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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
June 3, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Louis J. Luchini of Hancock County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

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

Off Record Remarks

Prayer by Senator Scott W. Cyrway of Kennebec County.

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

SENATOR CYRWAY: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning. I just wanted to say just a few words before I say the prayer about an inspirational person that during a memorial service this last weekend I got thinking about my uncle. This is the first time I've got to say the prayer in the seven years that I've been Senator, so this is kind of an honor. Anyways, I was thinking about my uncle, Alfonse Michaud. He's from, you know, my relatives were from up in St. John, up there, and so anyways he ended up becoming an orphan. Him and his brother and my mother. They were orphans and they ended up being down in Rhode Island and so my uncle said that he watched a lot of John Wayne movies while he was there and John Wayne was an inspiration to him, about the military, and he joined when he was 17 and he joined the Marines and his Marine Corps, he had a, you know, French/Canadian heritage and so he was pretty short. In fact, he was the shortest guy in the Marine Corps. So, General Silverthorn had called him 'Peep Sight' and that was his nickname and a lot of times he'd tease him when he was out of step, but he went to Korea. He went to the Korean War and he fought. He wore the napalm pack and he had to burn the holes in the pouring rain and mud. He went through all that and he said, 'I hate John Wayne.' But he showed me the scars on his hands from the napalm and everything and he, as he got older, got his own shop and he got pretty successful himself. From poor to riches. You know, he did pretty well. He even owned Burt Reynold's horse that was in one of the movies called Thunder. I guess that's when they had the heavy explosions and everything and that was that horse. So that was pretty nice. As he got older he had a heart issue and he hit his head and he ended up in the nursing home, veteran's nursing home, in Florida for four years. So, the good thing was that he would give a sermon every night for all the military people that was in the veteran home and he would do it over the mike and so it was Corporal Alfonse Michaud. Anyways, I just wanted to give you that little insight, that you can do anything you want to do. So anyways, I just thought I'd say to all of you, thank you for having me up here. It's been an honor, and I want to say a prayer. So, let us pray.

Holy Father, today I ask You that You would help us. Help us do the things that best benefit the people we represent. I ask that You would bless each and every one of us with insight and wisdom so that we can make forward progress. I ask for Your blessing upon the people of our state and our nation. I ask for Your blessings upon each of my colleagues and their families. I ask these things in the matchless name of Jesus. Amen.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Housing Development Organizations" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1283 L.D. 1732

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 618

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

June 2, 2021

The Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (J) (d), I am temporarily appointing Representative Richard Cebrera of Naples to the House Standing Committee on Ethics, replacing Representative Timothy Theriault of China, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 619

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

May 28, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Barry W. Norris of Union, for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Black, R. of Franklin, Maxmin, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	9	O'Neil, M. of Saco, Gifford, J. of Lincoln, Hall, R. of Wilton, Landry, S. of Farmington, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Osher, L. of Orono, Pluecker, B. of Warren, Skolfield, T. of Weld, Underwood, J. of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Dill, J. of Penobscot, Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Barry W. Norris of Union, for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Maggie O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **SANBORN**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#183)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Barry W. Norris** of Union for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 620

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

May 28, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Timothy J. Archambault of Holden, for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Black, R. of Franklin, Maxmin, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	9	O'Neil, M. of Saco, Gifford, J. of Lincoln, Hall, R. of Wilton, Landry, S. of Farmington, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Osher, L. of Orono, Pluecker, B. of Warren, Skolfield, T. of Weld, Underwood, J. of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Dill, J. of Penobscot, Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Timothy J. Archambault of Holden, for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Maggie O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#184)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Timothy J. Archambault** of Holden for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 616

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

May 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Carrie L. Linthicum, Esq. of Castle Hill, for appointment as a District Court Judge.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Keim, L. of Oxford
	Representatives	8	Harnett, T. of Gardiner, Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk, Cardone, B. of Bangor, McCreight, J. of Harpswell, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford, Newell, R. of Passamaquoddy Tribe
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	1	Evangelos, J. of Friendship
ABSENT		2	Sen. Sanborn, H. of Cumberland, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Carrie L. Linthicum, Esq. of Castle Hill, for appointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Thom Harnett
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#185)

YEAS: Senators: CHIPMAN, MIRAMANT

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

2 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 2 being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Carrie L. Linthicum**, Esq. of Castle Hill for appointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 617

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

May 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Andrew Mead of Bangor, for reappointment as an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

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YEAS	Senators	2	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Keim, L. of Oxford
	Representatives	10	Harnett, T. of Gardiner, Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk, Cardone, B. of Bangor, Evangelos, J. of Friendship, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden, McCreight, J. of Harswell, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford, Newell, R. of Passamaquoddy Tribe
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Sanborn, H. of Cumberland

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Andrew Mead** of Bangor for reappointment as an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 615

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

June 1, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Valerie Stanfill of Wayne, for appointment as the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Keim, L. of Oxford, Sanborn, H. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Harnett, T. of Gardiner, Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk, Cardone, B. of Bangor, Evangelos, J. of Friendship, McCreight, J. of Harswell, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden, Rep. Newell, R. of Passamaquoddy Tribe

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Andrew Mead of Bangor, for reappointment as an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney S/Thom Harnett
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#186)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK,
BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN,
CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY,
DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL,
FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE,
LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE,
POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, STEWART,
TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT
JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Valerie Stanfill of Wayne, for appointment as the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Thom Harnett
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

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

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the confirmation of Justice Valerie Stanfill as Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Justice Stanfill has served with distinction as both a District and Superior Court Justice in our state. She brings to the role of Chief Justice expertise in domestic violence, child protection actions, and criminal matters. Those who practice before her praise her knowledge of the law, her intelligence, and her fairness. They spoke - she spoke in the confirmation hearing to her interest in adopting changes that were discovered to be improvements during the pandemic into the court practices in order to enhance access to justice. She also spoke of opportunities to improve our justice system in areas such as indigent representation, alternatives to incarceration, treatment for substance use disorder, and reunification and visitation for families in crisis. She's extraordinarily well qualified and received a unanimous vote of the committee in support of confirmation. I urge my colleagues to join in confirming Justice Valerie Stanfill as Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. As legislators, I think you will all agree that we do our best to recognize and congratulate those in our communities who win awards and make great contributions and display historic measures and the list goes on and on. Well, today I have the unique opportunity to not only publicly congratulate but lend my full support to my constituent, the Honorable Valerie Stanfill, as she is being considered to lead the Maine Judicial Branch of government. I have heard and read about Mrs. Stanfill, but I had not had the pleasure of formally meeting her until recently. When we were able to sit down and talk, believe it or not, the two of us have quite a bit in common. Hopefully, that won't hurt her chances today and her credibility. She is a true Mainer and enjoys spending time outside, whether it be walking, gardening, hunting, and Mrs. Stanfill and I both know of a great sliding hill in Turner, and that's an inside joke between the two of us. She wants to tell you, she can. Although I cannot speak for her legal decisions or courtroom conduct, I can say with no hesitation that Justice Stanfill is known to be thoughtful, fair, honest, possess a high level of integrity. While we may not agree

on many issues, I can attest that she is very approachable and likeable. I know she realizes the gravity of the responsibility that comes with this esteem position. She is well-respected in the community and I am told by her peers in the judicial community also. This Judiciary Committee, in their deliberations, was charged with such an important job as looking into Mrs. Stanfill and her history on the bench, her character, and her verbosity to uphold the law of the highest and strictest standards. They were compelled to closely examine, and even scrutinize, the details of her career and immense responsibility. Mrs. Stanfill meets the expectations of the very high standards necessary to preside at the peak of the Maine Judiciary. I'd like to thank Justice Stanfill for her service and congratulate her. I look forward to voting for you.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I also had the honor of working with Justice Stanfill and very honored that she goes to this position. She's very squared-away, makes sure everybody follows the book, and I'll tell you that lawyers have very high praise for her. They always said how remarkable she was. I believe I had one that actually worked with her as a study under her and said that there's nobody better. So, I have the highest praise for her and very honored to see this take place. Thank you.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#187)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Valerie Stanfill** of Wayne for appointment as the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the nominee and soon to be Supreme Court Justice, Valerie Stanfill. Would she please rise and accept the greetings.

The Following Communication: S.C. 608

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

May 26, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Sanborn of Cumberland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 122 An Act To Protect Home Ownership

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 609

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

May 26, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Morris of Turner, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 752 An Act To Increase Patients' Access to Quality Doctors

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 610

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

May 26, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Sanborn of Cumberland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1561 An Act To Amend the Maine Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 613

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

June 01, 2021

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1444 An Act To Prohibit Cyberbullying of School Employees by Students

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty Senate Chair S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 614

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

June 01, 2021

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 187 An Act To Require Education about African-American History and the History of Genocide

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty Senate Chair S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 611

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

May 28, 2021

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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 9 An Act To Promote Renewable Energy by Authorizing a Power-to-fuel Pilot Program

L.D. 83 An Act To Clarify the Meaning of "Unserved Area" within the State's Broadband Service Laws

L.D. 285 An Act To Protect Utility Customers from Investor Risk for Costs Incurred Due to a Disaster

L.D. 720 An Act To Provide Funds to Aroostook County for Broadband Development

L.D. 848 An Act To Increase High-speed Internet In Rural Maine

L.D. 918 An Act To Transition from a Fossil Fuel-based to an Electrical Energy Economy

L.D. 933 An Act To Facilitate the Expansion of Broadband to Unserved Areas of the State (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 989 An Act Regarding the Procurement of Renewable Natural Gas by Gas Utilities

L.D. 1288 An Act Regarding Interconnectivity of Small Electric Distributed Generation Resources

L.D. 1707 An Act To Increase Transparency on Cable and Internet and Other Communications Services Price Increases

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence Senate Chair S/Rep. Seth A. Berry House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 621

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

May 24, 2021

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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 789 An Act To Expand Administration of Lifesaving Opioid Medication

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 622

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

June 01, 2021

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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1695 An Act To Improve Housing Security by Improving Access to General Assistance

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 623

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

May 28, 2021

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 Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 447 An Act To Require Equivalent Paid Parental Leave for All Parents Employed by Companies Offering Paid Parental Leave
- L.D. 787 An Act To Comprehensively Address Homelessness and Affordable Housing in Maine
- L.D. 959 An Act To Protect Small Businesses by Ensuring That a Prevailing Wage Is Paid on Public Works Construction Projects
- L.D. 1002 An Act Regarding the Availability of Health Insurance Coverage for Dependents of Certain State Employees
- L.D. 1580 An Act To Provide Protections for Mobile Home Park Residents

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman S/Rep. Mike A. Sylvester
Senate Chair House Chair

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The Following Communication: S.C. 624

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

May 20, 2021

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 Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1436 An Act To Protect Certain Essential Workers from Infectious Disease

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman S/Rep. Mike A. Sylvester
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 625

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

May 24, 2021

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 Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 117 An Act To Preserve the Health Care of University of Maine System Retirees

L.D. 1571 An Act To Strengthen the Unemployment Insurance System To Better Serve Maine Workers

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman S/Rep. Mike A. Sylvester
Senate Chair House Chair

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Membership Requirements of the Board of Pesticides Control"

H.P. 837 L.D. 1159

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-211).**

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:

O'NEIL of Saco
LANDRY of Farmington
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
OSHER of Orono
PLUECKER of Warren

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

Signed:

Senator:

BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

BERNARD of Caribou
GIFFORD of Lincoln
HALL of Wilton
SKOLFIELD of Weld
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-211)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-211) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Participation in Public Works Projects by Pretrial Inmates"

H.P. 303 L.D. 419

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-230)**.

