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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
28th Legislative Day
Friday, June 16, 2023

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

Prayer by Reverend Sarah Gillespie, Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice, Lewiston.

National Anthem by Chase Peterson, St. Albans.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday 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:

ENACTORS

Constitutional Amendment

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require All Provisions in the Constitution to Be Included in the Official Printing

(H.P. 48) (L.D. 78)

(C. "A" H-479)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being a Constitutional Amendment, a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolution was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

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

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

(C. "A" S-323)

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. 116 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools

(H.P. 222) (L.D. 348)

(C. "A" H-449)

An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment

(S.P. 260) (L.D. 592)

(C. "A" S-320)

An Act to Promote Water Conservation and Water Quality and Create Habitat for Wildlife, Including Pollinator Species, by Protecting Low-impact Landscaping

(S.P. 266) (L.D. 649)

(C. "B" S-312)

An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office

(S.P. 314) (L.D. 756)

(C. "A" S-308)

An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations

(H.P. 508) (L.D. 819)

(C. "A" H-540)

An Act to Clarify Term Limitations for Legislators, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor

(H.P. 722) (L.D. 1136)

(C. "A" H-491)

An Act to Make Revisions to the Tax Increment Financing and Development District Laws

(H.P. 754) (L.D. 1182)

An Act to Improve the State's Election Laws by Amending the Laws Relating to Automatic Voter Registration

(H.P. 858) (L.D. 1344)

(C. "A" H-511)

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Violations of Condition of Release

(S.P. 567) (L.D. 1449)

(C. "A" S-307)

An Act Regarding Campaign Finance and Lobbying Disclosure and Enforcement of Income Source Reporting Requirements

(S.P. 647) (L.D. 1630)

(C. "A" S-322)

An Act to Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities

(S.P. 683) (L.D. 1720)

(C. "A" S-316)

An Act to Exempt Certain Youth Development Nonprofit Organizations from Sales Tax and the Service Provider Tax

(S.P. 701) (L.D. 1755)

(C. "A" S-315)

An Act to Protect Maine's Transit Employees

(S.P. 721) (L.D. 1796)

(C. "A" S-297)

An Act to Increase the Deduction from Income for Pension Benefits

(H.P. 1207) (L.D. 1882)

(C. "A" H-531)

An Act to Ensure That a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior Is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement

(S.P. 770) (L.D. 1898)

(C. "A" S-317)

An Act to Foster Stable and Affordable Home Ownership in Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Laws Relating to the Sale of Mobile Home Parks

(H.P. 1239) (L.D. 1931)

(C. "A" H-527)

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

Resolves

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Guaranteed Health Care

(S.P. 150) (L.D. 329)
(C. "A" S-321)

Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools in Order to Protect Security and Accessibility

(H.P. 252) (L.D. 419)
(C. "A" H-509)

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program

(H.P. 652) (L.D. 1016)
(C. "A" H-543)

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Propose a State Calendar

(H.P. 791) (L.D. 1243)
(C. "A" H-488)

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Cost-effective, Safe, Administrable and Healthful Programs to Reduce Violence in Prisons and Jails

(H.P. 995) (L.D. 1543)
(C. "A" H-504; H. "A" H-537)

Resolve, to Reestablish the Criminal Records Review Committee

(H.P. 1047) (L.D. 1622)
(C. "A" H-514)

Resolve, to Study the Adoption of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act

(S.P. 667) (L.D. 1662)
(C. "A" S-306; H. "A" H-538)

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

Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program

(H.P. 1187) (L.D. 1857)
(C. "A" H-539)

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

On motion of Representative COPELAND of Saco, was **SET ASIDE**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-539)**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (H-539)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-571) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-539)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-539) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-571) thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-539) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-571)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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:

(H.P. 1265) (L.D. 1968) Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Somerset Woods Trustees" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 687) (L.D. 1092) Bill "An Act to Expand Services for Women Who Experience Gender-based Trauma and Violence" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-574)**

(H.P. 1185) (L.D. 1855) Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study Maine's Mining Excise Tax Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-572)**

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

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the Honorable Bonnie Pothier, of Biddeford, on her retirement as a regional representative of United States Senator Angus King, Jr., working in the Biddeford office serving all of York County, a position she has held since 2012 after years of service as a teacher and the first woman elected Mayor of Biddeford. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 476)

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, Members of the House. I rise today to recognize a true public servant, dedicated community member and a trailblazer, Bonnie Pothier. Bonnie is retiring after a long and varied career in which she has contributed to our State in innumerable ways. For the past decade, she has served as the York County Regional Representative for Senator Angus King. And for those unfamiliar with what a Regional Representative does for a Member of Congress, think of it as the direct customer service representative on behalf of the Senator for a particular region. The person who speaks on the Senator's behalf when he is in D.C., who listens patiently to concerns that constituents have about the Federal Government and helps them solve problems. Bonnie did this job extraordinarily well for more than a decade.

Bonnie, as the Sentiment notes, is also a trailblazer. She was the first woman to serve as Biddeford's Mayor, a position she won in 1989 and held for two years. Past women who had

ran for that office, including my grandmother, Claire, faced a backlash for being so bold as to claim that women deserved a seat in our Government. She faced unfair questions which included the classic misogynistic line often asked of women who run for public office; who will look after your kids? Madam Speaker, I have two children and I have never once been asked that question.

