Portland Harbor Commercial Revitalization Project's Confined Aquatic Disposal Cell and Dredging Projects

L.D. 1084 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Energy-efficient and Affordable Homes for Maine People

L.D. 1086 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Customs Facilities at the Portland International Jetport and the Bangor International Airport To Promote International Tourism and Commerce

L.D. 1095 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Purchase 4 Nursing Simulators for Use by the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System

L.D. 1235 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Connect Maine with a World-class Internet Infrastructure

L.D. 1475 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Targeted Food Processing Infrastructure

L.D. 1597 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce

L.D. 1637 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for Maine To Meet the State's Carbon Reduction Goals by Supporting the Use of Biofuels

L.D. 1647 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for Infrastructure Projects across the State and To Direct the Department of Environmental Protection To Establish a State Infrastructure Adaptation Fund and Predevelopment Assistance Program

L.D. 1698 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create a Public-Private Partnership To Create Biomass Energy Facilities in Aroostook County and To Connect Aroostook County to ISO New England

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Cathy Breen
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Teresa S. Pierce
House Chair
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative HARNETT of Gardiner, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1541)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Bill, "An Act Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment," H.P. 711, L.D. 965, 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.**

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 756)

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.

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: So, whereas since 1977 the term veto has never appeared, has since not appeared in an adjournment order, it is your intent that on May 9th, we will be gathering to address any vetoes that may occur. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative. We might consider a sentiment on May 9th.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Or two.

Subsequently, the Joint Order **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the House adjourned at 8:14 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. 756).