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**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 31, 2022

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem Scott W. Cyrway of Kennebec County.

Prayer by Reverend Mark Tanner of Skowhegan Federated Church.

REVEREND TANNER: I want to ask if we could just have a moment of silence for the people over in Ukraine. Let's just take a moment.

Gracious God, we gather here in this place, at this time, to thank You for the work that is done here, the community that is gathered here within these walls. I ask Your blessing today on the men and women who are here, who are taking time to serve, to listen, to vote. I ask, too, that You be with us as we think about folks outside these walls, think about the people in Ukraine and what they're going through at this moment. Give us time, too, to think about people here in this state, what's taking place in their lives at this moment. We thank You for all who are gathered. This can be a time of grace, a time of fellowship, a time of hope as things transpire, as people walk out through the doors of this building this morning. I ask Your guidance, Your blessing. I ask Your joy but I also ask for peace. We ask all of this in Your most precious name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Ned Claxton of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm here to present a few, let's see, one, two, three, four sentiments today to my high school, Leavitt Area High School. All of us know that one of the great things about serving as a State Senator is when you get to welcome the schools from your communities and the young adults that come here to see what we do and how this works, and it's one of the greatest honors, at least that I feel that I get to do as a Senator. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is so nice to finally have our student athletes be able to join us

here at the State House and be recognized for their great success and it's great to be able to see all of your smiling facing over there because I know too many of them. It's just so nice. With the exception of one, the sentiments I have today have already been passed by the Legislature. I submitted them quite some time ago, when we didn't know when we would be back at the State House. I'm so proud of these students who have weathered the last couple of years having to attend class over a computer screen, at times going for weeks and weeks without really seeing friends and teachers, and some family members for that matter. Let me assure you, you were all on our minds, looking forward to this day when you can all be back at school and carry on with your day to day activities and classes, athletic clubs, and graduation. I'd like to recognize Logan Ouellette, who's not here today, he's down in sunny Florida enjoying himself, who's runner up for the Class B Cross Country State Championship. Jade Haylock, would you please stand Jade. Jade, who won the Girls Class B State Golf Championship this year at Leavitt Area High School, and her father, who always beats me every time we play golf together, and Jade probably would too. Jade, congratulations on being the State of Maine Class B Golf Champion. Johnny Schomaker, the young man in the wheelchair there, who won the wheelchair division of the State Cross Country Championship. Johnny has been an inspiration to me for the last few years now that I've got to know Johnny since he started running track, when he first called me and said 'Could you come watch me.' Johnny, it's been such a pleasure over the last four years to watch you and the young man that you have become. It's a great pleasure. Last but not least, the Leavitt Area High School Field Hockey Team who also won the Class B State Championship. Congratulations girls, you did a great job. I thank you for coming here today and I know it's not easy with coordinating transportation but it has been so much appreciated that you could come here and join me and my colleagues today in the Maine State Senate. Thank you all for being here.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber student athletes from Leavitt Area High School of the town of Turner. They are the guests today of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake, and would the guests please wave and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Maranacook Community High School Girls Soccer Team, of Readfield, which won the Class C State Championship, the first state championship of the program. Members of the team include Ella Delisle, Grace Dwyer, Anna Erb, Emily Harper, Mimi Knight, Shelby Rourke, Ella Trefethen, Ella Schmidt, Winter Webb, Lily Caban, Kayleigh Kubicki, Alissa Michaud, Elia Morgan, Lilly Corrigan, Sophia Tweedie, Addie Watson, Alexis Michaud, Charlotte Chandler, Mia Chicoine, Jaidyn Deah, Natalie Mohlar, Isabel Chamberlain, Anna Clausen, Emerson Davis, Devyn Eliassen, Xanthe Sawlvich, Hope Webb, Molly Woodford and Maya Montegna; and coaches Travis Magnusson, Karen Magnusson and Rob Mohlar. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 889

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, NEWMAN of Belgrade, WARREN of Hallowell.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: 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 proud of the team, the Maranacook girls soccer team won the 2021 Class C State Championship. Welcome to the Senate, to the State House. This was their first State Championship in the 40 year history of the program. The team went 16-1-1 and outscored their opponents 89-8 during the season. During the playoffs, the team did not give up a single goal. After wins against Spruce Mountain and Old Orchard, they defeated Traip 1-0 in the Southern Maine Championship and Bucksport 5-0 in the State Final. During the season, the team dominated opponents with their extraordinary skills and athletic abilities, but what stood out just as much was their unique culture and their chemistry as a team. They demonstrated enthusiasm, a genuine love for each other, and their outstanding program. We've already heard their names. We thank their coaches for leading them to this victory. As the good Senator from Androscoggin said, it's always a pleasure for us to welcome members of our high school community to the State House. I'm not competitive at all but I love that this is the second time already this session that I stand on the floor of the Senate and congratulate a State Championship team of Senate District 14. So, please join me in giving great applause and congratulations to the Maranacook girls soccer team. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the balcony the Maranacook Community High School girls soccer team from the Maranacook area. You know I actually did DARE in Maranacook. They are the guests today of the Senator from the County of Kennebec, Senator Hickman, and also the