Our Mayor, Alan Casavant, who is a former Member of this Body, is a longtime friend of Bonnie's and he submitted the following to me, quote; during her career as a teacher, as Mayor of the City of Biddeford, as a bank manager, as Saco's director of Saco Spirit, serving as Senator King's regional rep, Bonnie unselfishly and ably guided and assisted hundreds of people. Quite simply, she has been amazing. Having served in the Biddeford City Council during her mayoral tenure and having sought her assistance during my term as Mayor, I can say that she is among the best; if not the best; with whom I have worked. Creative, diligent, honest, caring and possessing that famous Franco work ethic, Bonnie's capacity for doing good and finding success is remarkable. She is a woman of many firsts and Maine and local history will marvel at all she has accomplished; end-quote.

Madam Speaker, the City of Biddeford has been in the news a lot lately due to the economic transformation of our city. Suddenly, we're the hottest place in the State. I'd argue we were always a great city but it took people a while to recognize that. For decades, people from across the State looked their noses down on our proudly working-class city and, yes, while we had our struggles just like any other place, it's people like Bonnie Pothier whose work has fed our revitalization and burnished our reputation. People like Bonnie who always loved our city no matter what the rest of the State thought and who worked tirelessly to lift us all up. Bonnie has certainly earned the right to relax a little bit, though I feel that we have not seen the last of her. I wish her the very best in her retirement and hope you will join me in recognizing her today.

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

Recognizing:

Naldo Gagnon, of Raymond, Chief Deputy of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, on his retirement after nearly 13 years of service as Chief Deputy and 45 years of law enforcement service overall. Chief Deputy Gagnon started his law enforcement career with the Limestone Police Department before moving to the Presque Isle Police Department, from which he retired as Chief before joining the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 497)

Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative TERRY of Gorham, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

In Memory of:

the Honorable Herbert E. Clark, of Millinocket. Mr. Clark was a military veteran who served in Vietnam. He worked nearly 42 years at Great Northern Paper and served 12 terms in the Maine House of Representatives, serving from the 110th Legislature to the 117th Legislature, 1981 to 1996, and from the 122nd Legislature to the 125th Legislature, 2005 to 2012. He was a past chair and board member of Katahdin Federal Credit Union board of directors and a past chair and member of the Millinocket Town Council. He was a past Grand Knight and a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus with Council #680. He was a board member of Maine Avenue Manor and a past board member of Millinocket Regional Hospital. He was a member of the Cancer Support Group, American Legion Post #80, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #1514. Mr. Clark will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 485)

Presented by Representative JAVNER of Chester.
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative JAVNER of Chester, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought to Pass** - Minority (5) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members"

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

TABLED - May 23, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

Representative JAVNER of Chester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** 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 Chelsea, Representative Lemelin.

Representative **LEMELIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Friends of the House, I oppose this bill because it is a disordered act and insults my God. Some people may have the courage to tell our Creator that he made a mistake. However, I do not. Gender is not a choice. It was given to you as a gift from God. Yes, God also gave us free will, which gives people the right to choose Satan's will and decide to attempt to change your gender in theory. This is a huge simple mistake.

Madam Speaker, we have a numerous number of Resolutions recognizing so many groups who you feel have been persecuted in the world. However, there is one group of individuals who have been severely persecuted for 2,000 years and not once have we had a Resolution to honor them. This group has been persecuted and killed more than all the other groups combined. This group are called Christians. If we are to boast equality and equity, then as much as any individual has the right to speak in favor of immoral bills like this one, we Christians have the same right to proclaim the evil behind them. Mainers do not --

Representative **MALON**: Point of Order.

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Malon.

Representative **MALON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm pretty sure calling the bill evil is calling into question the motives of Members. Thank you.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative MALON of Biddeford objected to the comments of Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea because he was questioning the motives of other Members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind all Members to not question the motives of other Members or impugn their character.

The Chair reminded all Members that it was inappropriate to question the motives of other Members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **LEMELIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. For clarification, I'm giving the opinion of myself and Christians, nothing against anybody. And, like I said, as a Christian, I --

Representative **TERRY**: Point of Order.

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

Representative **TERRY**: This seems personal, please, to my Friend from Chelsea, not Christian. Thank you.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative TERRY of Gorham asked the Chair if the remarks of Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea were germane to the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would ask the Member to limit his comments to what's good or bad about this particular bill.

The Chair reminded Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea to stay as close as possible to the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **LEMELIN**: Madam Speaker, Mainers do not want to pay through tax dollars for a person who was given a gift from God of their birth gender to transition to the opposite sex. People who so choose to insult God through their free will should do so with their own money. This is not an attack against any person or group. It is a protest against spending tax dollars for an unnecessary procedure. MaineCare only covers medically necessary operations or procedures, not elective surgeries.

Throughout the world, we are finding out more every day how puberty blockers cause mental illness and depression. They cause permanent harm. In Committee, we hear endless testimony about the mental illness issues and science has proven that the puberty blockers are the main cause for the mental illness. Transgender interventions for children are experimental and dangerous. And, Madam Speaker, someone testified yesterday; or the day before, I can't remember; a friend across the aisle, and asked us very politely and kindly if we would stick to the websites to give information that is more accurate and believable. And I would be remiss and I would lack

charity if I did not honor her request. So, I'm going to read from the American College for Pediatricians. In the life sciences, sex is defined by how a species is organized to reproduce. Human beings reproduce sexually. This means it takes the union of a male sex and a female sex cell to produce offspring. Human sex is binary, male and female, because there are exactly two sex cells. Disorders of sex differentiation are rare, congenital, medically diagnosable conditions associated with reduced fertility. They are not additional sexes. Sex is binary, biologically determined at conception, revealed in utero and acknowledged at birth. Sex is not assigned according to the whims of doctors. Gender has been defined as an internal sex identity and it is now claimed that just as every person has a sex, every person also has an internal sex identity, a gender. There is not a single medical test to diagnose a person's internal sex identity, gender or gender identity because these exist in the mind and not in the body.

