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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
17th Legislative Day
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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

Prayer by Reverend Lara Campbell, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Kennebunk.

National Anthem by Atlantic Harmonies Select Choir, Wells.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, May 18, 2023 was read and approved.

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

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act to Enact the Reentry Success and Earned Time Act"

(H.P. 1271) (L.D. 1978)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MONTELL of Gardiner, PLUECKER of Warren, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAYRE of Kennebunk, Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand Home Visiting Services and Provide for Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program for Perinatal Doula Services and Midwifery Services"

(H.P. 1276) (L.D. 1993)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create the Data Privacy and Protection Act"

(H.P. 1270) (L.D. 1977)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, BRENNAN of Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested.

On motion of Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedure for Certain Social Workers by Removing the Examination Requirement"

(H.P. 1273) (L.D. 1990)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BOYER of Poland, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DHALAC of South Portland, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested.

On motion of Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Surplus Lines Insurance Tax"

(H.P. 1272) (L.D. 1979)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed. **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Gubernatorial Primary Elections"

(H.P. 1274) (L.D. 1991)

Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Legalize Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Beano to Allow Maine Gaming Licensees and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to Compete with Other Gaming States"

(H.P. 1275) (L.D. 1992)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Equitable Treatment of Military Retirement Plan Income"

(H.P. 1277) (L.D. 1999)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act to Change the Taxation of Rental Tangible Personal Property to Make It Consistent with the Predominant Method in Other States' Rental Industry Laws for Sales and Use Tax"

(H.P. 1278) (L.D. 2000)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLETT of Waterford, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed. **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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

BILLS HELD

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Exempting Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Sales and Use Tax"

(S.P. 420) (L.D. 1051)

- In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-71)**.

- In House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-71)** in concurrence.

HELD at the Request of Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth moved that the House **RECONSIDER** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-71)**.

Representative ANDREWS of Paris **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECONSIDER** the House's action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-71)**.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Reconsideration of the House's action whereby the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-71). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 91

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Cluchey, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Warren, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Galletta, Gramlich, Hall, Lanigan, Osher, Quint, Riseman, Sargent.

Yes, 77; No, 65; Absent, 8; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 8 being absent, and accordingly the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-71)**.

Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-71)**.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the pending motion. As was discussed at length the last time we debated this bill, 44 states have already enacted this law. This is a sales tax on gold and silver. I've heard some things develop since the time we passed this bill and to be quite frank with you, Madam Speaker, they sound kind of crazy. I've heard that this bill will upset the monetary system, that this bill is going to change the way money is used in our country. Madam Speaker, that is just ridiculous. They're fear tactics for removing a sales tax. This bill got the Majority Report of the Committee, it's a bipartisan bill. This is removing the sales tax on something that working-class people invest in. The overwhelming number of people that invest in gold and silver are working-class people. They're not rich people who are the ones that invest in stocks, which we do not double tax in this manner. That was spoken about a lot last week and that's true. We don't charge a sales tax on stocks and then capital gains like we do with gold and silver, where you pay the sales tax and the capital gains tax. Madam Speaker, there are numerous items that we do not charge a sales tax on. I believe it was last week we passed a bill that would remove the sales tax on diapers. Is that going to upset the monetary system that we don't charge a sales tax on diapers? Are people going to trade in diapers?

We have gone so far away from the gold standard that I don't know if we could ever get back. But, Madam Speaker, this bill certainly does not do that. There is no reason to be scared of this bill. You know, the rhetoric that's gone on since then, Madam Speaker, is just, quite frankly, ridiculous and as we get into the nitty-gritty of this Session, it would be nice to see a little bit of work where we can work together and have some bipartisan good faith such as we did last week. So, I would just urge the Members, whether you voted yes for this previously or no for this previously to just hold your vote and do the work that we were sent here to do. I've said it all when I've said it but please vote for the pending motion.

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

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this is a good bill that will benefit Maine people. Last week, we stood on the floor and we clarified details that garnered a majority vote to remove the sales tax from gold and silver. And those details have not changed in the interim but here we are re-voting a good bill for purely political reasons. Madam Speaker, I cannot speak to anyone else's motives for how they vote on this bill, but during this morning's prayer, I reflected on my motives. We were encouraged to hear our own voice and to live with clarity. I would extend that personally to hearing the voice of my district and voting accordingly, to speak our truth with love and respect which, to me, means speaking the truth with my vote even when my leadership disagrees. And, finally, to put aside desire for personal gain, which encourages me to vote what is right according to my conscience and what is

best for my district and the people of the State of Maine, regardless of which of my bills may or may not get passed or Committee assignments withheld. Madam Speaker, this is a good bill that will benefit Maine people. Let's put aside politics and vote accordingly.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In listening to this, I just kind of wanted to give you a little bit of how this actually works. I've bought gold myself. I bought gold through a company we all know, advertised a lot, Goldline, and if I buy gold and I have it shipped to my home in Maine, I have to pay the 5.5% sales tax. So, I didn't have it shipped to Maine. I had it shipped to my sister's house in Pennsylvania. They don't pay and I was going down anyway. In fact, I held off on my purchase until I knew I was going so it would be delivered there and I could pick it up. And the other thing that I learned while I was talking to my broker on this; and we're not talking a lot of money, I don't have a lot of money but I was trying to hedge my bets on my investments; but while I was talking to the broker, I said why am I paying sales tax and these other states don't? Well, Maine charges it. What I could do, though, and I don't have to have it shipped somewhere, I can have it held in their depository for one year and then have it shipped to me and they just charge me 2% for the holding fee. So, Maine's not getting the sales tax on that, anyway, so I could do that, too. There are alternatives we can do but this affects Maine people. And if 40-plus other states are already not charging sales tax, Maine people have an alternative to go somewhere else. Well, if I'm going to Pennsylvania, I'm spending other money outside the State doing that as well.

So, I just want to urge people to think about what's good for your constituents because we are not talking millionaires and that type of thing is what we're talking about; we're talking regular people like myself who just wanted to hedge my bets a little bit on my investments. I certainly don't pay a sales tax when I go buy a stock or something like that but I'm having to pay sales tax on gold. And I did order silver and paid sales tax on silver and it ticked me off. So, what I'm saying is think about what you're doing, think about what this does for your constituents, and help them out. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-71). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 92

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Cluchey, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Milliken, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Warren, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

NAY - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Perry A,

Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Galletta, Gramlich, Hall, Osher, Quint, Riseman, Sargent.

Yes, 71; No, 72; Absent, 7; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

71 having voted in the affirmative and 72 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-71) in NON-CONCURRENCE** and was sent for concurrence.