Senator from Franklin, Senator Black, and would the guests please wave and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 1216

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

March 30, 2022

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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Stacey D. Neumann, Esq. of Scarborough, for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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	Hickman, C. of Kennebec, Farrin, B. of Somerset, Miramant, D. of Knox
	Representatives	5	Kinney, M. of Knox, McCreight, J. of Harpswell, Rielly, M. of Westbrook, Supica, L. of Bangor, Wood, B. of Portland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Rep. Caiazzo, C. of Scarborough, Rep. Corey, P. of Windham, Rep. Dolloff, J. of Milton Township, Rep. Harrington, M. of Sanford

Eight 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 Stacey D. Neumann, Esq. of Scarborough, for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Chris Caiazza
House Chair

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.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following:
"Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

The Following Communication: S.C. 1217

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

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

March 31, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, please be advised that I appoint the Senator from Kennebec County, Senator Scott Cyrway, to serve as President Pro Tem to convene the Senate on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 744

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

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.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#657)

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 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 **Stacey D. Neumann**, Esq. of Scarborough, for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Stacey Neumann, with her family: Noah Perlut, Rosa, Nico, Enzo, and baby Coco from the town of Scarborough. They are the guests today of the Senate. Could they please stand and be recognized.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

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

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

In Senate, March 22, 2022, on motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-782)**, in concurrence.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-782) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-872)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Strengthen the Governance of the University of Maine System (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1353 L.D. 1820
(H "A" H-821 to C "A" H-811)

In Senate, March 24, 2022, on motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, 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-811) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-821)** thereto, in concurrence.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-811) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-821)** thereto, **AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-833)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**.

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 PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Woodsome.

Senator **WOODSOME:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. This bill, L.D. 1820, will expand the University of Maine Board of Trustees by three members, all of whom would be University employees that the Governor would have to pick from a union-provided list. For nearly 50 years state law has guarded against trustees of any state office or public institution from having real or perceived conflicts of interest. For example, employees of the Maine K-12 districts, and even their spouses, cannot serve on the school board. L.D. 1820 would undo that important Maine tradition, undermining the trust and confidence the public should be able to have in their board of trustees for our state's largest public education system, the University of Maine, by requiring a board of trustees be expanded to include three seats from three current employees essentially hand-picked by the unions. Last year, Governor Mills did the right thing and vetoed a similar bill. L.D. 1820 attempts to sidestep the concerns about conflict of interest that the Governor raised in her veto message by making

employees trustees and non-voting members. But the conflict and the perception of conflict remains. Current University policy states that trustees cannot participate in discussion about agenda items which may benefit them or their family more than the average Mainer. Employee compensation makes up more than two-thirds of the University's budget and budgetary matters are at the heart of nearly all of the board's meetings meaning employee trustees would need to constantly recuse themselves. There are already faculty from each university, selected by their duly elected faculty senates, who serve as representatives to the board and are regularly invited for input to inform the trustees of important work. Having employees on the University board is a slippery slope and it's unnecessary which is why Trish Riley from the University board and the Honorable Joyce Maker from the Community College board, both appointees of the Governor, testified before the committee on behalf of their respective boards against this bill. I'll close with the words of the Governor in her veto message, 'It is bad policy, bad public policy, to require active employees to serve on a board that makes decisions that sets their salaries and otherwise directly impacts them.' I urge you to vote no on L.D. 1820. Thank you.

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

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President and thank you, Senator Woodsome. We both serve in the same committee but we come at this from opposite views. I view this as a great opportunity for the Board of Trustees to gain significant insight from non-voting members - of these added non-voting members to the board. They would represent faculty, non-faculty, and adjunct faculty and I think that they, again, offer tremendous insight as they are stakeholders in the University and over the terms of years, if you look closely at a lot of these boards, board members come and go but it seems pretty consistent that faculty members remain, most for 35, 40 years and above. So, I think they offer a great opportunity for the board and, again, keep in mind they are non-voting members. They can offer views and they also are not allowed, or will not be allowed, to vote on anything that might directly impact their particular job and they are not in executive sessions of the board. Currently, if a person, a teacher or faculty members, non-faculty member, wanted to address the board they could sign up in advance to speak at their meetings but they had very limited time and their comments are not recorded in the minutes. Again, I think this is great opportunity for stakeholders on both sides to benefit greatly from the knowledge and experiences of these three members. Thank you.

The Senator from Penobscot, Senator **DILL**, and the Senator from Waldo, Senator **CURRY**, requested and received leave of the Senate to be excused from voting pursuant to Senate Rule 401.3.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#658)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, DAUGHTRY, HICKMAN, JACKSON, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CLAXTON, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, FARRIN, GUERIN, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT PRO TEM CYRWAY

EXCUSED: Senators: CURRY, DILL, KEIM

16 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR PREVAILED**.