No child is born trans but experts claim medical intervention is life-saving. This is a lie. There is not a single long-term study to demonstrate the safety or efficacy of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and surgeries for transgender-believing youth. This means that youth transition is experimental and therefore, parents cannot provide informed consent nor can minors assent to these interventions. Moreover, the best long-term evidence we have among adults shows that medical intervention fails to reduce suicide. Proponents of these interventions for trans-identified youth cite the American Academy of Pediatrics. However, most are unaware that the American Academy of Pediatrics' pro-transition policy has been discredited as a gross misrepresentation of science by gender identity psychologist Dr. James Cantor. In fact, many medical organizations around the world, including in the Australian College of Physicians, the Royal College of General Practitioners in the United Kingdom, and the Swedish National Council for Medical Ethics have characterized these interventions in children as experimental and extremely dangerous. World-renowned Swedish psychiatrist, Dr. Christopher Gillberg, has said that pediatric transition is possibly one of the greatest scandals in medical history and called for immediate moratorium on the use of puberty blocker drugs because of their unknown long-term effects. The vast majority of children with gender incongruence will outgrow it by young child adulthood and the vast majority of gender incongruent teens are struggling with psychological diagnosis that pre-date their gender incongruence. A recent report confirmed the findings of several older case series revealing that gender incongruent adolescents can embrace their bodies through counseling alone when it is directed toward underlying psychological issues.

Stealing is a crime and it is no less so when the stolen item is a child's normal-timed puberty. Puberty is not a disease. It is a critical window of normal development that is radically disrupted by puberty blockers like Lupron. When normal puberty is arrested, valuable time is forever stolen from these children. Time during which significant advances in bone, brain, sexual and psychosocial development occur. Time that can never be given back. This harm is in addition to well-documented negative emotional effects of these drugs. For example, a UK whistleblower recently revealed that gender distressed girls exhibited more behavioral and emotional problems and greater body dissatisfaction while taking these drugs. This is not surprising given that Lupron's package insert lists emotional instability as a side effect and warns users to monitor for development of worsening of psychiatric symptoms during treatment. Temporary use of these drugs has been

associated with and may be the cause of many serious permanent side effects like osteoporosis, mood disorders, seizures, cognitive impairment and, when combined with cross-sex hormones, sterility.

Americans are being led astray by a medical establishment driven by a dangerous ideology and economic opportunity, not science and the Hippocratic oath. The suppression of normal puberty, the use of disease-causing cross-sex hormones and the surgical mutilation and sterilization of children constitute atrocities to be banned, not health care. Now, Madam Speaker, this is the American College of Pediatricians.

I oppose this bill because of love, not because of hate. It's because I love our children and this is where it starts. We're not talking about only adults; we're talking about robbing our children by doing something that 99.9% of all doctors and psychiatrists say is extremely dangerous and should be prohibited. So, Madam Speaker, I'm asking everybody to give this very careful consideration and please follow my light and let's save our children. Thank you.

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

Representative **BOYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a trans loved one and I know trans people and it just hurts my heart to think if they're listening right now or if they're in the gallery or in this Chamber or work here, being told that they're evil or Satan or whatever.

This issue is more nuanced than I think either aisle would like to admit. I do have concerns about parental rights and I do have concerns about trans people killing themselves and trans children killing themselves. So, I guess I just wish that we could speak with a little more compassion and empathy for the people that are hurting mentally, whether you agree with it or disagree with it or think it exists or doesn't think it exists. I know it exists, I know that folks have been helped by some of these drugs and having their gender affirmed, Madam Speaker. So, it's a tough issue. I think there's nuance to it. I think some of the stuff in the schools, Damariscotta and the binder, I think that's over the line. But I also think that people benefit from this and if we're going to; you know, I'm not big on, you know, socialized medicine but we should have equality under the law. I think there's an amendment to support de-transitioning funding. I support that, too. Just because one person de-transitions, doesn't mean it's not right for every other person. So, again, I just wish we would add a little more nuance and compassion to the discussion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **MEYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Esteemed Colleagues of the House. In 2019, MaineCare adopted an emergency rule to reverse the previous policy of noncoverage for services related to gender-affirming care and to explicitly require reimbursement. LD 1040 writes that into law. This legislation represents a milestone opportunity to ensure access to vitally-needed health care services for all Mainers, regardless of gender expression or identity. This is a chance to write into law a policy which over the past three and a half years has helped hundreds, if not thousands, of our constituents to live fuller, more rewarding lives in which they can truly be themselves.

Major medical organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and the American Medical Association, among others, have published policy statements and guidelines on how to provide age-appropriate gender-affirming care. These medical societies and many others find such care

evidence based and medically necessary. Voting in favor of this motion is essential to supporting a truly at-risk community and will send a message that we in Maine support all people without discrimination.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Madawaska, Representative Albert.

Representative **ALBERT**: Madam Speaker, let the record show that I cannot in good conscience vote in the affirmative for this bill. Thank you.

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

Representative **ARATA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I love talking about science. I love discussing data and things of that nature. But since the topic of religion came up, specifically my religion, Christianity, I wanted to point out John 3:17, which says for God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **PRINGLE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to provide some additional information for us to consider as you're deciding how you want to vote.