An Act to Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 287) (L.D. 470)

(C. "A" H-100)

- In House, **FAILED OF PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED.**

HELD at the Request of Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.

On motion of Representative RIELLY of Westbrook, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED.**

Subsequently, Representative TERRY of Gorham **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED.**

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

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

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all Members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 93

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Walker, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Galletta, Gramlich, Hall, Osher, Quint, Sargent.
Yes, 81; No, 63; Absent, 6; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and was sent to the Senate.

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

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Brooke Buotte, of Rumford, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Mountain Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 514)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HENDERSON of Rumford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

Hannah Robinson, of Pittsfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Maine Central Institute. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 371)

Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

Clark Manawonsakul, of Bangkok, Thailand, who has earned the distinction of being named a Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Maine Central Institute. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 372)

Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

Alyssa Ardry, of Pittsfield, who has earned the distinction of being named a Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Maine Central Institute. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 373)

Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

Emma Moreau, of Poland, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Poland Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 384)

Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representative FAY of Raymond.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BOYER of Poland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Poland, Representative Boyer.

Representative **BOYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to recognize a few standout students from my district, one of which, Emma Moreau, is here, our Valedictorian for Poland High School, and I just wanted to read a quote from one of their teachers about Emma; the one word that comes to mind when considering Emma Moreau is renaissance. She is the epitome of the individual who is always seeking to learn and expand her horizons. What makes her a renaissance individual is that she takes all of the input and generates and creates in her music, her theater, in the classroom, and on the sports field and she does everything with grace and humor that makes her a joy to be around. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Recognizing:

Nicholas Garey, of Poland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Poland Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 385)

Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representative FAY of Raymond.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BOYER of Poland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Poland, Representative Boyer.

Representative **BOYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also rise to recognize Nicholas Garey, Salutatorian for Poland High School, and another quote from a teacher is that Nick is usually very quiet in class. He's soaking everything in. But when he does speak, other students stop what they're doing, turn toward him and lean in. The respect that he gets from other students and the faculty is an indication of his ability to influence others. It sounds like he'd be good around here. Whether on the track field or in the classroom, Nick makes a positive impression on others. He's a student any teacher would be glad to teach and that any student would be honored to call a friend. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

In Memory of:

Adrienne Doyle, of Gardiner. Ms. Doyle, among other occupations in her working life, served as Lead Purchasing Agent for the Maine Army National Guard. A voracious reader, she hosted a book group at her home in Gardiner for many years. Ms. Doyle will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

(HLS 366)

Presented by Representative MONTELL of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MONTELL of Gardiner, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar. **READ.**

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

Representative **MONTELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Members of the House. Adrienne Doyle was my neighbor for the past 25 years I've lived in my home. She had a big, beautiful, exquisitely maintained home with carefully polished brass hardware, an extensive library full of great books and carefully selected antiques. Upon her retirement from the Maine Army National Guard, she was often seen gardening in full makeup and perfect hair and a crisp white shirt. When she sold her house last fall and moved out of State, she left behind a detailed map of instructions of what her garden contained and how to care for each plant. I met with her family over the weekend for a small service for her and they were truly touched by this Expression of Legislative Sentiment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

In Memory of:

Ralph Jacques, of Biddeford. Mr. Jacques was a teacher at Biddeford High School, where he taught math for over 30 years, became department head and established the first school computer lab in the area. He also spent over 30 summers working beside his brother at the Clam Shack in Kennebunkport, where their customers were all friends and the "crew" was another opportunity to work closely with his wife, children, nieces, nephews and friends. Upon retiring from teaching and the Clam Shack, he was proud of his retirement job in sales at Vic's appliance in Saco. Mr. Jacques will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 377)

Presented by Representative MALON of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York, Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MALON of Biddeford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar. **READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Malon.

Representative **MALON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Honorable Colleagues of the House. When we think about the kinds of people who tie our communities together, oftentimes, we're thinking about teachers. Ralph Jacques was an incredible example of this. A son of Biddeford, Ralph graduated from the old St. Louis High School and went on to teach at Biddeford High for more than 30 years, teaching math and then opening the school's first computer lab. He also worked many years at two

iconic local businesses, the Clam Shack in Kennebunk, right up against the Lanigan Bridge, and Vic's Appliance in Saco.

But Ralph Jacques' life was more than just a bio. It's the generations of people he taught and positively influenced to be their best selves. Take it from his long-time colleague at Biddeford High, Paul McDonough, who sent me the following, quote; Ralph Jacques was a steadfast professional educator par excellence. He believed that students deserved the very best that Biddeford High School had to offer. His enthusiasm was infectious and his ability to communicate what was needed for all his students was so very evident. Ralph was a friend, gifted with skills that few ever achieve. His presence will be much missed by all who have had the privilege to call him a colleague or a friend; end-quote.

Or take it from one of his many students, Emma Bouthillette, who graduated from Biddeford High in 2004 and went on to write a book called "The Brief History of Biddeford." Quote; math has never been my strong suit, yet Mr. Jacques was one of my favorite teachers at Biddeford High School. My adoration for him started young when my parents and I would visit the Clam Shack in Kennebunk during the summer months. Ralph and his wife, Charlotte, were always excited to see us at the window and they knew I wanted to order fried shrimp. It made me feel special because at the time, I didn't realize this was how they treated everyone who came to patronize their summer business. By the time I got to high school, I heard my Mom talk about Mr. Jacques and how he helped her pass geometry. When I started his class, I said to him, when it comes to math, I take after my Mom. He took the same care in helping me understand the principles of geometry so I could pass his class, too. In more recent years, I'd often run into Ralph and Charlotte eating breakfast at New Moon in Saco or shopping around town and no matter where I saw him or what he was doing at the time, he always asked how I was, what I was up to, how my parents were doing, et cetera. I'm sure he did this with many of his former students and not just me but it still made me feel good to know he cared after all these years, especially during some particular trying times in adulthood. I may have forgotten the geometry lessons he taught me in the early 2000s but I will never forget him, end-quote.

Madam Speaker, Ralph Jacques represented the best of Biddeford, Biddeford at its very finest. His legacy lives on his amazing family, many of whom are here today, and we can all carry on his legacy by taking the same care to listen to and respect people the way Ralph Jacques did. Thank you.

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

In Memory of:

Kevin Fahrman, of Falmouth. Mr. Fahrman was a photographer, a musician and an instructor at Southern Maine Community College. Unbeknownst to almost everyone, he was also the person called Portland's Valentine's Day Bandit. For decades, every Valentine's Day, he placed hundreds of red paper hearts on storefronts and notable landmarks and huge banners in unexpected places in Portland. Mr. Fahrman will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 383)

Presented by Representative KUHN of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative KUHN of Falmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar. **READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Kuhn.