JOINT ORDER

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1515

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, including in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service and culture; and

WHEREAS, people of Arab ethnicity and culture who have immigrated to America have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples as model citizens and public servants; and

WHEREAS, these immigrants brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education and diversity in faith and creed, which have added strength to our great democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the United States continues to be characterized by misconceptions, bigotry and anti-Arab hate expressed by crimes and hate speech; and

WHEREAS, the civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping and bullying suffered by Arab Americans must be combated with education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

WHEREAS, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this

opportunity to designate April 2022 as Arab American Heritage Month.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 1214

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 29, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1215

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

March 28, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 284 Resolve, To Study Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny Martin
House Chair

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 743

Ordered, the House concurring, that the procedures outlined in S.P. 620 that allow but do not require the conduct of legislative meetings via electronic means are in effect until the convening of the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

READ and **PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1438 L.D. 1930

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.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits"

H.P. 1062 L.D. 1446

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-866).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-866).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-866) **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 Require Civil Rights Officers at Law Enforcement Agencies"

H.P. 1486 L.D. 1999

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-859).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-859).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-859) **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 Allow County and Regional Communications Centers To Request Polygraph Examinations for Employees and Applicants for Employment" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1504 L.D. 2024

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-843)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-843)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-843) **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 Bill "An Act To Improve Maritime Education in Maine"

H.P. 1023 L.D. 1389

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-857)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-857)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-857) **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 Bill "An Act To Amend the Education Statutes"

H.P. 1366 L.D. 1845

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-852)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-852)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-852) **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, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1442 L.D. 1933

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-858)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-858)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-858) **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 Implement Recommendations Regarding the Regulation of Firefighting or Fire-suppressing Foams to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Intentionally Added"

H.P. 1502 L.D. 2020

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-856)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-856)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-856) **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 Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities"

H.P. 241 L.D. 343

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-874)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-874)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-874) **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 Maine Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing Additional Resources" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1357 L.D. 1824

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-875)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-875)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-875) **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 Establish the Progressive Treatment Program Fund"

H.P. 1480 L.D. 1994

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-834)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-834)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-834) **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 COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Promote Better Dental Care for Cancer Survivors"

H.P. 492 L.D. 665

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-864)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-864)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-864) **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 COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Outcomes for Persons with Limb Loss"

H.P. 741 L.D. 1003

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-863)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-863)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-863) **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 COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense an Emergency Supply of Chronic Maintenance Drugs" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1327 L.D. 1776

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-842)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-842)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-842) **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 Build a Child Care System by Recruiting and Retaining Maine's Early Childhood Educators Workforce"

H.P. 1223 L.D. 1652

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-855)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-855)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-855) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Affecting Sex Offenders and Petitions for Child Custody"

H.P. 1398 L.D. 1888

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-851)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-851)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-851) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Juvenile Code"

H.P. 1411 L.D. 1904

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-850)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-850)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-850) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Treatment of Vacation Time upon the Cessation of Employment"

H.P. 160 L.D. 225

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-871)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-871)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-871) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Restore Overtime Protections for Maine Workers"

H.P. 443 L.D. 607

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-870)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-870)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-870) **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 To Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature"

H.P. 292 L.D. 408

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-835)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-835)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-835) **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 a Rental Fleet Registration Program and Equalize the Tax Rate Imposed on Rental Vehicles"

H.P. 1400 L.D. 1890

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-841)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-841)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-841) **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 **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Make Interfering with an Election Official a Class C Crime"

H.P. 1354 L.D. 1821

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-840)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-840)**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, 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 (#659)

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

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-840) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The President Pro Tem requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **JACKSON**, to the rostrum where he resumed his duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **CYRWAY**, to his seat on the Floor.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Solitary Confinement in Maine's Corrections System"

H.P. 508 L.D. 696

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-846).**

Signed:

Senator:
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:
WARREN of Hallowell
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
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 Not To Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:
DESCHAMBAULT of York
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:
COSTAIN of Plymouth
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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-846).**

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Create the General Purpose Aid Stabilization Fund"

H.P. 1460 L.D. 1963

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-860).**

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-860).**

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-860) **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 **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Public Utility from Terminating or Disconnecting Service to a Public Safety Facility without Advance Notice and Approval"
H.P. 1368 L.D. 1847

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-861)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CUDDY of Winterport
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
SACHS of Freeport
ZEIGLER of Montville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-862)**.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

CARLOW of Buxton
FOSTER of Dexter
GRIGNON of Athens
WADSWORTH of Hiram

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-861)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-861)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-861)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-861) **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-861)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked by and Workloads of Child Protective Services Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services"
H.P. 1358 L.D. 1825

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-847)**.

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-847)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Prior Authorization Requirements and Step Therapy Protocols for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness for MaineCare Recipients" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1387 L.D. 1877

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-848)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot
MOORE of Washington

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:

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-848) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-868)** thereto.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-848) **READ**.

House Amendment "A" (H-868) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-848) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-848) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-868) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-848) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-868)** thereto, in concurrence.