Signed:

Senator:
DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:
WARREN of Hallowell
COSTAIN of Plymouth
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
PLUECKER of Warren
RECKITT of South Portland
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SHARPE of Durham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-231)**.

Signed:

Senator:
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-230)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-230)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-230)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-230) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-230)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Promote Public Health by Eliminating Criminal Penalties for Possession of Hypodermic Apparatuses"

H.P. 732 L.D. 994

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-240)**.

Signed:

Senator:
DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:
WARREN of Hallowell
COSTAIN of Plymouth
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
PLUECKER of Warren
RECKITT of South Portland
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SHARPE of Durham

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

Signed:

Senator:
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-240)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Ensure That Assemblies, Protests and Demonstrations in Maine Remain Peaceful" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 754 L.D. 1016

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
DESCHAMBAULT of York

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-232)**.

Signed:

Senator:
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representative:
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Include Community Service Hours in High School Graduation Standards"

H.P. 394 L.D. 549

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-246)**.

Signed:

Senator:
WOODSOME of York

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Improve Educational Opportunities by Exempting Children Who Attend Virtual Public Charter Schools from Immunization Requirements and Expanding Enrollment at Virtual Public Charter Schools"

H.P. 797 L.D. 1082

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-248)**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

Senator **POULIOT:** And so it begins, Mr. President, I request a roll call.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **WOODSOME:** Thank you, Mr. President. This bill was presented to exempt children who are attending virtual schools, only virtual schools, not in a public school, from being immunized. The second part of it was to increase the capacity from 1,000 students to 1,500 in the virtual schools. As I look at all of the mission statements and from all the different educational organizations in Maine, they all mention individuality, encouraging kids to be individuals, and learning at their pace or at their level in what they're interested in. I feel this bill, the Ought Not to Pass motion, does not follow that guideline and there seems to be a tendency within Maine in certain organizations of being anti-virtual/anti-charter schools. Charter schools are a part of the public school system and, yes, if a child decides to go from a public school to a charter school or virtual school the money does follow them and yet we want to limit the growth of kids' education and we look at the pandemic, and I certainly don't have the ability to look in a crystal ball, on how kids and parents are going to

choose what they do come September 2021. Right now there's approximately 500 kids waiting to get into charter schools. They can't because the capacity has been reached. What happens when, come September, we have 1,000 kids that want to get in? There'll be 1,000 kids that cannot make that choice on their own education. So I urge my fellow members here to consider how they vote. Is this, in fact, an equal opportunity society we live in, which all we've heard this year is equity, equity, equity? I'm asking you to look into your souls and vote for equity. Thank you.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I think all of us remember from a year or two ago L.D. 798, the vaccination bill. We had people from Maine, and I know all of us have had constituents contact them about how they're going to have to move out of the state of Maine because there are people that feel strongly about the vaccination of their children, and this bill provided a way that these families could still stay in the state of Maine by allowing their children to go to charter virtual schools and get the education. Now we're saying the kids, that are staying at home within their own confines in their own house, can't go to school if they're not immunized. The common sense of this approach doesn't make sense to me, of voting this down. I wish somebody would explain to me why we want to drive these families out of our state because this is important to a lot of people. As strongly as some people feel vaccination is important to them there are other families that feel just as strongly against it and this is a way that we get to keep them in our state and working. So, I hope you join me in voting down the Ought Not to Pass proposal and allowing these kids to stay in the state of Maine and get educated. Thank you.

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

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the thoughts and comments of my fellow Senators, although I do disagree and that the ask for this bill, essentially, when you look at the summary is reversed. In the initial statement it's talking about the vaccination piece and then it ends with the increase in virtual enrollment. What they're asking is that we increase the current enrollment, which is set at 500 per school, we have two schools so there's 1,000 students. They would like to see that lifted to 3,000. So, essentially, if I'm doing my math right, that's about a 200% increase and we just felt that, at the current time, the numbers that we're using are over inflated due to COVID and what we're hearing, and people that are looking to get their children back to school, is that virtual isn't working. So, we're trying to get kids back in school. It's what we want. We want to get kids back in school safely and we are just keeping in place what current law asks in terms that we have a set amount of students in the virtual schools and we also require all students to get immunized. I appreciate the opportunity to speak and thank you. I ask that you follow my light and vote Ought Not to Pass on item 5-6.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT**: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues in the Senate, I just want to remind folks also that the charter schools were doing this before the pandemic. They were doing it not out of fear, educating our students because of needs that those students had to work from home at that time and now many of us have been involved in that need through the Legislature or other things with families. You find out there are certain needs that can be met by those, yet they're being met by those, they do not need a vaccination. We have yet to be able to get odors or germs through the screen. I'm sure someday we'll be able to. But for now we don't need it, but this excludes a group that could be at home, not hurting anyone, and getting an education, a public education, because this is a public charter school. Just like the Maine School of Math and Technology, Science and Technology was before they moved it to a special place so that we could all embrace it and not have to say 'no, it's a party line divide,' or the Ocean School up in Waldo County that we all love if we go there, that we see the commitment that meets a special need. That's an in-person charter school but we have to call it something different so we don't say charter school and go 'ooh, charter school.' This, we need more people going to charter schools because they're just what my colleague, Senator Woodsome, said. They find a need, they try to meet it with limited resources, with limited support, and they still hang in there and do it. We need to increase those schools and we need to give the model to the public school of how to do it and not just find ways to limit that ability. Thank you.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in support of the pending motion. In education, we have a lot of difficult issues in front of us and often times we have pretty passionate debates about what is the best way to make sure that every Maine student, regardless of their zip code, is getting the best educational opportunity and outcomes that they possibly can get. This bill was a complicated one. It dealt with two different aspects of looking at immunizations for students at virtual charters as well as raising the cap. What was clear is that there are a variety of different issues that came up from this and it was encompassing two different arguments within one bill that increasingly showed how convoluted it could become. When you're going to a virtual charter school, and we are lucky and blessed to have a diverse amount of educational opportunities in Maine, but many of these students are doing this for a variety of reasons. Some of them are participating in a semi-professional level of sports or they're interacting with other physical, brick and mortar, schools in different extracurricular activities. So when we were looking at the issue of immunization, it was clear that allowing them to be able to sit at every individual level would be a greater issue, not only from a public health standpoint but, most importantly, from a school administrative standpoint. Now there's the other issue of dealing with the enrollment on a virtual charter school, which we actually have several other bills that will be coming before this Body to deal with, but what was clear on the issue of immunization was that the state spoke clearly. We had a referendum on this. Over 73% of Mainers, you know, spoke clearly that they believed in keeping L.D. 798 on the books. So, for us, as the committee of jurisdiction, looking at this bill, we listened to the people, we looked at the bill, and realized that we

couldn't be creating a, you know, piecemeal, cut and paste, individual, you know, aspect to this that would really make things harder, not only on our students but on our administrations and on our virtual charter schools as well. I urge you to follow my light. Thank you.

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

Senator **BALDACC**: Thank you, Mr. President. I also rise in support of the Majority Ought Not to Pass report. I look at this at purely local level, as somebody who served 12 years on a Bangor City Council. The school department in Bangor is one of the largest in the state. There are nearly 4,000 students. These bills, charter schools, they are a direct attack on public education. They're a direct attack on the budgets of public education and how the student per capita issue works. So if Bangor has ten students that drop out the school department gets penalized for those ten students. In addition, in the middle of a pandemic we should not be exempting one class of children. Everybody needs to be vaccinated. Vaccines work. Vaccines have brought down. So, for multiple reasons, I'll be supporting the Majority Ought Not to Pass report.

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

Senator **POULIOT**: Thank you, Mr. President. I wasn't intending to rise to speak on this but the good Senator from Bangor just said that charters are an attack on public schools. Mr. President, charter schools in Maine are public schools. This rhetoric of one school versus the other is detrimental to the future of our children and their best possible access to an educational journey in this state. This has to end. This discussion of these schools attacking these schools is precisely the reason why many kids' educational opportunities are being hampered. I really hope that that rhetoric will never be used in this Body again. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT**: Thank you, Mr. President and my fellow colleagues here in the Maine Senate. Just a note that just as the - I have not worn a mask in Utah since April 12th. I haven't worn one in Maine since May 24th except here. It's possible to have the allowance for people to go to the virtual charter schools, where they never overlap with another person, but when they go to the school to say 'I'd like to play sports' the school says 'well, you can't unless you're vaccinated.' I hope they don't say that to them, but if they did they'd have to follow the rules like when I show up at the door down here, like everyone else, and we wear a mask, and if we choose not to there are consequences. But there should not be consequences when you're in front of your TV screen, getting your good public education. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, the good Senator from Knox said it pretty well, that I have to wear a mask when I'm in this building and I'll trust you, every one of you, I don't wear a mask any other place in the state of Maine when I'm outside of this building. But I do it because it's the rule in here and I think these children are getting a public education, who aren't immunized, and I think we need to find a way to let that happen. This keeps them away from the schools that everybody is so scared of. I'm not even going to go there, but this is a way that parents who truly believe that immunization is wrong, and that's their choice to have that belief because this is America, the last I knew, this is where we lived in a free country, that we could make free choices, and here in the state of Maine we should allow these children, if they want to sit home and get their virtual public education that doesn't penalize our public schools in any way, that should be allowed to happen and now we want to take that away from them. What happened to America being a free country? If they want to go play sports they'll have to follow the rule. I have to wear the mask, they'll have to get vaccinated if that's what the school requires. But if they want to sit home and get it through the computer screen, where they're hurting nobody, I think we need to support that. So, I urge you to not support the Ought Not to Pass and follow my light. Thank you.

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

Senator **BALDACCI**: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to kindly remark that my point of view is from serving 12 years on a municipal city council, working with school administrators, school boards, principals, superintendents to fund their budgets and, as many of you may recall, the revenue sharing during those times was cut dramatically. Bangor, between 2010 and 2018, lost about \$25 million revenue sharing. We had to deal with the money issues, keeping teachers hired, keeping programs going. Governor LePage wanted to put a charter school in Bangor. Okay. We had to fight that because it would have cost the school department about \$1 million because for every student, at least at that time, every student that enrolled in that school would take money directly out of the school department's budget. So, these are issues that your local school boards, your local principals, your local school administrators, they do care about. I'm happy to work on them in the future but these are issues that go to the heart of public education.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to echo actually some of the sentiments from the good Senator from Kennebec and I do want to say, as a Senator who represents a charter school, Harpswell Coastal Academy, that charter schools are public schools. But I think, once again, that is a little bit separate conversation from the bill that's in front us. There's been a couple of things that have been said that I just want to sort of clear the record on. Our virtual schools really are trying to make sure that they're meeting all of the needs of our students in doing a holistic, you know, experience for these students. Not all of them are entirely virtual. In fact, we've had our two virtual charter schools come before our committee and talk about the diverse aspects that they're doing to

ensure that their social skills and, you know, all of their extracurriculars are being fulfilled as well. So, virtual schools are making sure that these students, you know, pandemic aside, are going on field trips, that they're finding different ways to work together, you know, that are not just on the computer screen. So, really they're actually a hybrid learning model and not necessarily a true virtual model, which comes back to, you know, the discussion on immunizations in realizing that, you know, we need to stick with making sure we have a strong stance on public health, and I also wanted to make it clear that for students, you know, who are going through this process, you can still get a medical exemption for these immunizations. So, I really urge you to follow my light and I just wanted to make clear that, you know, our charter schools, especially our virtual ones, are trying to adapt to everything in front of them and I think, honestly, this bill just makes things a little bit more difficult. Thank you.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **CHIPMAN**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#188)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: CHIPMAN, LIBBY, SANBORN

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Individualized Education Program Process"

H.P. 397 L.D. 552

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-247)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-247)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **POULIOT:** So, I'm hoping I can get some more clarity on this because I received a message saying that this bill would hurt special education in small towns, such as the one that this person is from, and currently special education director, and if this bill passes it will be very costly to the town if I had to go through a due process due to a parent not signing consent to make changes to their child's IEP. If you have any questions, happy to answer them. So, I asked if I could share that here because I want some clarification on what exactly this is going to mean. I know there was a divided report but I got a note that perhaps this might be changed into a Resolve or something. So, if I could get some clarity that would be great.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot, has asked a question through the Chair from a constituent to anyone who can answer his question. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** I can't answer the question.