Representative **KUHN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Honorable Colleagues of the House. It's an honor to rise today to offer a memorial Sentiment for my friend and neighbor, Kevin Fahrman. Kevin was a loving husband and father. He was an artist, a photographer and a musician. He was also an instructor in communications and new media studies at Southern Maine Community College. Kevin passed away suddenly and unexpectedly of natural causes just about a month ago. As word got out around the neighborhood, the next day there was truly a sense of disbelief at this incredibly kind, gentle giant with an original outlook and a hilarious sense of humor was no longer in our orbit. Then, just a day or so later, an alert came out from Maine Public that Kevin had actually been the Valentine's Day Bandit all along and it seemed entirely fitting. We all said of course it was Kevin.

For folks who are unaware, the Valentine's Bandit is just notorious in my part of the State. Every Valentine's Day for more than four decades, the Bandit would post hundreds of simple white sheets of paper with red hearts all over the region, oftentimes in surprising and stirring locations such as a giant banner hanging from Fort Gorges in the Portland Harbor or from a crane on top of the tallest building downtown. These hearts brought joy, whimsy and delight to everyone who saw them. Kevin leaves behind a legacy of love for his family, the City of Portland and the State of Maine. I'm grateful to have known Kevin and have the opportunity to recognize him here and I hope that that will bring some joy and comfort to his wife, Patti, and his daughter, Sierra, who are here with us today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Terry.

Representative **TERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I just want to share a little story. A long time ago, when I first moved to Portland, I bought my restaurant in somewhere around November. And it's really hard to start a restaurant. As a kid, I was too young to have it, I wasn't sure if I was going to fit in there. And February rolls around and there are little hearts on the window of my restaurant. It made me feel so special and it showed me that I was definitely in the right place. I just want the family to know that fast-forward nearly 30 years later, not only do we love seeing all those hearts in Portland on Valentine's Day, but thanks to Mr. Fahrman, he inspired countless towns all over the State and really the country to have Valentine's Bandits in their town, including Gorham, and I just want them to know that they make everybody feel like we're in the right place. So, thank you.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 802)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported over 2,600 probable cases of Lyme disease in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the actual incidence of Lyme disease in Maine is likely much higher than reported; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease disproportionately affects children between 5 and 15 years of age and adults over 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, tickborne illness can be prevented by staying in the center of wooded paths, wearing light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, using an insect repellent approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, performing daily tick checks and properly removing ticks; and

WHEREAS, the 124th Legislature enacted Public Law Chapter 494, An Act To Enhance Public Awareness of Lyme Disease, which designated May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month and required the promotion of public awareness and education on Lyme disease and other tickborne illnesses; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education are necessary to help reduce tickborne illnesses in Maine by promoting awareness of Lyme disease and other tickborne illnesses and the regular use of prevention measures, as illustrated by the 2023 information campaign "Tick Free ME" produced by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 2023 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month and to respectfully urge all the citizens of Maine to become aware of the steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of tickborne illnesses.

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

Resolve, to Ensure that Eligible Customers Receive Payments from the Energy Rate Relief Fund (EMERGENCY)
(S.P. 805) (L.D. 1971)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Resolve, to Improve Long-term Care for the People of Maine (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 806) (L.D. 1972)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enact the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act"
(S.P. 804) (L.D. 1970)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act"
(S.P. 807) (L.D. 1973)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE in Concurrence** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 183)

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

DOCKET NO. OJ-23-1

In the Matter of

Request for Opinion of the Justices

PROCEDURAL ORDER

On May 16, 2023, the Maine State Legislature referred five questions to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, pursuant to Article VI Section 3 of the Maine Constitution, related to four direct initiatives of voters that the Secretary of State transmitted to the 131st Legislature during its First Regular Session but that the Legislature did not act on during that session.

The Justices hereby invite a representative for each of the Maine Legislature, Governor Mills, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General, and any other interested person or entity, to submit briefs addressing

1. whether the Questions propounded present a "solemn occasion," pursuant to article VI, section 3 of the Maine Constitution; and
2. the law regarding the Questions propounded.

Any person or entity submitting a brief to the Court must do so by filing two copies of the brief, as described below, with the Executive Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, at 205 Newbury Street, Room 139, Portland, Maine 04101, **at or before 4:00 p.m. on May 26, 2023**, and emailing an electronic copy (which need not be signed) in the form of a single text-based pdf file to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov.

A person's brief need not be bound but must conform to the requirements of M.R. App. P. 7A(g) (as amended by 2022 Me. Rules 03, effective July 13, 2022) and must comply with the following:

- a. the front cover must be white and must contain the following information:
 - the designation that the matter is "Before the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court";
 - the docket number of the matter, OJ-23-1;
 - the title of the matter, "In the Matter of Request for Opinion of the Justices";
 - the title of the document as a "Brief of" followed by the name of the person or entity filing the brief; and
 - the name, address, and Maine bar number of counsel representing the filer or, if the filer is not represented by counsel, the name and address of the filer; and
- b. the brief may not be longer than 25 pages.

Oral Argument will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in Courtroom 7 of the Capital Judicial Center in Augusta.

All filings and orders in this matter can be found, within a reasonable time after filing, on the Court's website at www.courts.maine.gov/initiatives.

Dated: May 16, 2023

For the Justices,

S/Valerie Stanfill

Chief Justice

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 178)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

May 18, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House of Representatives

131st Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

I am notifying you that, pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, I have forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the following nomination made to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by the Somerset County Commissioners on May 18, 2023:

Gwendolyn Hilton of Starks

The County asks that this nomination be considered to fill the four-year term that begins on July 29, 2023, which is scheduled to be filled by Somerset County.

Pursuant to 12 MRSA 683-A, this appointment is subject to confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the committee having jurisdiction over conservation matters.