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services"
H.P. 1421 L.D. 1915

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-849)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
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:

GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
PERRY of Calais

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-849)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin 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 Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just stand up just for a brief moment. I want to point out again that this is another one of those bills that we are trying to put salaries or compensation into statute. This particular one is that. I applaud the work that our intensive case managers do and I know it's very stressful and I know they do really good work. However, this bill is trying to give them a \$5 per wage hour stipend and an additional \$1 per wage hour stipend for employees holding or obtaining a relevant Master's degree. Again, they are union.

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They have union negotiations that are always going on. I really feel that we, as Legislators, should not be directing the Department on salaries. That should be done at the negotiating table. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **CLAXTON:** Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in support of this bill. I share the good Senator Moore's frustration with having to deal with these bills in committee but I also understand that sometimes the negotiation process doesn't work the way it's supposed to, has broken down, and that people, for a very long time, have the option to come to the Legislature to seek redress of their concerns and to try and get adequate compensation. So, while I agree with many aspects of what Senator Moore has offered, I think in this instance there's been documented evidence of the difficult circumstances under which these intensive case people who work at Dorothea Dix and Riverview function and, for that reason, I will be supporting this bill. 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 Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BRENNER**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **SANBORN**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#660)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BRENNER, KEIM, SANBORN

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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-849) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Related to the Electronic Registration and Tagging of Turkey"

H.P. 1478 L.D. 1992

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-878)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin
CURRY of Waldo

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 Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

LYFORD of Eddington

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-878)**.

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-878) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Prevent Power Line Electrocutations"

H.P. 608 L.D. 840

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-839)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

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
THORNE of Carmel

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

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-839)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-839) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Regarding Domestic Partners"

H.P. 1346 L.D. 1804

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-838)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

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

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

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-838)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-838) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

ROLL CALL (#661)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Support Child Care Providers and School Readiness through Tax Credits"

H.P. 1249 L.D. 1678

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-854)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
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
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
STETKIS of Canaan

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-854)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland 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.

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BRENNER, KEIM, SANBORN

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-854) **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 Change the Exclusion Amount under the Estate Tax and Provide Additional Funding for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund"
H.P. 1267 L.D. 1704

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-853)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
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
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
STETKIS of Canaan

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-853)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland 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:** Thank you, Mr. President. This bill would take funds from the Estate Tax and put them into the Home Fund, which is a good program but really doesn't have a tremendous amount of assurance to it that would actually create affordable housing and so one of the discussions was, you know, we need to put as much money into this and try to create more housing. Obviously, I think most of the Legislature's on board with that but the problem is that it ties it to the Estate Tax. Now the sponsor of the bill did make an amendment to her bill, which we're voting on, to remove the change in the Estate Tax level, which I thought was good but I'm loath to tie anything to the Estate Tax because I don't think we should have it at all. So, you know, my opposition to this bill has nothing to do, again, it's not about supporting housing but because it's tied to the Estate Tax and, you know, I think we ought not have one at all. So, that's the reason why I'll be casting a vote in opposition to this bill and also we have another bill that pretty much is going to be putting about \$27 million into the Home Fund. So, I think that's a good start for this year with Senator Chipman's bill that we'll be voting on in the future. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to rise in support of this motion and also clarify that we have a whole slew of bills, a whole package of items, that will be going towards making sure the Home Fund would continue to do great work for affordable housing and I want to be clear that this is not raising the Estate Tax. It is simply saying that the proceeds from this, depending on certain mechanisms in the bill, should be going to make sure that all Mainers have access to quality and affordable housing. I urge you to support the motion.

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

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just to concur and clarify for everybody, there's no increase in the Estate Tax in this amended version of the bill. It simply says half the amount of money coming in from the Estate Tax would go to the Home Fund as opposed to all of it going to the General Fund as it currently does. It's about \$12.5 million a year that would go into the Home Fund. 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 (#662)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 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 concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-853) **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 Amend the Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Housing Development Organizations" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1283 L.D. 1732

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-844)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
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 "B" (H-845)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
STETKIS of Canaan

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-844)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-844) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-873)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-844)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-844) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

House Amendment "A" (H-873) **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-844) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-873)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Eight members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information" H.P. 163 L.D. 233

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-836)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

Four members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

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

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 "B" (H-837)**.

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Report "A", **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-836)**.)

Comes from the House with Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-836)**, **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-836)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED, ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-836) **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-836)**, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Require Private Insurance Coverage for Postpartum Care" S.P. 443 L.D. 1357

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-470)**.