I've lived a long time and practiced medicine a long time and enjoy the history of medicine. And we have had a history where we couldn't do genetic testing but in medicine, babies are often born where it isn't quite clear what their gender is and there are a lot of syndromes where instead of having an XX for female or XY for male, you can have Turner syndrome, which is XO, or Klinefelter syndrome where you have two X chromosomes and one Y, or adrenogenital syndrome which may make it hard to determine your; or your hormones may affect your masculinization or feminization. There's a syndrome called testicular feminization and then there's babies born with ambiguous genitalia. In the past, before we could do genetic testing to see, do a buccal smear and determine what your chromosomes are, parents and doctors worked together to choose a gender for a baby where they couldn't determine the gender at birth. So, it just; I think saying that we have a God-given gender and we're male or female is sort of defied by the evidence of birth and types of syndromes that we see in humans who I also believe are all God's children.

The other thing I would like to comment is to share that the American College of Pediatricians is not the American Academy of Pediatricians. The American College of Pediatricians has, as of 2002, had 700 members whereas the American Academy of Pediatricians founded in 1930 has 67,000 members.

Finally, the one book I would offer to those who are trying to understand more about this journey of understanding is a book about a Maine family and it was written by Amy Ellis Nutt, who's a Pulitzer Prize winning science reporter and she interviewed the Maine family who adopted identical twin boys and yet one of those boys from early childhood identified as a girl. And it talks about their journey of trying to understand this, working with their pediatricians, referral to the first gender clinic at Boston Children's Hospital and the difficult decisions they had to go through and how the father and mother evolved over time in their understanding of their child's view of themselves. And it gives you a lot of information about gender-affirming care options, what's reversible, what's not reversible, and it will, I think, I know for me, I learned a great deal and I encourage everybody to read it. Nicole transitioned to female and was loved and accepted and supported by her parents and her

community. So, just additional information that I hope you'll find helpful as you decide how to vote.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Moonen.

Representative **MOONEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Colleagues of the House, I rise as the sponsor of this bill. I thought it would be helpful for everyone to have a little context for why this bill is here and how this policy got into place. It comes from the Affordable Care Act. When that was passed, there were regulations adopted that prohibit denial of coverage based on sexual orientation and gender identity. And four years ago, approximately, there was a lot of concern that the Affordable Care Act would be repealed at the federal level. I realize folks probably have strong feelings for or against that, totally respect that, but at that time, the Legislature came together in an incredibly bipartisan way to make sure that if that did happen, some of the most critical provisions of the Affordable Care Act would be in State law. So, that was things like preexisting conditions, allowing minors to stay on their parents' health insurance until age 26, those types of things. But it also included that language from the regulations that would prohibit denial of coverage based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

That was LD 1 in the 129th Legislature. It passed the Senate unanimously and the House 148 to 3. And as a result of that passage, private insurers are not allowed to deny coverage in Maine based on sexual orientation or gender identity. But what it didn't cover was MaineCare. So, DHHS went through a rulemaking process that included public comment and a public hearing to adopt rules removing exclusions for gender-affirming care from the MaineCare manual that was in effect at that time. When they did that four years ago, Maine was one of just eight remaining States that had exclusions for trans health care. And states were moving rapidly in the same direction that we did because (A) they either felt it was the right policy, or (B) they were getting challenged in court. The Iowa Supreme Court declared exclusions for trans health care unconstitutional. A federal court enjoined the State of Wisconsin from enforcing their MaineCare exclusions for trans health care, and Illinois removed their exclusions voluntarily right around the same time that Maine did.

So, I haven't checked in the last few weeks but it was less than eight states left that were still having this exclusion. And so, we removed that exclusion four years ago, it's been the policy ever since in rules. All this bill does is take those rules and put them in Statute. So, there's no policy change at all if this bill passes. There's no fiscal note because MaineCare already covers all of this care. So, it simply takes what's in rules and puts it in law. We've heard discussion about other states that are taking action to try and prohibit this type of care and to me, that is all the evidence I need that we need to take action to protect it and make sure that it is very difficult to remove this from Maine law and that's why we should pass this bill. 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 Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 248

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyer, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenhus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Milliken, Moonen,

Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Crockett, Fay, Galletta, Landry, Millett R, Montell, Newman, Perry J, Roberts, White B.

Yes, 75; No, 65; Absent, 10; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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

Representative SMITH of Palermo **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-207)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Palermo, Representative Smith.

Representative **SMITH**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Members of the House, I present to you an amendment to LD 1040 and ask you to vote its passing. Currently, LD 1040 includes reimbursement to be provided for medically necessary treatment for or related to gender dysphoria. My concern is that this bill will only pay for the initial altering procedures and not the consequences that arise from the major surgeries including mastectomies, radical hysterectomies, vaginoplasties and orchiectomies and complications also from long-term hormone treatments. This amendment will include any and all complications that arise from sex change procedures and will also include the de-transitioning process when a person feels led down that path.

In writing this testimony, I think of Presha and David, who so bravely testified on bills recently and of their stories of pain and suffering they've had after these procedures. Complications from hormone replacement therapy include changes in your blood sugar levels and therefore a greater risk for type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, an increased risk for heart disease, stroke and a greater risk of breast cancer. One individual noted they were on testosterone for five and a half years and had to stop when their liver and kidneys began to fail. Life-long use of hormone therapy means long-term risks of the aforementioned complications and we must ensure we have a continuum of care. Complications from physical procedures such as vaginoplasty include when multiple infections occur due to hair continuing to grow inside the artificially created opening, necrosis, the death of body tissue that occurs when too little blood flows to the tissue and urethra and rectovaginal fistulas when bowel and urinary tracts continually leak and cause pain and ongoing internal harm to the patient.