Sincerely,

S/Suzanne M. Gresser

Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 179)

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

May 23, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Education and Cultural Affairs

L.D. 1042 An Act to Update Youth Sports Concussion and Injury Prevention Protocols

L.D. 1164 An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic (EMERGENCY)

Environment and Natural Resources

L.D. 1570 An Act to Create the Storm Water Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Fund

L.D. 1723 An Act to Prevent the Automatic Transfer of Permits and Contracts in a Sale of Assets of a Water Export Company Without Review and to Amend the Membership of the Water Resources Planning Committee and the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission

Health and Human Services

L.D. 190 An Act to Develop a Long-term Plan to Address Mental Health Needs in Rural Maine

L.D. 1254 An Act to Provide Coverage and Prior Authorization of Medications and Services During a MaineCare Provider's Enrollment Period

L.D. 1361 An Act to Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care

L.D. 1513 An Act to Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services

L.D. 1521 An Act to Support the Essential Support Workforce by Promoting Enhanced Reimbursement and Benefits and Encouraging Information Sharing

L.D. 1753 An Act to Establish an Independent Adjudicatory Process Regarding the Department of Health and Human Services

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

L.D. 1191 An Act Regarding Transparency of Medical Billing Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

L.D. 58 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish Seasons That Do Not Overlap for Hunting Bear over Bait and Hunting Bear with Dogs

L.D. 642 An Act to Protect Young Deer Hunters by Prohibiting Wild Turkey Hunting During Youth Deer Hunting Day

L.D. 728 An Act to Amend the Bag Limit for Turkey

L.D. 1062 An Act to Allow a Landowner or Maintainer of Trails to Lethally Remove Nuisance Beaver

Labor and Housing

L.D. 733 An Act to Require an Annual Itemized Statement of Benefits for Public Employees and Retirees

L.D. 1385 An Act to Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Regarding Employee Liability

L.D. 1831 Resolve, Relating to the Employment of Minors

Marine Resources

L.D. 563 An Act to Assert State Sovereignty over Ocean Waters up to 12 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast

L.D. 1776 An Act to Allow Citizen Oversight of Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Marine Resources Actions and Rulemaking

Taxation

L.D. 1328 An Act to Fund a Public Defender's Office Through a Tax on University Endowment Income

Transportation

L.D. 1025 An Act to Improve Maine's Economy by Changing the Hours of Operation for Oversize Loads (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1566 Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Recommend Strategies to Achieve the Goal of Eliminating Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries

L.D. 1711 An Act to Provide for Safe Roadway Construction Design Criteria

Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 34 An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting

L.D. 1391 An Act to Limit Cannabis Cultivation Licenses to Protect the Cannabis Market

L.D. 1500 An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elections by Requiring Video Monitoring of Drop Boxes and Amending the Laws Regarding Voter Rolls and Absentee Voting Envelopes

L.D. 1585 An Act to Amend Maine's Cannabis Laws to Protect Small and Medium-sized Cultivators

L.D. 1604 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Extend the Time That a Signature on a Petition for a Direct Initiative of Legislation Is Valid

L.D. 1765 An Act Authorizing the Governor to Enter into Interstate Agreements Regarding the Cannabis Industry

L.D. 1811 An Act to Clarify Required Political Committees 24-hour Reports

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

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 180)

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

May 23, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has approved the requests for "Leave to Withdraw" by the following sponsors:

Senator Carney of Cumberland

L.D. 29 An Act to Reduce Air Emissions at Petroleum Storage Facilities

Senator Hickman of Kennebec

L.D. 1482 An Act to Impose a Moratorium on Open-pit Rock Quarry Excavation (EMERGENCY)

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has approved the requests for "Leave to Withdraw" by the following sponsors:

Senator Chipman of Cumberland

L.D. 1446 Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Cannabis Hospitality Establishments

Representative Terry of Gorham

L.D. 1851 An Act to Allow Replacement Candidates to Qualify for Certification Under the Maine Clean Election Act

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

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 181)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

Letter of Transmittal
Honorable Members of the Legislative Council for the 131st Legislature;
Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor of the State of Maine
I am pleased to submit the State of Maine Management Letter for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. During our audit of the State of Maine, we became aware of matters that offer opportunities for our government to improve its operations. Recommendations regarding these matters accompany this Management Letter as "management letter comments."
This publication of our Management Letter includes two sections: management letter comments previously issued in relation to the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) audit; and management letter comments newly issued in relation to the Single Audit. Management letter comments related to the ACFR audit were separately issued on January 17, 2023, and are included in this report to provide the reader with a comprehensive set of our recommendations.
Please feel free to contact me with questions you may have. Like you, we are committed to improving our State government for the benefit of our citizens. Healthy discussion of the problems found and solutions considered are part of a dialogue that aims at improvement. I welcome your thoughts and inquiries about these matters.
Respectfully submitted,
S/Matthew Dunlap, CIA
State Auditor
May 12, 2023

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 182)

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

May 23, 2023
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:
Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:
on May 17, 2023
Thomas H. Platz of Auburn for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.
Pursuant to PL 2013, Ch. 367, §3, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.
Sincerely,
S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

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

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative ZEIGLER of Montville, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1269) (Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, MEYER of Eliot, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2023
AS NATIONAL ADOPT A SHELTER PET DAY**

WHEREAS, as of 2017-2018, 63.5% of households in the State owned a pet, with 43.8% of households owning a cat and 35.9% of households owning a dog; and

WHEREAS, pets give individuals love, companionship and comfort, encourage outdoor exercise and help to build social connections; and

WHEREAS, more than 6,000,000 pets end up homeless every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are 143 animal shelters and animal rescue organizations in the State, whose organizers and employees work tirelessly to rehome and care for homeless, abandoned, abused and rescued animals; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters and animal rescue organizations cannot operate without the help of volunteers who provide support for homeless pets through donations of time, goods and funds; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters and animal rescue organizations work with law enforcement agencies, veterinarians and other community organizations to find a home for every pet, encourage responsible pet ownership, educate the public on the proper care and well-being of animals, devote personal time and resources in helping to rescue animals, reunite families with lost pets and help to protect the welfare of helpless animals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 30, 2023 as National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day and encourage all citizens of the State to join in supporting, volunteering or adopting a pet from a local animal shelter or animal rescue organization.

READ and **ADOPTED.**

Sent for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-97)** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab"

(S.P. 554) (L.D. 1389)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York

PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SAMPSON of Alfred

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-97)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-97)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-97)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Bag Limit for Smelts for Personal Use from 2 Quarts to 4 Quarts"

(S.P. 261) (L.D. 593)

Signed:

Senators:

RENY of Lincoln
BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

HEPLER of Woolwich
CRAFTS of Newcastle
DILL of Old Town
DOUDERA of Camden
EATON of Deer Isle
GIFFORD of Lincoln
LANDRY of Farmington
STROUT of Harrington
THORNE of Carmel

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

Signed:

Representative:

DAVIS of East Machias

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

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Increase Bicycle Safety by Allowing Cyclists to Treat Stop Signs as Yield Signs and Red Lights as Stop Signs"

(S.P. 614) (L.D. 1551)

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor
ALBERT of Madawaska
CRAFTS of Newcastle
MASON of Lisbon
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
THERIAULT of Fort Kent
WHITE of Waterville
WHITE of Guilford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-99)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
NANGLE of Cumberland

Representative:

ANKELES of Brunswick

Came from the Senate with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-99)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status"

(S.P. 328) (L.D. 769)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland
COLLINGS of Portland
RISEMAN of Harrison
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:

Representatives:

MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook

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

READ.