Report **READ**

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

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, Senate President. I rise to speak in favor of the pending motion. L.D. 1357, An Act to Require Private Insurance Coverage for Postpartum Care, would provide urgently needed health insurance coverage to align insurance policies issued in Maine with current medical recommendations related to postpartum care. Complications following childbirth include pain and bleeding, high blood pressure, lactation difficulties, and pelvic floor dysfunction. For example, more than one-quarter of U.S. women have pelvic floor disorder with symptoms such as long-term urinary incontinence. Treatment, like physical therapy, can strengthen pelvic floor muscles and improve quality of life. Private insurance coverage for postpartum care though is very limited and doesn't cover this and other necessary medical care. In fact, most insurance policies provide coverage based on an out dated and insufficient framework for postpartum care involving just one visit at six weeks postpartum. The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists has adopted a new framework for postpartum care as an ongoing process rather than a single encounter, with services and support tailored to the patient's individual needs, including an assessment within the first three weeks postpartum to address acute needs and following up with ongoing care as needed, concluding with a comprehensive well-woman visit no later than twelve weeks after birth. Unfortunately, many health insurance and reimbursement models conflict with this new framework for postpartum care and drive healthcare providers and patients to that single office visit at six weeks. This is simply not adequate to treat things like pelvic floor disorder that require ongoing physical therapy and the many other medical issues, like postpartum depression, high blood pressure, lactation difficulties, and sometimes serious cardiac issues, that can arise. L.D. 1357 would require private insurers to shift from coverage based on that single six week visit to coverage that aligns with the recommendations of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists. This shift will improve maternal health outcomes without significant premium increases. The three months following the birth of a child are wonderful and challenging. New moms are recovering from childbirth, caring for an infant, sometimes navigating other health conditions, and simultaneously preparing to return to work at the end of twelve weeks of family medical leave. Insurance coverage that allows women to get the postpartum care they need will allow Maine women to successfully transition to parenthood, stable health condition, and return to work. I thank my colleagues for supporting the Ought to Pass report.

Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-470) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers To Appropriately Account for Cost-sharing Amounts Paid on Behalf of Insureds"

S.P. 621 L.D. 1783

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-479)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-479) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel in Health Care Facilities" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 633 L.D. 1858

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-478)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-478) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DAUGHTRY for the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Facilitate Access to Heating Assistance"

S.P. 702 L.D. 1966

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-475)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-475) **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 **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds"

S.P. 146 L.D. 339

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

Signed:

Senators:

- BREEN of Cumberland
- BAILEY of York
- DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-481)**.

Signed:

Representative:

- COREY of Windham

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUCHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health Care"

S.P. 158 L.D. 372

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (S-476)**.

Signed:

Senators:

- CLAXTON of Androscoggin
- BALDACCI of Penobscot
- MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

- MEYER of Eliot
- CONNOR of Lewiston
- CRAVEN of Lewiston
- GRIFFIN of Levant
- JAVNER of Chester
- MADIGAN of Waterville
- 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 "D" (S-477)**.

Signed:

Representative:

- LEMELIN of Chelsea

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUCHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" (S-476)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "C" (S-476) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" (S-476)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Related to Sunday Hunting"
S.P. 730 L.D. 2014

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

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-480)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

MARTIN of Eagle Lake
MASON of Lisbon
ORDWAY of Standish

Reports **READ**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Employment and School Based on Hair Texture or Hairstyle"

S.P. 237 L.D. 598

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

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
POIRIER of Skowhegan
THORNE of Carmel

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass** Report.)

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, 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 (#663)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

21 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**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Codify the Senate and House Legislative Districts, the Congressional Districts and the County Commissioner Districts as Enacted by the Legislature

H.P. 1448 L.D. 1936
(C "A" H-820)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 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 Concerning Winter Maintenance on Private Roads in the Town of Windham

H.P. 1468 L.D. 1975
(C "A" H-814)

Off Record Remarks

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 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.

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, to the rostrum where she assumed the duties as President Pro Tem.

The President took a seat on the Floor.

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tem **ELOISE A. VITELLI** of Sagadahoc County.

Off Record Remarks

Emergency Measure

An Act To Clarify State Policy and Legislative Intent Regarding the Maine Veterans' Homes, To Require Notification of Closure of the Maine Veterans' Homes to the Legislature and To Fund Public Homes in Caribou and Machias in Order To Keep Them Open

S.P. 719 L.D. 2001
(S "A" S-473 to C "A" S-468)

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

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Madame President. I rise in support of the pending Enactment of L.D. 2001. Throughout the committee hearing, nearly five hours, we heard from many Mainers of the state who were outraged and heartbroken over the impending closure of the Maine Veterans' Homes in Caribou and Machias. However, it quickly became clear that the care provided to the residents of the Maine Veterans' Homes represents the gold standard for long-term care all across the state. I couldn't for the life of me, listening to these stories, understand why we would kick veterans and their families out of their homes when they needed us the most. After the hearing, the committee continued to receive piles of written testimony. One of them struck me and I'd like to share it with you here today. 'My name is Gerry Greenwell from Bethel and I'm the widow of a retired veteran. I write for you to accept my statement in strong support for L.D. 2001. I wish to reiterate sentiments previously expressed by the American Legion and other veteran service organizations regarding the closure of the Maine Veterans' Homes in Caribou and Machias. They, among many others, have appealed to the Board of Trustees to reconsider this repugnant decision and deter the negative repercussions this will have, particularly on our elderly and disabled veteran populations and their families. These concerns appear to have fallen on deaf ears. I fully support L.D. 2001 and respectfully ask for yours. As you deliberate, I ask that you use compassion and basic common sense and, as is contained in the verbiage of the bill, fund and support these veterans' homes, thereby reversing a decision that no entity should ever have been empowered to make without Legislative approval. Passage of this bill requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to allocate emergency payments to these facilities is critical. It is my opinion that every effort should be sought in addressing continued funding and adequate staffing options before any action for closure be entertained. These facilities continue to provide services that are vital to our veterans and their quality of care is second to none. My strong apprehensions of this action range from the effect it will have on our most vulnerable veteran population and their families, to the potential domino effect this action could play in the