THE PRESIDENT: Maybe someone will come up later, Senator Moore. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, have an email from another person that I wanted to share the information that was provided from her. She's been a resource room teacher for 30 years before becoming director of special services and can say, without a doubt, that this bill is not good for students, families, or schools. This bill will not allow educators to make the best decisions for students. It will tie their hands and students will suffer the consequences. We currently have a system in place now that works. If parents do not agree, there is mediation, the complaint process, and due process. In any of these cases, the student stays put until it is resolved. It is the responsibility of the school district to provide a free, appropriate public education. It is not the responsibility of a parent. The bill will cause a mountain of additional paperwork for special education personnel. This bill will not let special educators do their job and may cause a great deal of harm to students. People will leave the field if they feel ineffective. There will be additional postage costs if correspondence has to be sent certified mail, return receipt requested. She is again requesting a no on this bill. I do understand that it was changed to a Resolve to take a look at that but our concern is that, at the end of looking at the study again, that they will still come back with the same directions that were in the initial bill to begin with. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I appreciate the comments and thoughts of my colleagues but, relative to the L.D. specifically, this is something that is, in fact, practice in New Hampshire. It's basically the same rules. It hasn't been any changes that have created any significant costs and I'm guessing, looking back, that many of your emails potentially came to you at a time when this was early in our session and since then we've had amendments and reconsiderations that have made some adjustments and turned this into a Resolve asking the Department of Education to take a look at the rules in terms of the IEP process as it currently stands, talk and listen to the stakeholders, including some of the folks that have contacted you, and come back to our committee in January of 2022 and we, in turn, will come back to the Body, as a whole. So, we have an opportunity to review the current process, make adjustments to the current process, and then have those discussions continue here before we move this forward. So I think there is a lot of misunderstanding that came out early in terms of this. It was an Act to start with. It was changed to a Resolve and I think it gives us an opportunity to review the current process. One of the sticking points with parents has been the school's decision is final and this kind of brings the parents opinions, at least, into play for consideration and puts them on a

more equal basis. I know I, as a parent, would, for the most part, trust schools but I am not going to 100% blanket statement saying they know everything about my kid they need to know, when I have the say what I think in terms of their educational needs are important. So, it brings my opinion, as a parent, as well as yours, potentially as an educator, more equal and it, again, gives us an opportunity to review that process, come back here with the committee's recommendation for your review at a later date, and I ask that you follow my light on this bill. Thank you.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in support of the pending motion in front of us. As the good Senator from York said, the bill went through several iterations in front of our committee. The bill sponsor worked really hard with different stakeholders and listening to all the various concerns that I know all of us have received from our districts, and came up with an incredible final product that is before this Body this morning. I think it's technically morning. What is in front of us is a wonderful way to really try to look at the IEP process and make sure that we're giving parents and students a greater voice. If you look into the committee file on this and look at the testimony we received on this bill, you will see an incredible amount of parents from across the state testified in favor of this measure. It's clear that our IEP process needs reevaluation and to really drill down and look to make sure that we are serving the needs of exactly what this process is about, our students and our children. Often times educators who are working with these students daily aren't present in the meetings. We need to find ways to ensure that we're getting all the voices in there. So, as my good colleague, the good Senator from York, you know, said, this is going to go through a whole different process that allows for even more public comment, even more feedback from stakeholders, and it will be before this Body again and gives us a real good chance to drill down and be deliberative. So I urge you to follow my light.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#189)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, SANBORN

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-247) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Delay State-mandated Teacher and Principal Evaluation"

H.P. 850 L.D. 1172

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-241)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-241)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-241) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement"

H.P. 666 L.D. 910

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-223)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-223)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I guess this is my day to speak. The bill that is before you right now does maintain the 70% reimbursement rate for all municipalities but increases reimbursement from 70% to 90% for those municipalities who have exceeded the most recent State valuation by .0003. It does also increase the reimbursement rate of 100% of the direct cost of GA, general assistance, to the tribes. What our concern is, is that, without regard to the amount of assistance expended, this provides an impartial and unbiased reimbursement rate across the state and produces a shared responsibility of general assistance expenses. If the bill passed, this bill would lower the municipal share of costs but would require substantial cost increase to the general assistance program from the State's General Fund. We feel that, as the Minority Report, this is not the time for us to be increasing our general assistance to municipalities. While it does sound good, we just have so many other needs, such as our nursing homes, actually increasing wages for our direct care workers, those types of thing, and an ongoing \$1.7 million per year to provide this out of the General Fund, we do not feel that we should be doing that at this point in time. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to respond that this is one of many cuts that were done within the last 7 or 8 years. These cuts - I understand what the Senator from Washington is saying but the fact of the matter is that this was passed on to the municipalities. The municipalities, under law, must have a general assistance program. Municipalities do not have a choice. So, the Legislature has previously told municipalities 'you must have this program.' It was cut back from 90% to 70%. So the people that got hurt in that shift were property tax payers, people that own homes and businesses. The property tax payers, the burden being put on them does not make sense and it only hurts the local communities who are trying to run these programs efficiently and effectively. So, this is really also about lessening property taxes, to be honest with you, so I would urge people to pass the Majority Report. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#190)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, SANBORN

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-223) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 234: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 141 L.D. 206

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-207)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-208)**.

Signed:

Senator:
MOORE of Washington

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-207)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-207)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-207)** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be brief. I know, you're tired of this. I'm quite concerned with this bill. When we were listening to it in committee, what it was doing was changing the amount of lead allowable in our water, drinking water, in our schools from fifteen to ten, and that was what we heard throughout the entire public hearing. While everyone was not super crazy about it, they were willing to go down to the ten, understanding that it may have to go lower at a later date. Fine. We get out of public hearing and we go into work sessions and we are presented, the Majority presents us an amendment that changes it down to four. We questioned it, saying at the time out of the public hearing actually we were listening to it as a ten and now taking it down to four, making it even more restrictive. There was no thought of reconsideration or another public hearing and, thus, the Majority Report actually is lowering it to four. With very little funds available, I know that Representative Martin has a bond that is going before the Appropriations to help fund some of the mediation that might need to happen in the schools, but our concern was going so drastically from the ten down to four differed from what was heard in the public hearing. So, thank you, Mr. President.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **CLAXTON**: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to speak a little bit to the process that got us to where we are on this bill, L.D. 206. The initial request was, as stated by good Senator Moore, down to ten. As we heard additional information and got recommendations that the level really ought to be one or lower for our kids and the water that they consume, we opted to bring it down to four in the Majority Report. The issue is that the ideal lead level is zero. Kids should not be exposed at a young age to any level in the water that they're drinking. This mandates' testing. It sets up, as part of a rule process that sets up a process for doing it right and consistently. It is not a mandate to then do something about it, other than to inform parents and the community that there's lead in the water or not above a certain threshold level. If there is, it's up to the community to decide what to do. Do you bring in water? Do you not use that tap? What we're talking about is improvements that can be as simple as replacing one old faucet. It may involve replacing water systems for a whole school. It's up to the community to figure out what to do with the information. This is providing the community with information on which to make their decisions. That's why I support the drop to four, and we did hear evidence that it should be zero or one, and we worked with the Department and they thought they could live with the four and it would be a manageable level. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#191)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, SANBORN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-207)** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-207) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-207)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting North of U.S. Route 2 from the New Hampshire Border to Bangor, North of Route 9 from Bangor to the Canadian Border and within That Portion of the White Mountain National Forest inside the State" H.P. 887 L.D. 1212

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-256)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

MARTIN of Eagle Lake
ORDWAY of Standish

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Provide the Option of Online or Telephonic Tagging of Harvested Big Game Animals" H.P. 888 L.D. 1213

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-257)**.

Signed:

LUCHINI of Hancock

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
AUSTIN of Gray
BAILEY of Gorham
BERNARD of Caribou
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBworth of Blue Hill

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington
ALLEY of Beals
HEPLER of Woolwich
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
MARTIN of Sinclair
MASON of Lisbon
NADEAU of Winslow
ORDWAY of Standish
THERIAULT of China

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-215)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
DUCHARME of Madison

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

Signed:

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-214)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-214)**.

Representative:

LYFORD of Eddington

Reports **READ**.

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-257)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-214)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-214) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-257) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-214)**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions"
H.P. 105 L.D. 149

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-214)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Resolve, To Prevent Economic Hardship as a Result of COVID-19 Restrictions
H.P. 935 L.D. 1275

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
BAILEY of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-213)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
DUCHARME of Madison

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Fund Wildlife Rehabilitators" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 750 L.D. 1012

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-195)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington
ALLEY of Beals
HEPLER of Woolwich
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
MARTIN of Sinclair

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

Signed:

Senator:

BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

MASON of Lisbon
NADEAU of Winslow
ORDWAY of Standish
THERIAULT of China

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-195)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-195) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Governor's Emergency Powers"

H.P. 87 L.D. 131

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-209)**.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#192)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, SANBORN

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Governor's Emergency Powers" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 444 L.D. 608

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-217)**.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **BALDACCI:** Just briefly. Thank you, Mr. President. I would just note that this bill requires not only two-thirds of the Legislature but also says the Governor cannot declare a State of Emergency in a county unless the county's board of commissioners has also declared an emergency. I think it goes back to the remarks made earlier, when you have an emergency you have to act quickly. Two-thirds of the Legislature is not going to act quickly. It's going to leave the state of Maine defenseless in future emergencies. That's why I'm voting to accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#193)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Promote Transparent Emergency Management"

H.P. 757 L.D. 1019

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-268)**.