On motion of Representative SUPICA of Bangor, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-175)** on Bill "An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources"

(H.P. 937) (L.D. 1441)

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York
BLACK of Franklin
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

PLUECKER of Warren
GUERRETTE of Caribou
HALL of Wilton
HEPLER of Woolwich
JACKSON of Oxford
JAUCH of Topsham
OSHER of Orono
SHAW of Auburn

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

Signed:

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth
CRAY of Palmyra

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-175)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-175)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-176)** on Bill "An Act to Require All Police Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty"

(H.P. 672) (L.D. 1036)

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
HASENFUS of Readfield
LAJOIE of Lewiston
LOOKNER of Portland
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-177)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello
NEWMAN of Belgrade
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-176)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-176)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-182)** on Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Development of a Course Regarding the Use of Manufactured Wood Products

(H.P. 547) (L.D. 881)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Representatives:

- BAGSHAW of Windham
- LYMAN of Livermore Falls
- POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
- SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-182)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-182)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-186)** on Resolve, to Conduct a Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project Using Electric School Buses (H.P. 324) (L.D. 519)

Signed:

Senators:

- LAWRENCE of York
- GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

- ZEIGLER of Montville
- BOYLE of Gorham
- GEIGER of Rockland
- KESSLER of South Portland
- RUNTE of York
- WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

- HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

- BABIN of Fort Fairfield
- DUNPHY of Embden
- FOSTER of Dexter
- PAUL of Winterport

READ.

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

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-186)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-186)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-199)** on Bill "An Act to Reestablish Annual Reporting on Solid Waste in Maine" (H.P. 744) (L.D. 1172)

Signed:

Senators:

- BRENNER of Cumberland
- CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

- GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
- BELL of Yarmouth
- BRIDGEO of Augusta
- DOUDERA of Camden
- HOBBS of Wells
- O'NEIL of Saco
- WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Senator:

- LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

- CAMPBELL of Orrington
- SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
- SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

On motion of Representative DOUDERA of Camden, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-198)** on Bill "An Act to Require the Adoption of Sector-specific Greenhouse Gas Emissions Limits"

(H.P. 907) (L.D. 1411)

Signed:

Senators:

- BRENNER of Cumberland
- CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

- GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
- BELL of Yarmouth
- BRIDGEO of Augusta
- DOUDERA of Camden
- HOBBS of Wells
- O'NEIL of Saco
- WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Senator:

- LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

- CAMPBELL of Orrington
- SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
- SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

On motion of Representative DOUDERA of Camden, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members"

(H.P. 676) (L.D. 1040)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

READ.

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code as It Relates to Pet Insurance"

(H.P. 188) (L.D. 290)

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
PRINGLE of Windham

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-201)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

CYRWAY of Albion
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
SWALLOW of Houlton

READ.

Representative PERRY of Calais moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending her motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with a Population of More than 10,000" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 135) (L.D. 214)

Signed:

Senators:

PIERCE of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

GERE of Kennebunkport
BLIER of Buxton
GATTINE of Westbrook
GOLEK of Harpswell
LOOKNER of Portland
RANA of Bangor

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-179)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington
MORRIS of Turner

READ.

On motion of Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-168)** on Bill "An Act to Provide Incentives to Employers to Provide On-site Child Care"

(H.P. 71) (L.D. 103)

Signed:

Senator:

CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
CROCKETT of Portland
LANIGAN of Sanford
LaROCHELLE of Augusta
NESS of Fryeburg
SAYRE of Kennebunk
WALKER of Naples
WHITE of Waterville

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representative:

SMITH of Palermo

READ.

On motion of Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-168)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-168)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding Regional Law Libraries"

(H.P. 285) (L.D. 468)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

KUHN of Falmouth

POIRIER of Skowhegan

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-193)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

LEE of Auburn

MORIARTY of Cumberland

RECKITT of South Portland

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-192)** on Bill "An Act to Ensure an Incarcerated Individual's Right to Make Free Telephone Calls Protected by Attorney-Client Privilege"

(H.P. 386) (L.D. 609)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

KUHN of Falmouth

LEE of Auburn

MORIARTY of Cumberland

RECKITT of South Portland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-192)** Report.

READ.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-196)** on Bill "An Act to Ensure the Collection of Complete Information by Adding a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms"

(H.P. 589) (L.D. 942)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

KUHN of Falmouth

LEE of Auburn

MORIARTY of Cumberland

RECKITT of South Portland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-196)** Report.

READ.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-195)** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Right-to-sue Letters"

(H.P. 637) (L.D. 1001)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
LEE of Auburn

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-195)** Report.

READ.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Limits on Awards for Compensatory and Punitive Damages Under the Maine Human Rights Act"

(H.P. 919) (L.D. 1423)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan

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

READ.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-194)** on Bill "An Act to Reduce Commercial Sexual Exploitation"

(H.P. 931) (L.D. 1435)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
ANDREWS of Paris
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-194)** Report.

READ.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Provide That the Minimum Wage Increases by the Rolling Average of the Cost of Living of the Previous 3 Years"

(H.P. 545) (L.D. 855)

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-165)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

On motion of Representative ROEDER of Bangor, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-173)** on Bill "An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance"

(H.P. 596) (L.D. 949)

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

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

Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

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

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We do appreciate the fact that the amendment does take some of the sting out of the original bill. However, the portion that's left still would preclude an employer from properly maintaining some sort of order over an employee while that employee is in his own home or in a vehicle, even using employer-provided devices. So, the long-range implications of this would be that employers do need to track the amount of work that the employees are doing and a lot of employees choose to work at home now and

we think that's a good idea. However, if this bill were to pass, I think we would find that a lot of employers would choose not to allow employees to work at home, thereby hurting the employees more than if the bill does not pass. So, I stand opposed to the pending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from New Gloucester, Representative Arata.

Representative **ARATA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to give you an example of a situation that I encountered where I didn't consider myself doing surveillance of my employee but I guess that's what I was doing. I had him install an app so that he could check in so I could properly pay him and check out of a job site and so I would know where he was working at any given day, going to various properties that I had him perform maintenance duties for me. So, that's why I oppose this bill. Thank you.