future of any remaining veterans' homes located throughout the state of Maine. Although I do not reside in the areas of the proposed closures, I speak directly to the need for these facilities to remain open. My parents served proudly in the Marine Corp during WWII. Several years ago, my brother and I, following our father's surgery and the necessity for further rehabilitation, faced the difficult decision to locate a facility that we felt would best address his emotional, as well as physical, needs. Sadly, there were no beds available at the MVH at that time. The alternative was a nursing home that was not only a great distance from home but one that turned into a less than satisfactory situation and subsequent closure, resulting in our being forced to remove Dad and resume care ourselves. Years later, we faced another agonizing decision to seek a skilled nursing home with provision for long-term care for our mother. Fortunately, she was admitted into the Western Maine Veterans' Home where she was treated with the utmost respect, remained happy and content, and received the highest level of care until her death three years later. I share these stories as an example of the importance, not only to the dignity of veterans in allowing them the opportunity to connect with those who they can relate and familiar surroundings but also in helping to lessen stressors like that of being relocated and often distanced from their families. When the Veterans' Homes were first established in 1977, the people of Maine made a commitment to our veterans. I ask that you remember that our most important mission and promise to our veterans should remain in providing quality care options when and where they need it. It is my hope that you will explore all available options on this important issue and help in developing a long-term plan to keep these facilities operating effectively and efficiently. Our veterans and their families deserve no less.' I agree with Gerry Brooks Greenwell of Bethel, Maine.

The committee listened to her and others and we drafted a committee amendment that would strike and replace the implement in statute to clarify the policy and intention of the State and the Legislature as follows: it is the policy of the State to ensure the provision of long-term care, support, and services to eligible veterans and their family members in every region of the state and it is the intent of the Legislature that the Maine Veterans' Homes implement this policy by providing long-term care, support, and related services to fulfil the State's moral obligation to promote the wellbeing and dignity of the veterans who have served their nation, often in times of war and at great cost. The primary purpose of the Maine Veterans' Homes is to provide support and care for honorably discharged veterans who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces or who served in the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces on active duty for other than training purposes and for any other class of veterans who meet applicable State and Federal requirements to receive services provided by the Maine Veterans' Homes. To carry out the duty of providing long-term care, support, and related services to eligible veterans and family members of veterans, the Maine Veterans' Homes must be located in Augusta, Bangor, Caribou, Machias, Scarborough, and South Paris. The Homes located in the municipalities listed in this subsection must remain in continuous operation and no location may discontinue services until the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes follows the process established in Section 612. Among other things, Section 612 reads as follows: if the board authorizes the discontinuation of services at or the closure of a public home for veterans the board shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and

the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans' affairs within three days of the authorization and no less than 45 days before submitting a plan for the discontinuation of services or closure of the home to the Department of Health and Human Services if required by law. Within ten days of receiving notice under this section, the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans' affairs, with as much public notice as possible, shall hold a public hearing at which board members shall present the reasons for the discontinuation of services or the closure and the committee shall accept public comments on the discontinuation of services or the closure. At that public meeting, the board shall present financial and demographic data, the board's plan for care of veterans receiving care at the home, and the family members of those veterans, and the board's plan for the use or disposition of facilities after the home is closed. The Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans' affairs may report out legislation to any regular or special session of the Legislature based on the information received at the meeting.

In essence, Madame President, women and men of the Senate, the Legislature, when we pass this bill, will be expressing our necessary oversight. The Attorney General, Aaron Frye, of the State of Maine wrote to our committee and said, clearly, 'The Legislature may exercise oversight over the operations of the MVH, including imposing constraints on its closure of facilities since the Veterans' Homes and the MVH Board are governmental entities created by the Legislature.' The most important part of the bill, Madame President, we know money cannot solve the problem alone, there is a stakeholder group that will be convened to come up with a permanent plan to make sure that we commit and keep committing to our moral obligation to serve our veterans when they need us the most. I will close briefly simply by saying that when we lead from the front and to the wind and to the tide or through the fire, we can achieve great things. With our votes today, by enacting this important piece of emergency legislation, we will achieve a great thing. We will keep veterans in their homes. It's something that we must do. I thank President Jackson for bringing this bill forward. I thank the Governor and her staff are helping the committee work out this language that will strengthen the public/private partnership between the Maine Veterans' Homes and the State of Maine and I look forward to green lights on the board shortly. Thank you, Madame President.