We must be committed to covering the cost for these very real, often painful and lifelong complications. Regarding coverage of trying to reverse sex change procedures, there is growing evidence and data regarding those who have had a sex

change and later found their choice to be a terrible mistake. You only have to do a quick internet search to find those who speak of the consequences of an ill-informed transition and their desire to once again find wholeness in their bodies. We simply cannot believe that those who have attempted to transition are now instantly happy and therefore finished with medical procedures. We must ensure our eyes are open to those whose medical needs will continue to be massive and state plainly in this Statute that de-transitioning is covered. We need to ensure we are showing compassion and long-term care for all the people of Maine based on the facts that these procedures do cause harm. I ask you to do so by voting for this amendment. Thank you.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **House Amendment "A" (H-207) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative SMITH of Palermo moved that the House **RECONSIDER** its action whereby **House Amendment "A" (H-207) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative MOONEN of Portland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECONSIDER** the House's action whereby **House Amendment "A" (H-207) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Reconsider the House's Action whereby House Amendment "A" (H-207) was Indefinitely Postponed. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 249

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

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

ABSENT - Crockett, Fay, Galletta, Landry, Millett R, Montell, Roberts.

Yes, 68; No, 75; Absent, 7; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

68 having voted in the affirmative and 75 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the motion to **RECONSIDER** whereby **House Amendment "A" (H-207) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED FAILED.**

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

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

HOUSE REPORT - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-569) - Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act to Reform the State's Adult Use Cannabis Seed-to-sale Tracking System to Allow for Canopy Tagging"

(H.P. 984) (L.D. 1529)

TABLED - June 15, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT.**

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of the Committee Report and later today assigned.

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) Ought to Pass - Minority (5) Ought Not to Pass - Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Special Motions to Dismiss to Include Workplace and Title IX Claims"

(S.P. 623) (L.D. 1592)

- In Senate, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

TABLED - June 15, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE.**

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) Ought Not to Pass - Minority (5) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-566) - Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act and Related Provisions"

(H.P. 1088) (L.D. 1699)

TABLED - June 15, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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. 250

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochele, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Milliken, Moonen,

Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, 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, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Crockett, Fay, Landry, Lanigan, Millett R, Montell, Osher, Quint, Roberts.

Yes, 75; No, 66; Absent, 9; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (10) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (3) **Ought to Pass** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Empower Jurors by Allowing Instructions That They May Find a Defendant Not Guilty if a Guilty Verdict Would Yield an Unjust Result"

(H.P. 1145) (L.D. 1782)

TABLED - June 15, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan **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**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Poland, Representative Boyer.

Representative **BOYER**: Madam Speaker, this is my bill. Proud to present it. It's otherwise known as jury nullification. I'm proud of the tri-partisan, elusive tri-partisan co-sponsors on the bill. So, jury nullification occurs when a jury acquits a defendant despite evidence that the defendant is guilty because the jurors believe that the law is unjust or that the application of the law in this particular case would be unjust. There are a variety of reasons a jury may want to use this power, including the law itself is unjust or the law is misapplied by the prosecutor or the penalties of the law may be too severe.

Madam Speaker, jury nullification has a long history in the United States, often used against government overreach. Before the Civil War, juries in the north would sometimes nullify the Fugitive Slave Act as it benefitted slave owners. Abolitionists would challenge the law by intentionally breaking it, many times with the support of jurors who refuse to convict a formerly enslaved person or those that helped them gain their freedom. Juries are an important safeguard against unjust laws. The legal system is far from perfect. There are plenty of examples over time where laws have been on the books that were discriminatory, oppressive or even immoral. During alcohol Prohibition, it was used to nullify alcohol control laws and

help lead to the adoption of the 21st Amendment. Today, it's used in cases involving cannabis or drug possession, especially convictions that could trigger a three-strike or other mandatory sentence.

I'm sure those opposed to this concept will contest that jurors must apply the law exactly as the judge gives it to them, whether they agree with it or not, Madam Speaker. This couldn't be further from the truth. Juries have an inherent right to set aside the law when a just verdict requires it and conscientiously acquit the defendant. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase and John Jay have stated that the jury has the right to judge both the law as well as the fact in controversy. John Adams said of the juror it is not only his right but his duty to find the verdict accruing to his own best understanding, judgment and conscience, though in direct opposition to the direction of the court.

So, if jury nullification exists, it's been used for centuries, what am I trying to accomplish here today with this legislation, Madam Speaker? I'm simply asking for the court to inform the jury of their power. LD 1782 would allow for the defendant or the defendant's attorney to request the court to instruct the jury as follows. This is the whole bill here. "If you have a reasonable doubt as to whether the State has proved any one or more of the elements of the crime charged, you must find the defendant not guilty. However, if you find that the State has proved all the elements of the crime charged beyond a reasonable doubt, you must find the defendant guilty unless you find based upon the facts of the case that a guilty verdict would yield an unjust result, in which case you may find the defendant not guilty."

Now, I spoke about how jury nullification has been used in the past but imagine some of the injustices that could have been avoided. Madam Speaker, perhaps you remember Cyntoia Brown who was convicted of murdering one of the men that paid to have sex with her. She was a 16-year-old and was sentenced to life in prison. After a social media campaign sparked new interest in the case, she was granted clemency by the Governor of Tennessee and released after spending 15 years in jail. What if the jury heard about those instructions before deliberating? Would she have avoided spending half of her life in jail, Madam Speaker? Or Pieper Lewis who was sex trafficked as a 15-year-old. Her trafficker would get her drunk and charge other men to rape her while she was either conscious or passed out. She woke up during one of these assaults, grabbed a knife from the nightstand and stabbed her rapist to death. While the judge spared her jail time, she did receive five years' probation, 200 hours of community service, and was ordered to stay at a women's center. To add insult to injury, because of a 1997 Iowa State Law, she was ordered to pay \$150,000 to her dead rapist's estate. Would this outcome be the same if jurors knew they could vote their conscience? Jurors have an ethical duty and a legal right to vote their conscience and to render a just verdict, even if that conflicts with the law. Just because something is legal or lawful, doesn't mean it is just or moral, Madam Speaker. Slavery was State-sanctioned, segregation was legislated. Who is a better arbiter of justice than the 12 members of our community? I'll leave you with a quote from Judge Dave Bazelon in *United States v. Dougherty*. He says trust in the jury is, after all, one of the cornerstones of our entire criminal jurisprudence and if that trust is without foundation, we must reexamine a great deal more than just the nullification doctrine.