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the example given by the Honorable Representative from New Gloucester, that installation of an app would only be illegal via this bill if it was on an employee's personal device. I would like to read the amendment. The amendment specifies that an employer may use employer surveillance if the employer informs the employee before beginning employer surveillance. It's still allowed. It prohibits an employer from using audiovisual monitoring in an employee's residence or personal vehicle or on the employee's property and states that an employee can decline a request by an employer to install data collection or transmission applications on an employee's personal electronic devices for the purposes of employer surveillance. It also requires that an employer notify a prospective employee during the interview process that the employer engages in employer surveillance.

It was important to me to tailor the bill to personal property because I feel that that is something that we should control over, we should have rights over. Not only is it an issue of equity but it's an issue of personal rights and that's one of the reasons that I put this bill forward. I did have bipartisan support in cosponsors and I would encourage folks to follow my light. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from New Gloucester, Representative Arata.

Representative **ARATA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the clarification. However, in this bill, it's not clear to me whether an employee could change his mind partway through employment and not allow the app on his phone, so, therefore I'm still going to oppose the motion. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 94

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridge, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Adams, Campbell, Crafts, Galletta, Gramlich, Hall, Lookner, Mason, Osher, Quint, Sargent.
Yes, 78; No, 61; Absent, 11; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 61 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-173)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-173)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Remove the Cost-of-living Adjustment from the Minimum Wage Laws"

(H.P. 634) (L.D. 998)

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-166)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

On motion of Representative ROEDER of Bangor, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Strengthen Work Equity Regarding Employment of Minors and Unemployment Benefits"

(H.P. 846) (L.D. 1332)

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-172)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

On motion of Representative ROEDER of Bangor, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-178)** on Bill "An Act to Create a Livable Wage by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage"

(H.P. 890) (L.D. 1376)

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

On motion of Representative ROEDER of Bangor, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Promote Minimum Wage Consistency by Limiting the Authority of Municipalities Regarding Minimum Hourly Pay"
(H.P. 899) (L.D. 1403)

Signed:
Senators:
TIPPING of Penobscot
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
Representatives:
ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-167)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

On motion of Representative ROEDER of Bangor, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Allow for the Recall of an Elected Municipal Official for Any Reason"
(H.P. 753) (L.D. 1181)

Signed:
Senators:
NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot
Representatives:
STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:
Representatives:
ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

READ.

On motion of Representative STOVER of Boothbay, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds in Municipal Referenda with Lower Approval Thresholds"
(H.P. 692) (L.D. 1097)

Signed:
Senators:
NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot
LYFORD of Penobscot
Representatives:
STOVER of Boothbay
ADAMS of Lebanon
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
RISEMAN of Harrison
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

Signed:
Representatives:
ABDI of Lewiston
PAULHUS of Bath

READ.

On motion of Representative STOVER of Boothbay, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-180)** on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Municipal Buildings"
(H.P. 184) (L.D. 286)

Signed:
Senator:
GROHOSKI of Hancock
Representatives:
PERRY of Bangor
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
CROCKETT of Portland
LAVIGNE of Berwick
MATLACK of St. George
QUINT of Hodgdon
RANA of Bangor
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:
Senators:
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Cumberland
Representative:
HASENFUS of Readfield

READ.

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

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

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

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

Representative **PERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, just to give you a brief overview of this bill, it has to do with tax increment financing, the TIF program. That's a financial tool that can be used by municipalities to try and attract business and create economic development in their community. This bill has Democrats and Republicans on both sides, Ought to Pass as Amended and Ought Not to Pass.

It was brought to us mainly on behalf of the Town of Hollis but would have impact statewide and what it allows is for money to be removed from the TIF program to be used for municipal buildings. Previously, that was not an accepted use, it is currently not an accepted use. However, the TIF program has evolved some over the years where recently we made changes where you could use some TIF proceeds to build public safety buildings, police and fire. This takes it another step.

I've been on both sides of this bill before. The Ought Not to Pass side views it as an erosion in TIF which is to be used for economic development. The proponents of this bill view a safe, sound municipal building where planning and other activities for business occurs as an acceptable use. There is already a mechanism for using TIF money for something of this nature but you have to remove it from the TIF sheltering. The TIF sheltering gets you off the hook for your share of education funding and it has revenue sharing implications. So, that's the question of the day; is this an acceptable next step forward and on this particular bill, in this particular Legislature, I came down on the side of this being a reasonable use of TIF money. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buxton, Representative Carlow.

Representative **CARLOW**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, in the preparation of my remarks this afternoon, I was reminded of the 1974 song from Rolling Stones; "Time Waits for No One." And just as it did in the lyrics, that refrain rings true today in the modern world. And the towns and cities and villages across Maine are fighting to keep up, to keep pace with an unrelenting foe.

A few days ago, I was asked by a good friend and colleague of mine in this House why I cared so much about tax increment financing. It's an important resource. It helps all of our municipalities but especially the ones that are most in need and with the fewest options available to them to solve the increasingly complex problems of their work.

The legislation now pending before the House seeks to correct a confounding provision of Law by repealing the expressed prohibition against the utilization of TIF revenues for the capital cost related to the construction and renovation of municipal offices which provide an indispensable function of local government and impacts the local economy in any number of ways. This policy has already been adopted by 26 states and the District of Columbia because the right of a community to decide for itself how to utilize its own resources is essential for the success of towns and cities across America. In terms of an outright prohibition on the use of TIF revenue for this purpose, we are an outlier. Nevertheless, the question has been posed today why the revenue raised by TIF districts should be used to defray the costs of building and maintaining municipal buildings. And I respect the conclusions my colleagues are about to make with regard to this question but I would urge them to consider the Home Rule doctrine upon which so many of our decisions

have derived their basis. The doctrine that local leaders know what their communities need and that they can be trusted to be good stewards for their citizens without arbitrary prohibitions from the State Legislature.

I thank my colleague from Bangor for his thoughtful comments. The people of Hollis, Maine, which I have the good fortune of representing in this House, need a new Town Hall. It was built in 1973, a year before the Rolling Stones song was released, and it's truer now more than ever that time isn't waiting. The Town Hall is falling apart, it's restraining the growth of this small town, and I hope this Body will trust them to make good decisions about how to use the TIF revenues that are already available to them, that will cost the State nothing, and that will greatly, greatly improve the economy for the community I represent. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 95

YEA - Adams, Albert, Ankeles, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Costain, Cray, Crockett, Cyrway, Davis, Dhalac, Dill, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eaton, Faulkingham, Fay, Foster, Fredericks, Gattine, Gifford, Graham, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Kuhn, Landry, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Lookner, Lyman, Matlack, Millett H, Milliken, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, O'Connell, Parry, Paul R, Paulhus, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Reckitt, Rudnicki, Sampson, Sayre, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Underwood, Walker, White B, Williams, Wood, Woodsome, Worth, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Abdi, Andrews, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Lajoie, LaRochelle, Lee, Libby, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Meyer, Millett R, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Pringle, Rana, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Thorne, Warren, White J, Zager.