Signed:

Senator:
ROSEN of Hancock

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to briefly indicate that this bill, even though it mentions transparency, doesn't deal with transparency at all but, more importantly, it actually takes out a provision where rate payers, electric customers, could get extra relief during a State of Emergency. In paragraph 13, sub B, and in section 2, we already have the authority to terminate emergency at any time, so those are the reasons why the committee gave the Ought Not to Pass Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues in the Senate, the bills that required a two-thirds were cumbersome. When faced with an emergency, we do need the power to act. Thirty days is a short time for a major event and maybe not enough. More than 60 seems to me to long not to be revisiting by other voices. If you're either unable to understand the problem and deal with it, have staff that doesn't understand the problem and doesn't help you deal with it, or whatever else comes along, it should certainly be reviewed by other people after a reasonable period of time. But, as this one points out, it does not require a two-thirds to move it along. So, I think that we should not support this motion and move on and give this a chance. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#194)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Promote Civic Engagement and Voter Participation for Young People by Lowering the Voting Age for Municipal Elections to 16 Years of Age"

H.P. 780 L.D. 1051

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-210)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Limit the Governor's Emergency Powers by Requiring a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature To Continue an Emergency after 90 Days" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 815 L.D. 1137

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-216)**.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#195)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Unequal Restriction of Essential Businesses during a State of Civil Emergency"

H.P. 820 L.D. 1142

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-228)**.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would note that the bill in front of you prohibits the Governor from restricting the operation of any business, any single business, during an emergency which is a private business that employs a person without restricting all essential businesses in the same manor. The problem is there's no definition of essential businesses. This is not only an open invitation to preventing the Governor from acting in an emergency, it's an open invitation to litigation because there's no definition of what an essential business is, how it's characterized, how it's effected by the emergency. Multiple reasons why the Majority voted Ought Not to Pass.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#196)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age

H.P. 518 L.D. 706

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
TUTTLE of Sanford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-262).**

Signed:

Senator:

HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
WOOD of Portland

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Eight members of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature Every 2 Weeks To Maintain a State of Emergency Declared by the Governor" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 895 L.D. 1220

Reported in Report **"A"** that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

Four members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report **"B"** that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-205).**

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report **"C"** that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

GREENWOOD of Wales

Comes from the House with Report **"A"**, **OUGHT NOT TO PASS, READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, Report **"A"**, **OUGHT NOT TO PASS, ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Limit Liability Regarding Donations of Menstrual Products" S.P. 304 L.D. 952

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator DESCHAMBAULT for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Create the Crime of Hate Crime False Public Alarm or Report" S.P. 198 L.D. 491

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-143).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-143) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DESCHAMBAULT for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Modify the Rule-making Process for Establishing County and Municipal Jail Standards"

S.P. 204 L.D. 521

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-135)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-135) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Timing of an Appeal of a Finding Regarding Involuntary Mental Health Treatment at a Designated Nonstate Mental Health Institution"

S.P. 46 L.D. 38

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-149)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-149) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds

S.P. 85 L.D. 197

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-131)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-131) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations throughout Maine

S.P. 195 L.D. 488

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-157)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-157) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Support Early Intervention and Treatment of Psychotic Disorders" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 261 L.D. 674

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-132)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-132) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions Governing Supplemental Payments to Nursing Facilities with High MaineCare Use (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 272 L.D. 684

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-133)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-133) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Affirm That Food Seeds Are a Necessity in Maine"

S.P. 225 L.D. 822

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-151)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-151) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine"

S.P. 389 L.D. 1204

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-156)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-156) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Plan To Serve Maine People with Behavioral Health Needs throughout Their Lifespans

S.P. 412 L.D. 1262

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-150)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-150) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Services to Maine's Most Vulnerable Citizens by Eliminating the Waiting Lists for Certain MaineCare Services" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 447 L.D. 1360

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-158)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-158) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Make the Shared Living Program Accessible for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism"

S.P. 536 L.D. 1649

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-152)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-152) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Create and Administer a Fund To Provide Seasonal and Tourism Industry Recovery Grants (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 480 L.D. 1493

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-144)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-144) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Clarifying the Removal Process of Individuals from Certain Facilities Not Governed By Title 14 of the Maine Revised Statutes"

S.P. 268 L.D. 681

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-155)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-155) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Update the Law Governing Preliminary Injunctions in Judicial Separation and Divorce Actions"

S.P. 363 L.D. 1102

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-154)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-154) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Increase Investment Caps in the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program"

S.P. 97 L.D. 229

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-138)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-138) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Veterans"

S.P. 229 L.D. 576

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-139)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-139) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Require Annual Information Reporting by the Maine Information and Analysis Center"

S.P. 19 L.D. 12

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

O'CONNOR of Berwick
TUELL of East Machias
ZEIGLER of Montville

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
CYRWAY of Kennebec
LAWRENCE of York

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-140)**.

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
RECKITT of South Portland
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SHARPE of Durham

Signed:

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-134)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Signed:

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
PLUECKER of Warren

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, this issue is getting big. It's really big. It's gone beyond the 'well, what does that mean? Why is it a problem?' We have options now to get away from plastic straws. Plastic straws go right to the ocean, destroy our marine life. They kill when they are in their large state of the straw or the plastic stirrer. Those pieces are killers and then, as they start to break down, they become ingested and taken up into the very fiber of the organism, the fish, the lobster, whatever is eating them or eating the micro-fibers which are filled with chemicals. It's time to get rid of them for so many reasons. It's a much bigger issue than balloons, although that is significant. We need to start being very conscience of what we're doing to our food supply and this is a major area of concern. I would have liked to have seen more done. We have paper products made from wood that can be harvested right in this state. They are thick. They can last hours in a drink that lasts hours. There are ways to deal with this. Portland has done it and they're working on it. We talked to people in Portland and, yes, it's new and we don't have all the data but we have plenty of folks who are willing to say that it didn't cause them a great inconvenience. When they needed it they could ask. We changed things to make it possible for them to have to ask instead of just giving them a straw automatically as they do in many places. So, keep track of that as you go through the day, thinking about what need you have for that straw that's passed on to you. I'd just like to make that awareness brought for our state, for all our people in this country. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Prevent Pollution from Single-use Plastic Straws, Splash Sticks and Beverage Lid Plugs"

S.P. 241 L.D. 602

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
HANLEY of Pittston
JOHANSEN of Monticello

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#197)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: CHIPMAN, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, STEWART, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program

S.P. 24 L.D. 17

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:
MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
LEMELIN of Chelsea
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:
CONNOR of Lewiston
JAVNER of Chester

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-148) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services"

S.P. 414 L.D. 1263

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:
MEYER of Eliot
CONNOR of Lewiston
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-146)**.

Signed:

Senator:
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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

Senator **DIAMOND**: Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I am the sponsor of this and ideally it might have passed but I understand the logic, logistics, and the obstacles that this bill is heading towards and I think the committee did a good job given the time they had in coming up with this, but let me just, I won't be long, but I want to just take you back to 2001 when 5 year old Logan Marr died in her basement, wrapped in 42 feet of duck tape by her foster mother, Sally Schofield, who was convicted of manslaughter and served 17 years in prison. When that happened the Department said we'll fix this problem and then three years later, in 2004, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Behavioral Development joined forces, thinking they could maybe help this and other similar problems. What they did was literally double the size of that bureaucracy and that didn't really help that much when it comes to the family of Child and Family Services. In 2017, there was a report that showed that 22 children who died in Maine, who were under the care of the Department of Health and Human Services, had warnings about the situations they were in, yet they died. In 2017, December, Shawna Gatto, who was taking care of Kendall Chick, 4 years old, Kendall who died in December of '17. The following year at the trial she was convicted of depraved indifference murder. She had beaten that little girl so much and during the testimony on this in court, which I attended, the caseworker on the stand said that she did go there once but for six months, nearly six months, nobody visited that child and the pictures showed of her in court showed that she'd been beaten so many times that it was a wonder that she lived as long as she did. In February of '18, Marissa Kennedy, 10 years old, was the victim of torture for months by her stepfather, Julio Carillo, and her mother, Sharon. When these things happened again, the Department said 'we'll fix it, we're going to fix this, this is terrible.' They even threw a whole bunch of positions, caseworker positions, in '17 towards this issue. The problem is no one took time to realize it takes a lot of time and training and more supervisors, all those logistics. So that really didn't help that much.

The problem is still a very serious problem, which is why I sponsored this bill. It's a problem that we need to recognize and we need to be able to do something about. If you look at the 2020 Ombudsman Report for Child Welfare, that's 2020, you'll see that they have arrived at some serious concerns about the current Office of Child and Family Services, including the Ombudsman Report says they are not recognizing the risk when the evidence is clear. The basic investigation practices are not completed. Safety plans are made and not monitored. It goes on and on. My point, ladies and gentlemen, is this is still a serious problem. Children are still at risk and we all hope that we don't have another death but we know the system hasn't improved enough to make us all feel assured of that. So, I'm hoping that this bill would help bring awareness to it. As a result of this bill, and it staying alive as long as it has, I was contacted over the last several weeks by people who actually worked with the system, in the system, including those who worked in the Attorney General's Office, reassuring me that this is serious and it's something we need to be aware of. Talked with caseworkers, supervisors, people who know. So, yes, this bill should not pass now, obviously, but I think if the Government Oversight Committee, this summer and next fall, can take this issue and look at it through their expertise I would have confidence that it would make some headway. But let's not, under any circumstances, say and trust that the well-meaning people, this bill was never pointed at any

Governor, any Commissioner, any of the caseworkers, it's simply pointed at the system being so big that it's hard to maintain the monitoring of it. So, I'm hoping that the Government Oversight Committee will take the time, use their expertise, as I said, and come to some area that they can make some significant improvements for the protection of these kids because these kids, over 2000 of them, some of them are still at risk. So I thank you, Mr. President, for the time and I appreciate the opportunity.

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

Senator **BREEN**: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, men and women of the Senate, obviously there's not a single member of this Body who is not concerned and alarmed and who doesn't, on a very gut level, share the concerns and commitment to our children that my colleague, Senator Diamond, has just articulated. I just want to note that every time any Governor has asked the Appropriations Committee for more Child Protective Services caseworkers we have given them exactly what they'd asked for in a very bi-partisan way. So we do continue to try, at the Appropriations level, to support this but I also have to point out that, in my experience, a big part of this is our Adult Mental Health system and, as we know, we have enormous waiting lists right now and folks who cannot get into see a psychiatrist and get their prescriptions renewed, folks who need outpatient mental health services, and are told to come back in three weeks or three months because our outpatient mental health system is really, really in shreds. It was threadbare before the pandemic and now it's simply in shreds. Every one of those children that we all care about lived with adults and the healthier those adults are the safer those kids are. We have a long way to go. We need to support the Department in lifting every salary and doing everything possible: recruiting; training; career treatment; career, you know, ladders. We need to do everything we can, as a Body, to address the mental health situation in our state and, in my opinion, that, in the big picture, is going to improve this emotional and physical safety of our children. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT**: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't know if I have too much to add to all that is being said. When I spoke with Senator Diamond about those cases, I am very familiar with those cases since I interviewed the parents who were convicted and worked with them. But, besides that, I worked with many more, but one thing I noticed in the Department of Corrections, working in a prison, it wasn't just the adults you worked with, it's the families, it's the parents, but the it's the children. All I can say is my experience of 43 years working for the State, I always felt that children were an after-thought. The only time I felt good about kids who were on the outside, excuse me I'm losing my breath, and the parents were incarcerated was this one time a school teacher called and asked if I could arrange for the 7 year old to be able to talk to his Dad. The reason for that is the teacher found the little boy waiting for the school bus and he laid down in front of the bus and he wanted to die because he couldn't talk to his Dad. That is one story but I see other children who have not only incarcerated parents, addicted parents, and also children with disabilities and there are families. I don't want to slam the Department of Health and Human Services but I was

going to look it up. I didn't do very good homework. But I find that the Department of Health and Human Services so large, so large, that there is credibility to really investigate a Department of Children and Family Services. I know what Senator Breen was talking about. I cringed every time I heard of a Governor who wanted more caseworkers. I was a caseworker. That's not all you need. You need middle managers who know how to supervise caseworkers. You need a management system so that you know what those caseworkers are doing. I know. I've held both positions. So I would ask you to really consider that at some point in time, and maybe now is the time, to make a comment and make a statement that we really care about our kids who are dying, who are lonely, who will have those adult mental health issues if we don't intervene and focus on them. Criminal Justice and Public Safety, I don't know how many bills we had on drugs. I haven't heard anything about the impact on families and children. I will vote, it's not to pass? I'm not going to vote for that.

Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford requested a Division.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I also echo what Senator Deschambault said. In Criminal Justice we've heard so much about drugs, against police, and all these other things, but we just have not heard anything about our kids and I bring it up year after year after year. I tried with the marijuana issue because of our kids. Nobody mentioned about the kids. I don't understand why this Body, of the last seven years that I've been in it, does not think about our future. They are our future. I stood right here and I pointed at the pages that were in front of us and I said 'they have a dream and we're going to take it away,' and that's what we've done and that's what we're doing when you hear Senator Diamond say what happened. We continue every year and not mention our kids and not care about them. I'm tired of it. I mean it's time to step up.

We've got to look at, you know, this drug culture is just destroying our kids. My son just told me two days ago that my granddaughter was dating this guy that was a really nice man and he had a future, but he got hooked into marijuana and then time after time he started to leave, not showing up, doing things, whatever. Now he's a total lost cause. He's staying home, not doing anything, and they broke up. But that's what's happening in our future and this is just - my son adopted two children, one 2 and one 4 years old, because the parents could not function for their kids. One went to the prison and the other one was high on marijuana she couldn't take care of the kids and my son was a foster parent and he felt so bad he adopted two kids after his two kids have already become adults. This is what's going on and we ignore it.

It's heartbreaking in Criminal Justice to listen day after day after day on zoom and we have all these people that are victims of the drugs come on-line and say how we need to have civil offenses and all this and all that and we're destroying our society. We don't hear about the ones that have no drug problems because they don't have an issue. We hear about all the ones that do have the drug problem and so we feel bad for them and we try to do this and do that, but it's hurting our young children. I tried to do the DARE program. I tried to get it through many times because I care about our kids. I've done DARE programs for

16000 kids, 16000 in 25 years. I put my heart and soul into it. People look at DARE 'oh, that's so bad. You taught kids how to find drugs.' That is so far from the truth it's unbelievable. I'm telling you right now, we told them how to make good decisions by letting them figure it out and then we give them that ability to work with each other and try to figure those out so that they would not fall into prey. So, I don't know what the answer is. I think the big thing is resources. We do not have the resources. We don't have like Jackson Brook anymore. We don't have Calcian House anymore. We don't have the New Directions and Twin Pines and Hope House. I can go through a whole list that I've taken kids to those places and I've taken adults to them and they're not there anymore. We got rid of AMHI. Jackson Brooks about the only place we can take somebody now and it's really sad and we think about treatment, treatment, treatment. Well, you heard it from Senator Breen that the treatment, outside treatment, isn't working because they can't keep up with it. They need a place that they can go and get help. A treatment center or something. I'm just, you know, all these bills that are just targeted at trying to weaken our laws and hurt our kids and I just don't know where to start. But I wanted just to mention it today because I think it's time we all pay attention to it because if we don't we're going to lose our kids. They're not even going to have a chance to start in life. Look the properties have sky rocketed. I don't even know how they're going to make it. Now they've put them on welfare to the point where they're not going to get Social Security because they're not working and they're not going to get retirement pensions because they're not working and we've got to look at that. This is our future, people, and I really appreciate all the hard work that goes into this. Sometimes we just lose sight of what our future is and I work every day thinking about our kids. This is where my heart is, right in our kids. I hope it's in yours. Thank you.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to clarify. The intent of my remarks was not that mental health services don't work but that we don't have them widely enough available in our communities. Thank you.

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

Senator **CLAXTON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to refer a little bit on the activity in the Health and Human Services Committee and the work that's been done with chairs and leads and the other members of the committee to try and identify some ways that we can begin to chip away at the issue of not enough resources, as was mentioned by the good Senator Cyrway. It's clear, was quickly recognized, we're trying to do things that we can. I have a list of 25 bills that we agreed on unanimously that involve some degree of rate increase or communication improvement amongst the folks who are trying to do right by our kids. So, I just wanted to speak to that. I'm looking forward to what we learn from the Government Oversight Committee and the option to write new legislation in January if that's the recommendation of that committee. It is work that we all need to working at, doing what we can to help, and I'm pleased that we've been able to collaborate as well as we have on the Health and

Human Services Committee and looking forward to continuing that.

At the request of Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford a Division was had. 12 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 21 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **FAILED**.

The Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-146) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study a Voluntary Licensing System for General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction
S.P. 83 L.D. 195

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-137)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CURRY of Waldo
LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:
ROBERTS of South Berwick
BAILEY of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:
ANDREWS of Paris
AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
DUCHARME of Madison

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-137) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Continued Access to Film and Stage Theaters and Music Venues"
S.P. 526 L.D. 1641

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-153)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CURRY of Waldo
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:
ROBERTS of South Berwick
AUSTIN of Gray
BAILEY of Gorham
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Representative:
ANDREWS of Paris

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-153) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the Well-being of Companion Animals upon the Dissolution of Marriages"

S.P. 222 L.D. 535

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-136)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim.

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to speak in opposition to the pending motion for a few reasons. One is this bill is completely unnecessary. The courts did come and speak to our committee and they said

they're completely unaware of there being a problem. Judges are well aware of the emotional attachment between people and their pets and they consider this carefully when they make decisions in divorces. The other issue is brought to us by the Maine Veterinary Medical Association who said that this bill would create confusion about the definition of companion animals and they also spoke in opposition. Also in opposition was the Maine State Bar Association Family Law Section who said that in L.D. 535 the factors used to consider the best interest of an animal are almost identical to the best interest of the child factors. The stator framework proposed here cannot be found anywhere else in the country. Also the Family Law Section said that the wellbeing analysis for animals generate more conflict in divorce and post-divorce process, will prevent cases from resolving in a timely manner, and will cause parties further emotional toll and financial stress. This bill is also access to justice issue because of the extra consideration the court must take walking through all of these different steps that would normally only apply to a child but now can apply to your cat or your dog or your horse. Obviously, this is going to take the courts more time. So, the courts spoke and said that if this law were to pass it would burden the already over-burdened courts. Given the courts' current pending caseload due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the timing for proposing these requirements is of grave concern. So, this bill is somewhat silly because the courts already do take this into consideration. Of course people love and care about their pets and this is important. The reason I stand up to speak passionately about this is because the courts are overloaded and it is affecting people's lives. They need access to justice and access to justice includes time in the court. The court doesn't have time for us to give them frivolous things to consider and so I would ask you all to vote against the pending motion. Thank you.

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

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. I rise in support of the pending motion. I do appreciate the reflections of my colleague, the good Senator from Oxford County, and particularly the concerns expressed about the courts being overloaded. We did hear consistently from the Judicial Branch that the courts were overloaded but this proposal will actually help reduce that. When parties to a divorce or separation are facing a hearing that will address the disposition of the joint property, that's jointly owned by the couple, they need to know how those decisions are going to be made in order to be able to negotiate a settlement and prevent the case from even going to the court. This bill, plus the great work that the committee did in preparing amendments, helps parties resolve disputes over who gets ownership of a companion animal. It changes the language of the original bill to ensure that there's no confusion between the wellbeing of the companion animal and the wellbeing of the child standard and clarifies the factors that will be taken into consideration. These clear factors will help parties avoid litigation over who owns a companion animal by giving clear direction to both the litigants and the courts and I think that it provides really important and helpful guidance. I urge you to support the Ought to Pass as Amended motion.

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

Senator **CHIPMAN**: Thank you, Mr. President. As a sponsor of the bill, I rise in support of the pending motion. We did hear testimony in the public hearing that this is becoming, increasingly becoming a problem, from a prominent family attorney who spoke at the public hearing, as younger people choose to wait longer to have children. A lot of them are getting dogs and cats and they're sharing animals in their 20's and their 30's. They're getting married and when they get divorced it's becoming an issue because currently the court can only look at the dog or cat as a piece of property, similar to a piece of living room furniture. They cannot consider anything else in terms of what's best for the wellbeing of the companion animal. So, they can look at a receipt, who purchased the animal, and who owns it based on that, but they can't look at what's in the best interest of the animal, who's best equipped to take care of the animal, where it's best for the animal to reside going forward. So, it's really important that we pass this bill and I hope that you'll support the motion. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#198)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: SANBORN

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-136) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Allow a 5-year Open Enrollment in the Participating Local District Retirement Program for Certain Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and Other Municipal Employees" S.P. 364 L.D. 1103

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-145)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

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

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

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-145) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Resolve, To Create the Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program (EMERGENCY) S.P. 501 L.D. 1559

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-142)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in strong support of the pending motion. Imagine you're sick and really need to stay home but you can't afford to lose a day of pay. Imagine your child or parent is sick and you need to stay home to care for them but, again, you can't afford to miss a day's worth of work, or maybe it's a happy event like the birth or adoption of a child and you must choose between bonding with your newborn or bringing home a paycheck to help feed and clothe them. For families across Maine giving up hours of work, let alone several days, weeks or months, mean many different things from giving up co-pays, a car payment, trips to the grocery store, and the ability to potentially pay rent, heat, and keep a roof over their heads. No one should be forced to choose between financial security and personal and family wellness. The United States is the only developed country in the world without a paid family and medical leave policy. Nationally 85% of workers must choose between taking care of their health and losing their income. While there are proposals at the federal level to implement paid family and medical leave, we all know how show things move in Washington and we can't afford to wait for politicians in D.C. to act. Currently California, Rhode Island, Washington, New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, the District of

Columbia, and Massachusetts all have paid family and medical leave programs and Colorado is in the process of implementing one right now, but we all know what works in Connecticut, New York, or even Colorado won't necessarily work for our state. We need to create a system for and by Maine that meets the needs of every day Mainers from gig workers, to farmers, to fishermen, to fish and lobster women, to brewers, to waiters, to line cooks, to nurses, and public safety workers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted deep inequities in our society and placed a very heavy burden on essential workers and small businesses. Every single one of us in this Chamber has struggled with the balancing act that has become our lives over the last 15 months. Parents had to juggle taking time off to help their children with remote learning when schools and daycares were shuttered. I've even seen some of our fellow colleagues when on committee trying to figure out how to balance their laptop while trying to help a child looking for something during committee. Businesses have lost vital employees who needed to take time off to care for a loved one, a child, or themselves and, tragically, many Mainers who contracted this disease have had to deal with the ramifications of not only this illness but the lack of paid time off. Paid leave is good for businesses. It's been shown to increase worker productivity and retention. Also creating a state-based system would put Maine's small family businesses on a level playing field with larger employers, helping them compete for qualified workers.