So, you'll probably hear the Good Representative from Portland get up and tell you why this is a bad idea and about all the people that spoke against it, and that's all well and good, but I think at the end of the day what I'm talking about, Madam Speaker, is having trust in our community that we don't get it

right every time here in Augusta or in D.C. You know, what's the stat; we break five federal laws every day walking down the street. So, you know, the idea that jurors can come together and deliver a more just result, that's what we're asking. We should trust them, trust their power. If we can't trust our jurors then we've got bigger problems. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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. 251

YEA - Abdi, Adams, Ankeles, Arata, Arford, Babin, Bell, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bridgeo, Carmichael, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Cray, Cyrway, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Drinkwater, Eaton, Foster, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Haggan, Hall, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jackson, Jauch, Javner, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lavigne, Lee, Lemelin, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, Malon, Mason, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Milliken, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, Nutting, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Swallow, Terry, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Albert, Andrews, Ardell, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Campbell, Carlow, Davis, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Henderson, Hymes, Libby, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Paul, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Riseman, Rudnicki, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Warren, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Crockett, Fay, Landry, Lanigan, Millett R, Montell, Roberts.

Yes, 99; No, 44; Absent, 7; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

99 having voted in the affirmative and 44 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

BILL RECALLED FROM GOVERNOR

(Pursuant to Joint Order - House Paper 1290)

An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance
(H.P. 596) (L.D. 949)
(C. "A" H-173)

- In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on June 1, 2023.

- In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on June 6, 2023.

On motion of Representative ROEDER of Bangor, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-173)**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (H-173)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-575) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-173)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

On motion of Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **House Amendment "A" (H-575) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-173)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT House Amendment "A" (H-575) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-173)**.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Adoption of House Amendment "A" (H-575) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-173). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 252

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Milliken, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, 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, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Crockett, Fay, Landry, Lanigan, Millett R, Montell, Roberts.

Yes, 75; No, 68; Absent, 7; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 68 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-575) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-175)** was **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-173) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-575) thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-173) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-575)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs"

(H.P. 629) (L.D. 994)

Report "B" (6) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on June 14, 2023.

Came from the Senate with Report "A" (6) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-439)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Family Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services

(S.P. 430) (L.D. 1061)

(C. "A" S-243)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 14, 2023.

Came from the Senate **FAILING** of **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Regarding Incarcerated Individuals and Legislative Apportionment"

(H.P. 1093) (L.D. 1704)

Majority (10) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-446)** in the House on June 14, 2023.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (1) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative **STOVER** of Boothbay, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Exempt Boats and All-terrain Vehicles Purchased for Qualified Commercial Fishing or Commercial Farming from State Sales Tax"

(H.P. 828) (L.D. 1303)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-524) in the House on June 14, 2023.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-524) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-334)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building

(H.P. 695) (L.D. 1100)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-448) in the House on June 14, 2023.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-448) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-337)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Protect Maine Patients Regarding Hospital Price Transparency

(H.P. 600) (L.D. 953)

(C. "A" H-400)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate **FAILING** of **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker **TALBOT ROSS** of Portland moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative **MORRIS** of Turner **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 253

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, 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, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Milliken, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Warren, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Crockett, Fay, Landry, Millett R, Montell, Roberts.

Yes, 73; No, 71; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 71 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances"

(H.P. 356) (L.D. 551)

Majority (7) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on June 13, 2023.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (6) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-463)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland moved that the House **INSIST**.

Representative MORRIS of Turner moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative TERRY of Gorham **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 254

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

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

ABSENT - Crockett, Fay, Landry, Millett R, Montell, Quint, Roberts, Soboleski.

Yes, 66; No, 76; Absent, 8; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

66 having voted in the affirmative and 76 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR FAILED**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Exempt Prescription Pet Medications from Sales Tax"

(S.P. 676) (L.D. 1689)

Majority (8) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **TAXATION READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Minority (4) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-327)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 214)

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

June 15, 2023

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Natural and Working Lands Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Representative Margaret O'Neil of Saco

Representative Dean Cray of Palmyra

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 215)

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

June 16, 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:"

Energy, Utilities and Technology

L.D. 421 An Act to Ensure Utility Acquisitions Benefit Maine People

L.D. 1167 An Act to Require Communications Service Providers to Prorate Customer Bills for Cancellation and Allow a Reduction in Service for a Customer with an Outstanding Balance

Judiciary
L.D. 776 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Bodily Autonomy
Veterans and Legal Affairs
L.D. 1680 An Act to Allow Cannabis Advertising and to Allow Cannabis Delivery

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 637)

**MAINE SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

June 15, 2023
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Please be advised the Senate today adhered to its previous action whereby it accepted the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report from the Committee on State and Local Government on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Municipal Flavored Tobacco Product Bans on State-licensed Tobacco Retailers" (H.P. 431) (L.D. 662) in non-concurrence.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 638)

**MAINE SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

June 15, 2023
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Please be advised the Senate today adhered to its previous action whereby it committed Bill "An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine" (H.P. 517) (L.D. 828) and accompanying papers to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services in non-concurrence.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-232)** on Bill "An Act to Support Maine Loggers' and Truckers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards" (S.P. 758) (L.D. 1874)

Signed:
Senators:

INGWERSEN of York
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

PLUECKER of Warren
HEPLER of Woolwich
JAUCH of Topsham
OSHER of Orono
SHAW of Auburn

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

Signed:
Senator:

BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth
CRAY of Palmyra
GUERRETTE of Caribou
HALL of Wilton
JACKSON of Oxford

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 SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-341).**

READ.