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

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Jackson.

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you, Madame President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, February 16th was the day that I was notified by a person in Caribou that the Homes in Caribou and Machias were scheduled to be closed. It was the first time that I had been made aware of this closure that had been voted on in October. Now it's no secret that we have tried to play catchup with nursing homes for a long time and so I was not as shocked that this nursing home, or these nursing homes, would be in trouble but certainly to be voted on some four or five months earlier for closure and not have been made aware of that was a surprise, was a shock. February 16th. Today is March 30 or 31.

Six weeks and here we are, today, and what I hope is going to be unanimous roll call to do what we can to keep these facilities open, to buy us time to make sure that we can do more for the future of all of them. It's not my intent to come down here and speak about it for my own personal benefit but those six weeks since I've been made aware of have seen like six months or more for the amount of people that have reached out to me and asked me to do whatever I could and ask others in this Chamber to do whatever they could and we're talking about people that live in these facilities. People that it's their home. To have them be told that they're going to lose their home and, on top of that, people that work there and work there, you know, tirelessly through this pandemic and have wanted to stay. I mean, we don't often have testimony where employees are talking against their employers in a public setting like this, but in this one we had many employees talking about how they enjoyed working at the Home, how much they appreciated it, how much they have had the sense of family working there, and the idea that you couldn't find people to work there, that had been brought to us, did not seem like the employees had that same feeling. They talked about there not being a shortage of staffing that had been portrayed and that these places were in trouble because of staffing issues. What I think is, you know, really important, why I wanted to come down and talk about this, is because as much as we're trying to help here today, and I want to take the time to thank the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, Senator Hickman, Senator Miramant, Senator Farrin did the hard work of coming up with a proposal that we have before us today, and then the unusual step that we took yesterday of asking the Appropriations Table, with Senator Breen, Senator Bailey, and Senator Davis, to move this today, and the Governor's, Chief Executive's work on this to put into the supplemental budget, give the Appropriations Committee the assurance that, you know, the money would be there, that we could do this, just another way to wrap this up. I think why it's important is because, still today, after all this great support, after unanimous report out of committee, I have people that continually talk about there's no amount of money that we can give to these homes to fix them, to keep them open. I have constituents that have been calling, telling me that they've been told they have to move their parents, move their parents to a facility three or more hours away from. That gives me a lot of concern. The Legislature is trying to do something to keep the commitment that we made to veterans' homes across the state, and let me tell you, early on, you know, in the process my bill was told to be a government takeover. That I was posturing in an election year. That, you know, there was nothing that I could do to stop these, even though later I was told that we probably could save Caribou but we couldn't save Machias. Now, I don't represent Machias but I do know what it's like in rural Maine and I had no intention of cutting a deal to save my area so somebody else would have to have the same problem. If nursing homes across this state are in jeopardy, and the Veterans' Home are, then we need to fix them all or try to do what we can to fix them all, and so why I think it is so important today is to make sure that the intent is very clear for what may come after this because we're doing what we can. The committees have done what they can and today, hopefully, the Legislature will finish the job and what they can to make sure that we're buying time to make sure that we can do more to keep these facilities open in the future and continue that commitment. I actually found out that I have a constituent in Perham who is a WWII veteran, a woman. Not that I didn't know there were women in the war, but she's a WWII veteran in my district and

she's trying to get into that facility and she's being told no. Now that, to me, is really quite unbelievable, that we would have a WWII veteran that would like to stay in a home for veterans and can't get into that because, for some reason, there's been a determination that these two facilities, out of six that are losing money, these two have to close. So, Senator Hickman read the Attorney General's opinion on why we have jurisdiction and why I wanted to get down is because I want to make it clear that I am very hopeful for the people that have run these facilities, and run them well, run them very well, that they continue to keep facilities open and continue to do what the Legislature is asking you to do here today. Make the commitment to the veterans that we've made for so long and keep that commitment and let's not get caught up in the politics of this, or the anger of being told that the Legislature does have jurisdiction. We're doing what we can. We're giving the resources that we need to right now and I want to thank, once again, the committees, the Legislature, the Governor, the Chief Executive for doing this because it is important. I don't think it's posturing. It's making sure that people that live in a Home feel good about it and can continue to do that and that anxiety and that fear of being moved three or four hours away. How do you make it? I know what that drive is like. How do you see our family in a way that is decent if it's that far away? So, hopefully today what we do makes people step up and continue the great service, but I want to make sure that it's said very clearly on the record, because I'm afraid that there may be something more coming down the line on this.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Madame President. First of all, I'd like to say thank you to President Jackson because I think I might be one of only two members in here that may be having a place in one of those Homes someday down the road. So, I appreciate that piece of it. The work that Senator Hickman and we talked about in the VLA Committee. But there's a couple of things I just would like to throw out there. This was not an easy decision by the Board of Directors. They're, all ten members are veterans and they agonized over this because one of the things that did come out at first, and the committee worked hard through this, was it about the money. That was the discussion. Then we got past that and I think, you know, the committee talked a lot about the level of care. We heard about the gold standard that our Maine Veterans' Homes provide for us and you heard me now, I guess in the last two or three weeks, talk about my buddy Nunzio that passed away. I went through this scenario with him and what amazes me, as a 30 year veteran myself and to be involved in the VFW and the American Legion and all these, is how many people don't realize what is a benefit and what is not and how people assume that the Maine Veterans' Home is, you know, controlled by the State of Maine and by Togus and by all these other things and it's not true. That's why we've had to work through this so hard and why it was difficult. To my colleague from Aroostook comment, we do have to keep our eye on the prize because, for those of you who have been here in the past, we have talked about this funding issue. We have talked about workforce issue. It took this coming to a head for us to have everybody come together to do this. One of the key points that we have in this bill, besides the staying open, and I had the same concerns that President Jackson has as well, is this stakeholder group because there are other states that find a way around this. Maine is one of