The goal of this bill is to find a method that doesn't financially penalize or overburden our businesses but instead works with them to find a solution. It's good for children and families. It improves the wellbeing of newborns, children, and their parents and the sad reality is that nearly 25% of women take ten or fewer days of maternity leave and most maternity benefits do not grant equal leave to parents. Paid leave would be good for all Maine families of all kinds, including traditional two parent families, single parent families, multi-generational families, and especially LGBTQ families who are frequently left out of these policies. But this policy isn't just good for young families. It also helps Mainers, especially those in the sandwich generation. Maine, as we all know, and we like state many times on the floor, is the oldest state in the country and our seniors and their families have specific needs to remain productive and healthy.

I've worked on this issue since I was first elected to the Legislature when I was 25 years old. When I initially introduced it I thought of family members who I helped care for during the end of their terminal illnesses. I thought of my own need for paid time off after being hit by a car while bicycling. I thought of my parents and I wondered if I'd be able to care for them as they grew older. As a small business owner, I thought of my employees and how this is a benefit I aspire to make a reality for them. Now, standing before you in my first term as a State Senator and my ninth year in the Maine Legislature, my commitment to making this happen is even stronger.

Right before the pandemic happened and completely turned all of our lives upside down, I had this very distinct, very vivid memory. I'm pretty lucky, I live pretty close to my business. Was going out the front door. Had my headphones in. I was listening to the news, maybe it was NPR, and they're having a program about paid family and medical leave policies across the world and they were talking about all the various programs that are in all these different countries. Then it switched and talked to a woman in the United States whose employer was able to provide for her 12 weeks of paid time off. She was talking about what a crucial

difference this made not only in her life but the life and development of her newborn child. I'll never forget, I was nearing the back of the brewery, I could see through the back windows the tap room was bustling. People were in there and I just felt this deep ping of sadness as my hand went to the back door to open the door on my thriving business because I realized the paid leave, you know, reality that was being discussed is something that I might never be able to see and I realized in that moment of sadness, as someone who aspires to be a mother, that I'm not alone, that this is something that's shared by a large variety of Mainers. As much as I think I could really rock pouring beers with a baby strapped to my chest, I'm really hoping we can find a way to make sure that paid family and medical leave is a reality for Mainers throughout our state. We need this in Maine. We're in desperate need of it with our aging population and our desire to attract and retain young families and skilled workers. We need to support working families and Maine's economy and this crisis and COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted what we've known for years. Paid family and medical leave is necessary, important, and should be implemented in the state of Maine by all of us. I urge you to follow my light and thank you for the time.

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

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President and thank you, Senator Daughtry, for those remarks. I also rise today to speak in favor of L.D. 1559. Like so many of you, I've had numerous conversations with constituents around the topic of paid family leave. Typically, they come from young families seeking leave following the birth or adoption of a child or folks of my own generation seeking elder care for a parent or spouse. As I've mentioned before, recently my daughter gave birth to my first grandchild, Evelyn Grace, and fortunately my daughter, living in Rhode Island, has been granted 12 weeks of leave, giving her and Evelyn an opportunity to bond, and I believe that's how it should be. I've lost three daughters to other states. One to Massachusetts, one to Rhode Island, and one to California. I think bills such as these that support family leave would be an attraction for my girls or others to come here as family leave plans, I believe, are right for Maine businesses, Maine workers, and Maine families. Maine should follow the lead of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and, as mentioned earlier, Rhode Island. Each state has similar laws related to family leave currently. Bringing a new child into this world comes with a lot of adjustments but this bill considers a wide variety of emergencies that Mainer experience all the time. Having a serious emergency can bring financial uncertainty that is felt every day by folks who do not have the ability to take away from work if they have a serious injury, chronic medical condition, or welcoming a new child, or have to care for the health of a family member. The numbers show overwhelmingly that Mainers are in favor of some form of paid family and medical leave. It is only right we follow the will of the people. I ask that you follow my light and vote to support this important bill. Thank you.

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

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, my argument against the pending motion is simple and accurate, in my opinion. This is an

issue that needs to be dealt with at the federal level and Maine small businesses have been attacked on every side and cannot stand any more pressure if they are going to be successful. Thank you.

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

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, women and men of the Senate, I rise in support of L.D. 1559. I will share excerpts of a brief letter sent to the committee right before we voted. It's from a coalition of all sorts of people who understand the reality of why we need this bill.

L.D. 1559 is an opportunity for working Mainers, businesses, experts, and the Maine government to work together to identify how to implement a system of paid family and medical leave for Maine. This bill will create a Commission to take public feedback; to learn what works in states with established systems of leave; to hear from workers, employers, caregivers, and experts; and to propose a system to support all workers, families, and employers in Maine. Paid family and medical leave is a COVID response. COVID-19 has led to unprecedented levels of job loss. When employees have to quarantine or care for young children because COVID-19 has closed the school or daycare everyone struggles. Workers need paid leave to deal with the numerous challenges of the pandemic without risking unemployment or financial insecurity. Paid family and medical leave is racial justice. Black workers are only 1.3% of the workforce in Maine but they are 31% more likely than white workers to be on the frontlines. Comprehensive paid leave would reduce the racial disparity and access to workplace benefits and would support Maine's frontline workers who are disproportionately non-white. Paid family and medical leave supports gender equity. Women are more likely to need time for post-partum recovery, to provide family caregiving, and are more than two-thirds of Maine's frontline workers. Women are also more likely than men to leave the workforce due to essential caregiving responsibilities. COVID-19 has widened this gap and women have been disproportionately impacted by COVID area job losses. Paid family and medical leave, therefore, supports gender equity. Paid family and medical leave supports aging adults. At least 80% of older adults have at least one chronic condition and Maine has the highest median age of any state in the country. Aging workers need access to paid leave in order to care for their own health. Their family members need paid leave to provide family care for others. Paid family and medical leave helps infants to thrive. Paid leave gives new parents time to bond, increases breastfeeding success, increases likelihood of immunizations and check-ups, and increases the likelihood of both parents returning to work. Paid family and medical leave aids recovery. Treatment for substance use disorder reduces long term healthcare impacts and increases worker productivity for effected populations. Seventy-five percent of people living with substance use disorder are employed and working Mainers in need of recovery assistance should be able to take the time they need to become healthy without losing their job and income. Paid family and medical leave supports small businesses. By providing paid leave to all Maine businesses, smaller businesses would be able to attract workers, reduce turnover costs, retain their employees even when they have to take away. For example, new mothers who have access to paid leave are more likely to be back at work within 9 to 12 months than those who do not. Paid family and medical leave works.

Thank you, Mr. President. I urge the Senate to vote in favor of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended report. Thank you.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise, I want to address some of the comments from the good Senator from Penobscot and make sure that folks are clear that this bill creates a Commission. This would be a chance for us to craft a solution that really works for us here in Maine and I think that's why I'm so incredibly passionate about it. As a small business owner, I know very well the cost of that the good Senator referenced and that's why I want to have a system that's not determined by D.C. but that's determined by Maine, that looks at a wide variety of proposals, including one that I'm particularly interested in which is an opt in system, and all the various methods that have been, you know, before different methods of government to find a solution that fits for Mainers, and that's what I'm so excited about, about the amended bill that's coming out. We made sure, you know, we got a tri-partisan bill out of committee. We want to make sure we have diverse voices of employers and employees, everyone from, you know, the hospitality industry to construction to self-employed folks, and all different ages, and really this is a chance for Maine to lead. The federal government can act but they're considering different proposals and they're going to be looking to the states and seeing what they're doing and if Maine can really find a way, which I know we can, we have led on a multitude of issues, we can find a way to craft a solution that works for us that maybe in turn can help our federal government find a solution that works for everyone. Also we've had a lot of conversations today about Maine's children and I have to say if we're going to do one thing to really increase the positive outcomes of our future generation giving parents time to bond with their children and having time to make those connections are crucial. The evidence on this is overwhelming, and not only is it beneficial, you know, for parents and the newborn, it's beneficial for our businesses that, you know, when you're trying to attract young families - I know my peers we're all looking at different places and where they're able to have their lives. Are they going to be in a business that values them and their, you know, families and what those life decisions are? I just wanted to make sure that I made it clear that this is a chance for us to craft a solution and I would be hopeful that everyone here would bring their own life experiences as a business owner, as an employee, and from all areas of the state. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#199)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-142) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Safeguard the People's Voice in a State of Emergency"

S.P. 329 L.D. 1039

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended** by **Committee Amendment "A" (S-141)**.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to point out to the Chamber that the bill, I don't know if it was intentional or unintentional, under Section 2, Subtitle Limitations, actually requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to terminate an Emergency Order. It's my understanding that we can do that by majority vote now, so it actually makes it harder for the Legislature to terminate an Emergency Order. But in any event, I would note that we have a statute. We can terminate at any time and that's the reasons for the Ought Not to Pass report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim.

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would encourage you to vote against the pending motion. I submitted this bill because I believe in the role and authority of the Legislative Branch of government. I also believe that a Governor, any Governor, ought to collaborate with the Legislature in times of serious statewide crisis. This is not a radical position to take. By the time most of us were in fifth grade we learned about the principles of three coequal branches of government, whose role it is to check and balance the other two. By voting against this bill, we are advocating our constitutional role as a coequal branch of government. This is a very dangerous precedent to set. A vote in favor of the pending motion, we confirm this precedent of erasing the power of the people's voice. I can understand the resistance by some to vote against this bill, believing somehow it's a referendum on the current Chief Executive's performance during the pandemic. For those who feel this way I offer this argument. What will happen in 8, 10, or 20 years from now there is a Governor in office whose actions some of you may find reprehensible? The vote we take in the next minute will decide whether a future Legislature will be able to assert its authority and provide a check against those actions. And what if some future Governor's acting in a manner that you find admirable during a State of Emergency? Then the remedy is simply to vote to allow the extension of that Emergency Declaration and move on. If there's ever a time when a Governor should be required to reach out to the Legislative Branch in a

cooperative way it is during a period of emergency so great that it warrants a specific declaration. The bill says nothing about any requirement that a Governor must make every decision only after a vote of the Legislature or that the Legislative Branch has the authority to meddle in the daily decisions of the Governor. It simply requires that the Chief Executive check in once a month to provide sufficient justification as to why the declaration should be extended.

To those who claim that the performance of the current Chief Executive somehow justifies abandoning our role or any future role of the Legislature to the Executive Branch during an emergency, I cannot help but raise a few points of objection. Just this morning, Senate Republicans held a press conference at which we pointed out that 60% of all COVID related deaths in our state occurred among nursing home residents. More than 45% of these facilities reported last week that they were understaffed and underfunded. From mid-March through April, Maine led the nation in infection rates of nursing home residents. Despite all this information, in the weeks leading up to the Chief Executive's release of both her proposals to spend \$1.13 billion in Federal Recovery Act money and an additional \$940,000 of surplus State revenue, these two proposals totally more than \$2 billion, allocated less than 1% of this huge allotment of cash to nursing homes. Had the Chief Executive sought the opinion and input of the Legislature she might have been more aware of the crisis we are experiencing in caring for our seniors and done more to prevent future infections and deaths in these facilities.