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

Representative HALL of Wilton **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 Old Town, Representative Dill.

Representative **DILL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I totally agree with the title of this bill and completely agree that LD 1878 is about a labor issue, certainly. But unfortunately, the way it ended up, it will impact international third-party certification standards that we all rely on. We all get a box from Amazon or Target or Walmart and it has that SFI or FSC code or seal on it. These are environmental standards that are a good thing and the marketplace demands it. This is especially true for our public lands that rely on timber sales to take care of Maine's public lands. The Department estimates a potential revenue loss of \$2 million in lost certification due to the bill. Maine's logging industry does not need additional burdens at a time of much uncertainty.

Loggers in Maine deserve the support of State policy where possible. However, it is unclear how LD 1874 would support Maine loggers and truckers and would instead likely harm those contractors working with our public lands. Let's focus on these important issues but let's not jeopardize our

important timber markets in the process. I urge you to vote no. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wilton, Representative Hall.

Representative **HALL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the motion. This bill requires another certification that loggers and truckers will need just to do business. In an industry that is already bogged down with restrictions, this is not necessary. Please vote this motion down.

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

Representative **PLUECKER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm in favor of this motion. The professional logging contractors of Maine are in favor of these logging standards, of these labor standards. We are looking out for the people who are working in the woods and are bringing those Amazon boxes to us. These standards already exist to some degree within those third-party SFI and FSC logos we see on things and we really want to move it out of their purview and making it clear in our State Statute that we believe in labor standards and we want to see that is in our Laws. Thank you very much.

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

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand in opposition to the pending motion. I would just remind folks of the announcement that was made a couple of months ago, three or four months ago, by the paper mill in Skowhegan-Hinkley, Sappi, of the I believe over \$140 million they are looking to invest in a No. 2 paper machine, allowing that machine to produce the product which makes up the boxes that we receive from Amazon and others. And these monies will help the logging industry in Maine and this bill is not necessary. The loggers of Maine that I know will be very grateful for that mill investment and will benefit from it. So, I would ask that you oppose this 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. 255

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

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

ABSENT - Adams, Campbell, Crockett, Fay, Landry, Lemelin, Millett R, Montell, Roberts.

Yes, 78; No, 63; Absent, 9; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-232)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

On motion of Representative PLUECKER of Warren, **Committee Amendment "A" (S-232)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-341) 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 Senate Amendment "A" (S-341)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-257)** on Bill "An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons"

(S.P. 14) (L.D. 22)

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook

HASENFUS of Readfield

LOOKNER of Portland

MADIGAN of Waterville

MATHIESON of Kittery

MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-258)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

HARRINGTON of York

LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

NEWMAN of Belgrade

NUTTING of Oakland

PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

ARDELL of Monticello

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 "B" (S-258)**.

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-318)** on Bill "An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons"

(S.P. 250) (L.D. 582)

Signed:

Senators:

HARRINGTON of York
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
ARDELL of Monticello
HASENFUS of Readfield
MADIGAN of Waterville
NEWMAN of Belgrade
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-319)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

LOOKNER of Portland
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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-318)**.

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-133)** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund"

(S.P. 91) (L.D. 187)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
BOYLE of Gorham
DUNPHY of Embden
FOSTER of Dexter
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
PAUL of Winterport
WARREN of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-134)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

RUNTE of York

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-133)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-133)** 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-133)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-330)** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Beneficial Reuse of Construction and Demolition Debris"

(S.P. 276) (L.D. 718)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
CARNEY of Cumberland
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
CAMPBELL of Orrington
DOUDERA of Camden
HOBBS of Wells
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips
WOODSOME of Waterboro

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-331)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

O'NEIL of Saco

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-330)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-330)** 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-330)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-340)** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Legal Representation for Residents Facing Eviction"

(S.P. 151) (L.D. 330)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
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

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-340)** Report.

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-340)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-340)** 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-340)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Requiring the Reporting of Stolen Firearms"

(H.P. 647) (L.D. 1011)

Signed:

Senators:

HARRINGTON of York
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello
HASENFUS of Readfield
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill
NEWMAN of Belgrade
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-554)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
LOOKNER of Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
MATHIESON of Kittery

READ.

Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative NUTTING of Oakland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **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 Oakland, Representative Nutting.

Representative **NUTTING**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Many of the bills that we deal with in this Chamber require long speeches; some of them long, long speeches. We've heard some of them today and we'll hear more before we're done. But this one is very simple. Passing this law will cause people who are crime victims, who have been crime victims, to become criminals. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Camden, Representative Doudera.

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this is a bill to stop what is called the iron pipeline. And those are guns from Maine that are going to other states south of us that have stricter gun laws than we do and being used in crimes. I think this is a very simple bill, too. I think if a firearm is stolen, something that could go on to do great harm, it's not too much to ask people to; within 72 hours that they know that it is stolen, to report it to law enforcement. This is a bill that will save lives and I hope that you will follow my light and vote for it. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dover-Foxcroft, Representative Perkins.