ABSENT - Campbell, Galletta, Gramlich, Hall, Mason, Osher, Quint, Sargent.

Yes, 84; No, 58; Absent, 8; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

84 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-180)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-180)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)** on Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell (H.P. 151) (L.D. 230)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
BOYER of Poland
COLLINGS of Portland
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HYMES of Waldo
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

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

Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

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

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **ANDREWS**: With this being selling State property, does it require a two-thirds vote?

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question through the Chair, would any Member care to respond? The Chair would answer that the present vote only requires a majority vote.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to pose a question through the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you. I am concerned that we are following State protocol. Again, since we are selling State land, does it need to go out to bid or it can simply be sold to an interested party?

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question to any Member who can answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Shagoury.

Representative **SHAGOURY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is my understanding that this happens fairly frequently that the State sells land without it going out to bid.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Terry.

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

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **TERRY**: Is this plot of land a State-owned plot of land or a town-owned plot of land?

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question through the Chair, would any Member care to respond? The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe that the land is the property of the Maine National Guard.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you. I'd like to pose a question to the Member from Hallowell.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **ANDREWS**: So, when we're selling land to only an individual party, is that land usually sold below market value or at market value?

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question through the Chair. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Shagoury.

Representative **SHAGOURY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This particular sale, and it is common practice, was done by a negotiation between the National Guard which owns the property and the City of Hallowell. And since it looks like we're going back with a question and answer for a bit, let me just tell you a little bit about this property and how we got to where we are, with the Speaker's permission.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **SHAGOURY**: The City of Hallowell has a 160-acre park that serves the greater Augusta area. Formerly known as the Hallowell Reservoir Recreation Area, it's known by all who know it and use it as the Res, and I'd be glad to take any of the Members up there any time we have some time. It's a really lovely spot. A few years ago, there was a survey done of this land and a unique irregularity showed up. It turns out that there was a parcel approximately seven acres within the Res that is actually owned by the National Guard. And this was something of a shock to both parties. Starting in the 1930s, this parcel was used as a site of a tower that was a beacon for the airport when there was a military airport here in Augusta. And after World War II ended, the tower came down and everybody forgot about that 7 acres. And in the interim years, the surrounding area had become parkland. Again, neither the city nor the Guard was aware of this situation and over the years, trails were built through the property. To rectify the situation, there was a Resolve in the 130th Legislature, LD 1852, to make the property available for sale. The Resolve passed and this Resolve is a follow-on to set the conditions for the sale.

The Guard had an assessment done and set the value at \$80,000 and, after a great deal of negotiation, accepted that over the 40-plus years the City had been maintaining that parcel as part of the park, they had put at least the equivalent of \$40,000 into the parcel in terms of maintenance and building the trails and et cetera. And let me also stress that this parcel is essentially landlocked and has probably very little value to anybody else other than the city. And that's the point we're at today. Again, this is common accepted practice for sales and it sets no precedent for how things would be done in the future. I would encourage everyone to vote to allow the sale to proceed as negotiated by mutual agreement with all the parties. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 96

YEA - Abdi, Albert, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Blier, Boyer, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Carlow, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Cray, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jackson, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, Lanigan, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Walker, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Collamore, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Campbell, Galletta, Gramlich, Hall, Mason, Osher, Quint, Reckitt, Sargent.

Yes, 88; No, 53; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

88 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Require a Registered Voter to Update the Registration" (H.P. 158) (L.D. 237)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
COLLINGS of Portland
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-184)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland
HYMES of Waldo
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

Representative SUPICA of Bangor moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Poland, Representative Boyer.

Representative **BOYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the amendment that's presented as the Minority Report would allow for the Secretary of State to conduct voter list maintenance for the purposes of updating the voter lists. Madam Speaker, the initial bill that came across to us was flawed and this was what we worked up and basically, it provides ongoing funding to ensure that our voter rolls are clean and up to date. I'm sure we all went to a door this last election cycle where the names didn't match up and, you know, we had an embarrassing moment with a voter. So, you know, I think we all kind of acknowledge that the voter lists aren't where they should be. In my district in Poland, we have people registered at the Elan School. It's been closed since 2011, Madam Speaker.

Under the Federal laws, it does take years and years to take an invalid voter off the voter rolls through these mailings. So, we thought it makes sense to put this funding into Statute and allow for the Secretary of State to do this on a rolling basis, the idea that the mailings would get smaller and smaller as we go through because the voter rolls would get cleaner and cleaner. Even in 2018, there were dead folks that got certified as signatures on a petition at the town level. The Secretary of State confirmed these dead voters as people so, you know, I'm not talking about election fraud, I'm just saying that our current rolls aren't the best that they could be and this would help in that regard. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Representative ANDREWS of Paris **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 97

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Galletta, Gramlich, Hall, Osher, Quint, Sargent. Yes, 80; No, 64; Absent, 6; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Amend a Circulator's Oath for Petitions and Nomination Papers by Including the Number of Signatures Collected"

(H.P. 1178) (L.D. 1846)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
COLLINGS of Portland
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland
HYMES of Waldo

READ.

On motion of Representative SUPICA of Bangor, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 39) (L.D. 47) Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Licensing Actions of the Emergency Medical Services' Board" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-90)**

(S.P. 75) (L.D. 146) Bill "An Act to Clarify Assessment of Fines for Tattoo Artists, Body Piercers, Electrologists and Micropigmentation Practitioners and to Change Requirements for the Approval of Public Pool and Spa Plans" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-86)**

(S.P. 90) (L.D. 186) Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Prosecutor Positions" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-89)**

(S.P. 103) (L.D. 203) Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers from Display Area Size Requirements" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-92)**

(S.P. 200) (L.D. 445) Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-94)**

(S.P. 221) (L.D. 504) Bill "An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-96)**

(S.P. 341) (L.D. 782) Bill "An Act to Support Statewide Economic Opportunities Through Strategic Investments of Property and Funds, Including Emergency Relief Funds" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-93)**

(S.P. 394) (L.D. 923) Bill "An Act to Improve Disclosure of Present and Future Costs to Maine Electricity Consumers" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-91)**