At the same time, with hundreds of businesses badly damaged or completely destroyed by the restrictions imposed upon them, a more open-minded ear to the Representatives and Senators who live among the owners and employees of these businesses might have led to less damaging, but more protective, restrictions created in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration. The requirement for Legislative approval of emergency extensions might have brought about a more collaborative and helpful spirit. When our emergency power laws were established no legislator could have foreseen the lengthy public health battle we have undertaken and in laws written by our predecessors, assuming an emergency situation to be a temporary circumstance, the people's voice was inadvertently deemed non-essential. We have a chance to correct that here. Nothing can be further from the intension of forefathers when establishing our form of government, which is entirely based on the self-evident fact that all men are created equal and, that as capable individuals, it is our right to create the laws that we then agree to live by. An emergency does not render Maine people senseless or incapable of adequate understanding and appropriate action. I would ask you, again, to vote against the pending motion and reestablish the right and the proper place of the voice of the people. Thank you.

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

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to pose a question to the Chair, but first I would just like to say that I support the notion of having this Body's voice heard in times of crisis, as in all times. So my question is: was there an opportunity for the Legislature to come into session at the beginning of this pandemic last summer?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise that this presiding officer asked the Legislature not once but twice to come into session to do our constitutional duty and not only was there not enough votes to that, some members refused to record their vote in an open and transparent way. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. In addition to those comments, with respect, I understand the Senator from Oxford and honestly very much respect her principles and her advocacy, but I need to address the issue of erasing people's voices. We had an election in November, when we were knee deep in a pandemic. We all got elected. That is the people's voice. We have a President. We have a Congress. We have a State Legislature. People got to vote in massive numbers. That's the people's voice. Okay. Every time we cast a ballot those are the people's voices. We're talking to the people all the time. The other thing, honestly, that I would like to point out to the Chamber is I understand that this connected to the nursing homes and then blaming the Governor for infections in nursing home and then blaming everybody for closed businesses. The fact is, as a member of Health and Human Services, there are several bills that we put forward that are going to increase massive funding. The Governor has provided much funding for businesses and for nursing homes. So, I don't know how that's dealing with the people's voice.

The last issue is that the bill, itself, says that the Legislature can only terminate - may terminate a specific Emergency Order of the Governor with a two-thirds vote, which I actually think is more restrictive than the current law. So, in summation, I think if you - the Ought Not to Pass report makes the most sense if you actually want to preserve the voice of the people. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim.

Senator **KEIM:** So, a couple of clarification points. The bill would allow that a Governor's Emergency Order be overruled by two-thirds vote and that currently, I don't believe, is in statute at all, and it requires a majority vote by each House to continue a State of Emergency, and when I referenced the people's voice, we are the people's voice. Yes, they elected us to be their voice but they elected us to be their voice when it comes to the laws and the dictates that they are expected to live under and what we were offered, as a communication, for our people that we represent is a comment box and I know that the people of Maine did not want me, as their representative, to be limited by my voice for them to a comment box. Thank you.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to pose a question through the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you. I'm wondering if anyone can answer: what would happen if a two-thirds vote failed to be able to bring a Body back into the Chamber during said State of Emergency?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry, has posed a question through the Chair for anyone that can answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. The motion before us is on the Ought Not to Pass report. I, personally, read the bill and the amendment and the issue of the two-thirds vote, I think, is a real one. We cannot, by statute, impose a two-thirds vote on this Body and I question whether we can even by rule. But the heart of this bill relates to the majority provision. We cannot improve the bill and fix the two-thirds issue if we adopt the Majority Ought Not to Pass report. So, I encourage you to vote down the Ought Not to Pass report so we can perfect the bill and pass it. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#200)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in the State Income Tax Deduction for Certain Public Employees Retirement System Pensions"
S.P. 463 L.D. 1413

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
COLLINGS of Portland
HANLEY of Pittston
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

Sent down for concurrence.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-147)**.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

Signed:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

House

Change of Committee

Representative:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Fair Judicial Outcomes"

H.P. 295 L.D. 411

Reports **READ**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **REJECTED** and the Bill **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

Report **READ** and **REJECTED** and the Bill **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#201)

House

Ought to Pass

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Make Minor Changes and Corrections to Statutes Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection"

H.P. 1219 L.D. 1635

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-147) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 124: Emergency Medical Services Personnel Reporting Rule, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1224 L.D. 1653

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Modify Dental Licensure Requirements To Consider Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1231 L.D. 1660

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions"

H.P. 896 L.D. 1221

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 29 L.D. 63

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-235)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-235)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-235) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency is Declared"

H.P. 955 L.D. 1299

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-252)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-252)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-252) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Corrections for Certified Batterer Intervention Programming"

H.P. 587 L.D. 782

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-281)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-281)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-281) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Length of Service Award Program"

H.P. 972 L.D. 1316

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-224)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-224)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-224) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Require Maine Postsecondary Educational Institutions To Review the Level of Student Debt and Develop Plans To Limit Student Debt

H.P. 830 L.D. 1152

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-221)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-221)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-221) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification"

H.P. 576 L.D. 771

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-220)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-220)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-220) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management Services To Reflect Inflation (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 299 L.D. 415

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-251)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-251)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-251) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Improve the Rights and Basic Protections of Persons with Acquired Brain Injuries" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 404 L.D. 559

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-271)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-271)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-271) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Ensure That Definitions in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act Comply with State and Federal Law"
H.P. 605 L.D. 837

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-270)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-270)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-270) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Dental Health Access for Maine Children and Adults with Low Incomes"
H.P. 734 L.D. 996

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-219)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-219)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-219) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Create a Health Care Ombudsman Position To Serve in Maine's County Jails
H.P. 747 L.D. 1009

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-218)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-218)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-218) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Enhance Access to Medication Management for Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 825 L.D. 1147

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-278)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-278)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-278) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct an Assessment of Human Trafficking in the State
H.P. 976 L.D. 1324

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-277)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-277)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-277) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Concerning the Dispensation of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Emergency Medical Services Providers"
H.P. 984 L.D. 1333

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-203)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-203)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-203) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1020 L.D. 1386

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-276)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-276)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-276) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Create a Stakeholder Group To Identify the Needs of Long-term Care Family Caregivers (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1208 L.D. 1624

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-250)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-250)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-250) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Address Airboat Operation in the State"
H.P. 80 L.D. 114

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-238)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-238)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-238) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond in the Town of Sweden"
H.P. 247 L.D. 349

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-234)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-234)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-234) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Preserve Deer Habitat" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 288 L.D. 404

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-254)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-254)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-254) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Apply the Civil Trespass Law to Hunting Dogs"
H.P. 575 L.D. 770

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-226)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-226)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-226) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws"
H.P. 1010 L.D. 1376

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-225)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-225)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-225) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Promote Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Maine Students"
H.P. 1089 L.D. 1474

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-222)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-222)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-222) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Explore Alternative Uses of Pulpwood and To Support the Logging and Forestry Industries" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 573 L.D. 768

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-261)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-261)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-261) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Promote Bulk Retail Purchasing"
H.P. 641 L.D. 885

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-227)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-227)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-227) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Allow Unlicensed Persons To Sell Caskets To Bury Human Remains"
H.P. 948 L.D. 1287

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-260)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-260)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-260) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws"
H.P. 184 L.D. 263

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-239)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-239)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-239) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal Public Hearings on Citizen-initiated Municipal Referenda"

H.P. 1141 L.D. 1536

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-272)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-272)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-272) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Promote Benefit Corporations"

H.P. 614 L.D. 846

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-237)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-237)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-237) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Create an Income Tax Return Checkoff for Hunger Prevention"

H.P. 774 L.D. 1046

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-253)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-253)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-253) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Sales Tax Exemption for the Purchase of Firearm Safety Devices"

H.P. 818 L.D. 1140

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-236)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-236)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-236) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the State Tax Laws" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 891 L.D. 1216

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-269)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-269)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-269) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Property Tax Exemptions for New Homeowners"

H.P. 1097 L.D. 1482

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-249)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-249)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-249) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until 4:30 in the afternoon.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 576

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.

READ and **PASSED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 577 L.D. 1733

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

On motion by Senator BREEN of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Promote Socially Responsible Investing by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System by Prohibiting Investment in the Fossil Fuel Industry or For-profit Prisons"
H.P. 223 L.D. 319

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-233)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:
SYLVESTER of Portland
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
CUDDY of Winterport
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-233)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Create a 24-hour Shelter Capital Project Funding Program"

H.P. 481 L.D. 654

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-202)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

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

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

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-202)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-202) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Amount to Which a State Employee or Teacher Retiree's Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Applied from \$20,000 to the Retiree's Actual Retirement Benefit"

H.P. 515 L.D. 703

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-200)**.

Signed:

Senator:
HICKMAN of Kennebec

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

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

Signed:

Senators:
GUERIN of Penobscot
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:
DRINKWATER of Milford
GERE of Kennebunkport
MORRIS of Turner

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-200)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-200) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Include within the Definitions of 'Public Employee' and 'Judicial Employee' Those Who Have Been Employed for Less Than 6 Months"

H.P. 580 L.D. 775

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-191)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

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

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

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-191)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#202)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-191) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Regarding the University of Maine System Hiring Practices"

H.P. 633 L.D. 865

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-279)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:
SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
PEBworth of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
GERE of Kennebunkport
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Protect Employees' Exercise of Workplace Rights" H.P. 989 L.D. 1338

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-193)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:
SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBworth of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-193)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#203)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-193) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Remove a Requirement Regarding Payment of Union Fees"

H.P. 1036 L.D. 1402

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#204)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Protect Small Employers by Prohibiting Municipalities from Adopting Ordinances Regarding Employee Work Benefits Other Than Ordinances Regarding Minimum Wage Rates" H.P. 1069 L.D. 1453

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#205)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Update the Classification of Service Employees" H.P. 1103 L.D. 1489

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-194)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

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

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

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-194)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#206)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-194) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Define Commercial and Noncommercial Purveyors of Accommodations for Short-term Rental"

H.P. 1179 L.D. 1590

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
MIRAMANT of Knox

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

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

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
GUERIN of Penobscot

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

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Bonding Authority of Counties for Capital Maintenance Projects"

H.P. 314 L.D. 434

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:
MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-190)**.

Signed:

Senator:
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority
OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL**
GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Allow Citizens To Petition
Government Agencies To Repeal or Modify Occupational
Regulations"

H.P. 603 L.D. 835

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject
reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by**
Committee Amendment "A" (H-275).

Signed:

Representatives:
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority
OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL**
GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Ensure Municipal Compliance
with Federal Immigration Laws"

H.P. 991 L.D. 1340

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject
reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by**
Committee Amendment "A" (H-273).