the only ones that funds the way that we do. So, we have an opportunity with the stakeholder group and those of us, you, that come back in the 131st to keep your eye on the prize. Keep your eye on the prize that is our Maine veterans and what we want to give them going forward. Don't let it stop today. Work with the Board of Directors, work with the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services, work with the Administration, work with our Congressional Delegation. It's not one thing that's going to solve this. It's everybody together, Madame President. So, with that being said, you'll see my light green and I hope everybody else is as well as we send a message about how much we value the veterans in the state of Maine. Thank you.

The President Pro Tem requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **JACKSON**, to the rostrum where he resumed his duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, to her seat on the Floor.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Enactment. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#664)

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

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: KEIM

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 1 Senator being excused, and 33 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.

Acts

An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees

S.P. 599 L.D. 1744
(C "B" S-455)

An Act To Update Statutory References to Building Code Standards for Public Improvements

H.P. 1336 L.D. 1795

An Act To Coordinate Marine Port Development

H.P. 1337 L.D. 1796
(C "A" H-818)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program

H.P. 1338 L.D. 1797
(C "A" H-816)

An Act To Amend Provisions in the Laws Governing Aquaculture Leases

H.P. 1365 L.D. 1844
(C "A" H-815)

An Act To Allow for a Variance Rate in the Amount and Potency of Cannabinoids in Adult Use Edible Marijuana Products

H.P. 1367 L.D. 1846

An Act To Repeal the Law Regarding the County Jail Reimbursement Fee

H.P. 1396 L.D. 1886

An Act To Amend the Whistleblowers' Protection Act To Ensure Coverage in Unionized Workplaces

H.P. 1399 L.D. 1889

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Name Changes

H.P. 1407 L.D. 1900
(C "A" H-807)

An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

H.P. 1488 L.D. 2002
(C "A" H-819)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

An Act To Align Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Funding with Recommendations of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

H.P. 1039 L.D. 1423
(C "B" H-812)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Allow Unorganized Territory School Staff To Receive Annualized Pay

H.P. 1331 L.D. 1780
(C "A" H-817)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem

H.P. 1424 L.D. 1918
(C "A" H-808)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Working Group

S.P. 742 L.D. 2032

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolve

Resolve, Directing the Maine Human Rights Commission To Extend Its Pilot Program To Investigate and Report on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues

H.P. 1381 L.D. 1871
(C "A" H-806)

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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

Senate at Ease.

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:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

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

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

Comes from the House, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1519

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2022 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, to recognize that we all have a role to play in healthy child development and a duty to help others recognize that role and to celebrate the positive things our communities do to promote healthy child development and help prevent child abuse and neglect; and be it further

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/22/22) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Require Telecommunications Companies To Divulge Location Information to Law Enforcement When Necessary To Respond to a 9-1-1 Call or Locate a Person in Danger"
S.P. 492 L.D. 1581

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-443)** (5 members)

Tabled - March 22, 2022 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report (Roll Call Ordered)

(In Senate, March 22, 2022, Reports **READ**.)

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw her motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by same Senator, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-443) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-482) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-443) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-443) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-482) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME**.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise today to speak in support of the motion before us. I submitted this legislation, also known as the Kelsey Smith Act, after hearing from Missy Smith, the mother of 18-year old Kelsey Smith who was abducted in broad daylight from a Target parking lot. The motion before us, L.D. 1581, clarifies that under Title 16, section 650, an electronic communication services company shall provide the location information requested by a government entity when there is a concern of death or serious injury. I want to thank Senator Carney for her willingness to work on this and for the amendment she offered which adds this cannot be done in bad faith. This legislation has been passed in 30 other states. Please join me in supporting this bill so that we can ensure the protection of those in serious danger. Thank you, Mr. President, and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-443) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-482) thereto.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/24/22) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Contributing to Candidates and Political Action Committees"
S.P. 619 L.D. 1782

Majority - **Ought to Pass** (6 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

Tabled - March 24, 2022 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

(In Senate, March 24, 2022, Reports **READ**.)

Pending - motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report

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

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

Sent down for 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.

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.