(S.P. 399) (L.D. 980) Bill "An Act Regarding Disabled Motor Vehicles on Public Ways" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-100)**

(H.P. 291) (L.D. 474) Bill "An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 307) (L.D. 490) Bill "An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 37) (L.D. 62) Bill "An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-190)**

(H.P. 132) (L.D. 211) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Water Supply Protection Funds" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-191)**

(H.P. 138) (L.D. 217) Bill "An Act to Support Manufacturers Whose Products Contain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-200)**

(H.P. 159) (L.D. 238) Bill "An Act to Create a Program for Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-171)**

(H.P. 233) (L.D. 382) Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-189)**

(H.P. 246) (L.D. 395) Bill "An Act to Expand Funding Sources Within the Public Utilities Commission for Intervenor Funding" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-187)**

(H.P. 247) (L.D. 396) Bill "An Act to Preserve the 207 Area Code and Impede So-called Robocalling" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-188)**

(H.P. 467) (L.D. 698) Bill "An Act Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Study the State Natural Gas Supply Pursuant to the Maine Energy Cost Reduction Act" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-185)**

(H.P. 555) (L.D. 899) Bill "An Act to Authorize Vaccine Administration by Pharmacy Technicians and Reduce Vaccine Administration Training Requirements for Pharmacists" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-202)**

(H.P. 585) (L.D. 938) Bill "An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-181)**

(H.P. 593) (L.D. 946) Bill "An Act Regarding Unemployment Benefits for Part-time Faculty at Public Colleges and Universities" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-174)**

(H.P. 597) (L.D. 950) Bill "An Act to Define 'Kickboxing' and 'Muay Thai' in the Laws Governing Mixed Martial Arts and Boxing" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-170)**

(H.P. 622) (L.D. 975) Bill "An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-169)**

(H.P. 895) (L.D. 1400) Bill "An Act to Allow Social Workers to Diagnose Organic Mental Illnesses" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-203)**

(H.P. 1051) (L.D. 1641) Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-197)**

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

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program (S.P. 451) (L.D. 1082)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 85 voted in favor of the same and 58 against, and accordingly the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and was sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Director of the Real Estate Commission to Investigate Complaints (H.P. 111) (L.D. 170)

(C. "A" H-113)

An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities (H.P. 146) (L.D. 225)

(C. "A" H-118)

An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Accessible from a Pharmacist (S.P. 158) (L.D. 351)

(C. "A" S-82)

An Act to Amend the Standards for Manufactured Housing to Comply with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards (S.P. 268) (L.D. 651)

An Act to Protect Access to Veterinary Care by Prohibiting Noncomplete Agreements (H.P. 457) (L.D. 688)

An Act to Expedite the Health Insurance Referral Process for Specialists by Allowing Referrals During Urgent Care Visits (S.P. 280) (L.D. 722)

(C. "A" S-80)

An Act to Allow the Baileyville Utilities District to Disconnect Water Service for a Customer's Failure to Pay for Sewer Service Provided by the Town of Baileyville (S.P. 396) (L.D. 925)

(C. "A" S-79)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions (H.P. 767) (L.D. 1207)

An Act to Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program (H.P. 804) (L.D. 1256)

(C. "A" H-114)

An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees (S.P. 515) (L.D. 1278)

An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel or Others as a Medical Assistant

(S.P. 563) (L.D. 1396)

An Act to Require the Bureau of Labor Standards to Create and Distribute in Workplaces a Veterans' Benefits and Services Poster

(S.P. 709) (L.D. 1762)

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

Resolves

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry

(S.P. 347) (L.D. 788)

(C. "A" S-83)

Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to Study the Creation of an Interstate Compact Concerning the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset

(H.P. 778) (L.D. 1230)

Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters

(S.P. 537) (L.D. 1318)

(C. "A" S-77)

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Authorize Removal of Requirements of Forest Certification Systems from the State's Forest Management Plans"

(S.P. 814) (L.D. 1985)

Resolve, to Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley to Allow for Workforce Housing

(S.P. 818) (L.D. 1989)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Appropriations and Allocations to Support the State of Maine"

(S.P. 811) (L.D. 1982)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Critical Matching Funds for Child Care Services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus"

(S.P. 817) (L.D. 1988)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed. **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Net Energy Billing and Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Systems"

(S.P. 815) (L.D. 1986)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Implement Critical Reforms to the Department of Environmental Protection Outlined in the State COVID-19 Reopening Plan"

(S.P. 822) (L.D. 1997)

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Extend and Expand the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund"

(S.P. 810) (L.D. 1981)

Bill "An Act to Provide for Increased Academic Research by Allowing the Gathering of Data or Statistics by Telephone"

(S.P. 819) (L.D. 1994)

Bill "An Act to Transfer the Arch Hangar at the Former Loring Air Force Base to the Loring Air Museum"

(S.P. 823) (L.D. 1998)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wales, Representative Greenwood, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I pushed the button before the Clerk had read this but I wanted to just make a comment.

Today, we had 32 divided reports. Today, we voted on 12 of them. We tabled 20 of them. I would ask that it's very difficult when they're on Unfinished Business to see the full divided report and I would ask if we could include the divided reports as they are appearing in this Calendar on divided reports under the tabled section so that they're fully clear as to where the divided report is. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will note that all the bills are available online. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Alfred, Representative Sampson, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **SAMPSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the point from my Good Friend; I'm not even sure where he's from; somewhere nearby. Anyway, the issue of the bills being online, this has been a perpetual issue where you try and see the Divided Report and it does not come up in a timely manner. It's still actually buffering from when he was speaking. So, I think if we could try and get some assistance on that, that would be wonderful. Thank you.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Bolster Maine's Workforce and Economy by Increasing Assistance for Parents Pursuing Education and Employment and by Indexing Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate"

(S.P. 820) (L.D. 1995)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion of Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act"

(S.P. 812) (L.D. 1983)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Election Laws and Notarial Laws"

(S.P. 809) (L.D. 1980)

Bill "An Act to Allow Golf Courses to Obtain a License to Conduct Off-premises Catering"

(S.P. 813) (L.D. 1984)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Calais Armory"

(S.P. 816) (L.D. 1987)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Regulate Synthetic Hemp-derived Cannabinoids"

(S.P. 821) (L.D. 1996)

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance for Medical Care"

(H.P. 1257) (L.D. 1955)

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in the House on May 18, 2023.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

On motion of Representative KUHN of Falmouth, the House adjourned at 1:17 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 25, 2023, in honor and lasting tribute to Adrienne Doyle of Gardiner, Ralph Jacques of Biddeford and Kevin Fahrman of Falmouth.