Signed:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until
Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER**
REPORT.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL**
GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from
Prohibiting Short-term Rentals"

H.P. 999 L.D. 1365

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Require a Majority Vote of the Legislature for Maine To Join Any Multistate Compact"
H.P. 1000 L.D. 1366

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-274)**.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would just note that through two different avenues the Legislature has quite a bit of oversight on any multi-state compacts that the state enters. Through the oversight of rule making and through the appropriations process, the Legislature already retains significant. If we were going to have the Legislature vote on every multi-state compact without differentiation from small to large then it would bog down the Legislature as well as the Executive Branch, but the Majority Ought Not to Pass report was based on the fact that there are two avenues already to oversee any kind of multi-state compacts.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#207)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Create a James Weldon Johnson Annual Observance Day and an Observance Task Force"

H.P. 1057 L.D. 1441

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-199)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Representative:

GREENWOOD of Wales

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-199)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

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

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would just note to the Chamber that James Weldon Johnson was an accomplished author, educator, lawyer, diplomat, civil rights activist, and song writer. From 1920 to 1930, he served as the Executive Secretary of the NAACP. He was a major figure in the Harlem Renaissance and he authored lyrics to Lift Every Voice and Sing, which is considered an anthem of the civil rights movement. He was also fluent in Spanish and French and served as the first African-American to be appointed a foreign ambassador to Venezuela and then Nicaragua by President Theodore Roosevelt. As Executive Secretary of the NAACP, he

organized the historic Silent March of 1917 to protest lynching and led the national anti-lynching campaigns. He went on to teach at Fisk University in Tennessee and became the first African-American professor at New York University. Unfortunately he died in the state of Maine and had connections to friends, I believe, to this state and it's a helpful reminder to all of us of the importance of both his work and the importance of the civil rights movement. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-199) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Restructure the Taxation of Adult Use Marijuana"
H.P. 598 L.D. 830

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-267)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
KRYZAK of Acton
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
HANLEY of Pittston

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-267)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-267) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Increase Funding to Qualifying Municipalities by Sharing Adult Use Marijuana Sales and Excise Tax Revenue"
H.P. 873 L.D. 1195

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-201)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:
TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor

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

Signed:

Senator:
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:
BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
KRYZAK of Acton
SACHS of Freeport

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#208)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BRENNER, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, CARNEY, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

16 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE, FAILED**.

The Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Encourage Charitable Giving"
H.P. 917 L.D. 1251

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:
TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-242)**.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
KRYZAK of Acton

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Improve Camping Opportunities in Maine by Exempting Certain Campground Rental Fees from the Sales and Use Tax"
H.P. 928 L.D. 1261

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

LIBBY of Androscoggin
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-266)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
KRYZAK of Acton

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#209)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: SANBORN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Define the Term 'Unenrolled Political Action Committee'"

H.P. 25 L.D. 59

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

HICKMAN of Kennebec

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate Maine Clean Election Act Funding for Candidates in Gubernatorial Races" H.P. 677 L.D. 921

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
FARRIN of Somerset
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-263)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Protect the Privacy of Absentee Voters"

H.P. 697 L.D. 941

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)**.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Nine members of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Agency Liquor Store Licensing"

H.P. 434 L.D. 591

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
FARRIN of Somerset
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

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

Three members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-264)**.

Signed:

Representative:

COREY of Windham

Comes from the House with Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS, READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS, ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Modify the Qualifications for Resident Dentist Licensure

S.P. 33 L.D. 25

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Make the Pilot Program Providing Mental Health Case Management Services to Veterans a Permanent Program
H.P. 505 L.D. 693
(C "A" H-154)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Support the Recovery of Maine's Distilleries by Allowing the Sale of Cocktails for On-premises Consumption
H.P. 524 L.D. 714
(C "A" H-156)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act Clarifying Patient Consent for Certain Medical Examinations
H.P. 595 L.D. 790
(C "A" H-112)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2021-22
H.P. 884 L.D. 1209
(C "A" H-168)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Repeal and Replace the Kittery Water District Charter
H.P. 1147 L.D. 1542
(C "A" H-185)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Provide Grants for Professional Development in Computer Science Instruction
S.P. 60 L.D. 127
(C "A" S-64)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Create the Frequent Users System Engagement Collaborative
H.P. 349 L.D. 475
(C "A" H-167)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Certification for Certain Mental Health Rehabilitation Technicians
H.P. 367 L.D. 504
(C "A" H-151)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Ensure That Access to Oral and Facial Ambulatory Surgical Centers in Maine Remains Viable
S.P. 232 L.D. 595
(C "A" S-91)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

Acts

An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs
S.P. 15 L.D. 8
(S "A" S-63 to C "A" S-59)

An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations by Public Employers of Teachers
H.P. 18 L.D. 52
(C "A" H-103)

An Act To Protect Children from Extreme Poverty by Preserving Children's Access to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Benefits
H.P. 44 L.D. 78
(C "A" H-166)

An Act To Ensure the Safety of Children Experiencing Homelessness by Extending Shelter Placement Periods and Amending Licensing Requirements for Emergency Shelters
H.P. 47 L.D. 81
(C "A" H-162)

An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Rule-making Authority To Establish a Bear Season Framework and Bag Limits
H.P. 98 L.D. 142
(C "A" H-148)

An Act Regarding the Arrearage Management Program
H.P. 99 L.D. 143
(C "A" H-128)

An Act To Permit All Public Employers To Implement Payroll Deductions for Disability and Life Insurance Policies
S.P. 77 L.D. 189

An Act Regarding the Board of Occupational Safety and Health
S.P. 110 L.D. 248

An Act To Increase Funding for Snowmobile Trails and Capital Equipment Grants
H.P. 196 L.D. 280
(C "A" H-188)

An Act To Prohibit the Use of Chlorpyrifos
H.P. 220 L.D. 316

An Act To Reevaluate the Frenchboro Area Dragging Exclusion Zone
H.P. 236 L.D. 332
(C "A" H-146)

An Act Updating Certain Probate Filing and Certification Fees To Reflect Current Costs

H.P. 243 L.D. 345

An Act To Allow Veterans, Active Duty Service Members and Their Spouses To Apply for Temporary Occupational Licenses

S.P. 160 L.D. 374
(C "A" S-82)

An Act To Improve Consumer Protections for Community Solar Projects

H.P. 370 L.D. 507
(C "A" H-189)

An Act Regarding the Child Protection System

H.P. 442 L.D. 606
(C "A" H-164)

An Act To Prohibit Shelf-stable Products from Being Sold as Cider

S.P. 244 L.D. 630
(C "A" S-90)

An Act Relating to Hunting with a Noise Suppression Device

S.P. 249 L.D. 635
(C "A" S-83)

An Act To Allow the Use of an Additional Light on the Roof of Vehicles of Active Members of a Municipal or Volunteer Fire Department

H.P. 489 L.D. 662
(C "A" H-126)

An Act To Increase the Lobbyist Registration Fee

H.P. 497 L.D. 670
(C "A" H-155)

An Act To Permit Naloxone Possession, Prescription, Administration and Distribution in Public and Private Schools

H.P. 577 L.D. 772
(C "A" H-138)

An Act Regarding Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites

H.P. 585 L.D. 780
(C "A" H-153)

An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Emissions Control System Tampering

H.P. 640 L.D. 872
(C "A" H-131)

An Act To Allow Municipalities To Set Below-market Interest Rates for Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Programs

H.P. 653 L.D. 897
(C "A" H-136)

An Act To Improve Turkey Tagging

H.P. 699 L.D. 943
(C "A" H-147)

An Act To Address the Long-term Impact of Economic Abuse by a Spouse

H.P. 703 L.D. 947

An Act To Ease Business Expansion by Increasing the Number and Applicability of Permit Exemptions under the Site Location of Development Laws

S.P. 323 L.D. 1028
(C "A" S-89)

An Act To Create an Administrative Review Process for Hunting Violations

H.P. 766 L.D. 1031
(C "A" H-129)

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

S.P. 337 L.D. 1069
(C "A" S-77)

An Act To Increase the Time for Which a Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Is Valid

S.P. 365 L.D. 1104

An Act To Encourage the Renovation of Available Housing Stock

H.P. 810 L.D. 1132
(C "A" H-152)

An Act To Amend the Service Contracts Act To Include the Replacement of Motor Vehicle Keys and Key Fobs and Damage to a Motor Vehicle That Results in Lease-end or Other Charges for Excessive Wear and Use

H.P. 819 L.D. 1141
(C "A" H-150)

An Act To Allow Commercial Lobster License Holders To Possess a Marine Harvesting Demonstration License

H.P. 860 L.D. 1182
(C "A" H-125)

An Act To Extend Electronic Proof of Registration to All-terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Watercraft

H.P. 910 L.D. 1244

An Act To Eliminate Limits on the Number of Taste-testing Events for Beer, Wine and Spirits

H.P. 932 L.D. 1272

An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure and the Filing of Statements of Sources of Income

H.P. 1011 L.D. 1377
(C "A" H-157)

An Act To Amend the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program

H.P. 1137 L.D. 1533

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

An Act To Fund Capital Improvements to Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions To Bolster Maine's Future Workforce

H.P. 100 L.D. 144
(C "A" H-139)

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

An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds

H.P. 171 L.D. 250
(C "A" H-163)

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

An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care

S.P. 114 L.D. 265
(C "A" S-86)

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

An Act To Create a Regional Grant Program To Help Rural Businesses Find Qualified Staff

S.P. 200 L.D. 492
(C "A" S-74)

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

An Act To Exempt MaineCare Appendix C Private Nonmedical Institutions from the Service Provider Tax

S.P. 212 L.D. 527
(C "A" S-93)

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

An Act To Improve Health Care Data Analysis

H.P. 386 L.D. 541
(C "A" H-187)

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

An Act To Require MaineCare Coverage for Ostomy Equipment

H.P. 433 L.D. 590
(C "A" H-110)

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

An Act To Establish the Maine Community College System Pell Grant Match Program

H.P. 566 L.D. 761
(C "A" H-182)

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

An Act To Authorize the Maine Emergency Management Agency To Requisition Food Supplies for Emergency Use or Special Duty Assignments

H.P. 569 L.D. 764
(C "A" H-109)

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

An Act To Expand Maine's School-based Health Centers

H.P. 725 L.D. 979
(C "A" H-130)

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

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
(C "A" S-78)

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

An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Civilian Employees Who Work for the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab and Computer Crimes Unit

S.P. 362 L.D. 1101
(C "A" S-85)

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

Resolves

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Report on Child Abuse Prevention Efforts To Implement the Family First Prevention Services Act
H.P. 360 L.D. 497
(C "A" H-165)

Resolve, To Convene a Working Group To Develop Plans To Protect Maine's Agricultural Lands When Siting Solar Arrays
S.P. 206 L.D. 820

Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study the Impact of Policies Regarding Agriculture, Access to Land, Access to Grants and Access to Financing on African American and Indigenous Farmers in the State

H.P. 638 L.D. 870
(C "A" H-141)

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Jointly Develop Recommendations Regarding Carbon Storage Programs and Policies

H.P. 693 L.D. 937
(C "A" H-161)

Resolve, To Facilitate the Inclusion of Crisis Response Services in Emergency Services Offered through the E-9-1-1 System
H.P. 962 L.D. 1306
(C "A" H-186)

Resolve, Regarding Authority of Municipalities To Regulate Timber Harvesting

S.P. 457 L.D. 1407
(C "A" S-99)

Resolve, To Dedicate a Portion of Route 6 from Lee to Springfield in Honor of Sgt. Blair Emery

H.P. 1041 L.D. 1425

Resolve, Authorizing the State To Convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the State's Interest in a Certain Parcel of Land in the Town of Meddybemps

S.P. 502 L.D. 1560

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

Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Prohibit the Use of Certain Neonicotinoids for Outdoor Residential Use

H.P. 111 L.D. 155
(C "B" H-67)

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence. (Roll Call Ordered)

Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program

S.P. 164 L.D. 376
(C "A" S-76)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates

H.P. 427 L.D. 584
(C "A" H-99)

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Extend the Maine Bicentennial Commission and the Use of Maine Bicentennial Registration Plates through 2021

S.P. 138 L.D. 312
(C "A" S-28)

Tabled - April 28, 2021 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, March 30, 2021, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-28).**)

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until the Call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.