Representative **PERKINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Colleagues in the House. This bill would almost certainly lead to unwarranted prosecution, even entrapment of law-abiding Maine citizens simply for being the victim of a crime. This bill does not address the act of any criminal or actual criminal act, nor does it apply to anyone who's broken one of our firearms laws. It only applies expensive and needless penalties to lawful and responsible firearm owners who already have an incentive to report the theft of their valuable personal property. I know if one of my firearms was stolen, the first thing I would do is report it. I'd want that property back, I'd want it off of the streets. The sole case presented as an example given in testimony before Committee to support this bill, a case in where one of the firearms used in a tragic crime was stolen, failed to answer the most basic question germane to this bill, that the legal owner of the firearm was aware of the theft of the firearm, let alone that he failed to report it or failed to report it in a timely manner.

Being convicted of any crime has a negative impact on a person's future. Being convicted of a crime involving a firearm, the impact could be far-reaching and severe, threatening even

the civil rights of the individual. Therefore, I cannot support a bill that makes a criminal of someone for merely being the victim of a crime, a crime perpetrated by someone who should be the true focus of our criminal justice system. I therefore respectfully ask, Madam Speaker, that you support my vote of Ought Not to Pass on the Minority Report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 256

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Dhalac, Dodge, Doudera, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Moonen, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roeder, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Crockett, Fay, Landry, Millett R, Montell, Roberts.

Yes, 66; No, 78; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

66 having voted in the affirmative and 78 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** 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-553)** on Bill "An Act to Allow Persons Who Lawfully Use or Possess Cannabis to Own or Possess Firearms or Ammunition"

(H.P. 698) (L.D. 1103)

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
HASENFUS of Readfield
LOOKNER of Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

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

READ.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Albion, Representative Cryway. The Member may proceed.

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I felt compelled to speak about this. I understand people like cannabis or don't like it but this has nothing to do with that. It basically is that the number one rule when around gun safety is guns and drugs do not mix. This combination makes for a very dangerous recipe for public safety and reckless behavior to include reaction time and decision making. A rulebook comes with your purchase of a gun. The U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has laws they have to abide by for serious reasons. So, cannabis should not be possessed or used any different than alcohol when using a firearm for safety purposes, period. So, I would like to request a Roll Call.

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

Fewer than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was not ordered.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-553)** 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-553)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-561)** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Notice Period for Rent Increases"

(H.P. 470) (L.D. 701)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
RECKITT of South Portland

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

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-561)** Report.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-561)** 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-561)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-560)** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Establishing That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law

(H.P. 908) (L.D. 1412)

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 RESOLUTION.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

POIRIER of Skowhegan

READ.

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

The Resolution was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-560)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolution was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-560)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Enact the Protection of Shared Physical and Digital Property from Warrantless Searches Act"

(H.P. 1208) (L.D. 1883)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

KUHN of Falmouth

LEE of Auburn

MORIARTY of Cumberland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

POIRIER of Skowhegan

RECKITT of South Portland

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought 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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-562)** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members"

(H.P. 939) (L.D. 1443)

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay

COPELAND of Saco

DHALAC of South Portland

PAULHUS of Bath

RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-563)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

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.

Seven Members of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-551)** on Bill "An Act Regarding Transition Coordination, Prisoner Attendance at Funerals, Furloughs, Visitation, Education and Discretionary Accounts at County Jails" (H.P. 826) (L.D. 1301)

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
HASENFUS of Readfield
LOOKNER of Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

Four Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-552)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

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

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-551)** 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-551)** and sent for concurrence.

Eight Members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** report in Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Time Period for Notice to Terminate a Tenancy at Will" (H.P. 493) (L.D. 804)

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
POIRIER of Skowhegan

Four Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-564)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MORIARTY of Cumberland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-565)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

RECKITT of South Portland

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-564)**.

READ.

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass**.

Representative KESSLER of South Portland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass**.

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 Report "A" Ought Not to Pass. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 257

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bell, Blier, Boyer, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Cloutier, Collamore, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Eaton, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gere, Gifford, Graham, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Hobbs, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Kuhn, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lee, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Madigan, Mason, Mastraccio, Matlack, Meyer, Millett H, Moonen, Moriarty, Morris, Murphy, Ness, Newman, Nutting, O'Connell, Parry, Paul, Paulhus, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Pringle, Quint, Riseman, Roeder, Rudnicki, Runte, Russell, Salisbury, Sampson, Sargent, Sayre, Schmearsal-Burgess, Shagoury, Shaw, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Stover, Strout, Swallow, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome, Worth, Zager, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bridgeo, Cluchey, Collings, Dhalac, Gattine, Geiger, Golek, Gramlich, Jauch, Kessler, LaRochelle, Lookner, Malon, Mathieson, Milliken, O'Neil, Osher, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Sachs, Sheehan, Skold, Supica, Warren, Williams, Zeigler.

ABSENT - Costain, Crockett, Fay, Landry, Millett R, Montell, Roberts.

Yes, 113; No, 30; Absent, 7; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

113 having voted in the affirmative and 30 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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

ORDER

On motion of Representative WHITE of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 29)

ORDERED, that Representative Joseph C. Galletta of Durham be excused Jan 10, Feb 2, 7, 9, 16 and 28, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, Apr 5, 6, 12, 13, 20, 25 and 27, May 2, 9, 16, 18, 23, 25 and 30, Jun 6 and 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative William D. Pluecker of Warren be excused Jun 6 and 7 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Shelley Rudnicki of Fairfield be excused Jun 6, 7 and 8 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kathy A. Shaw of Auburn be excused Jun 1 for personal reasons.

READ and **PASSED**.

SENATE PAPER

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 833)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order. We have concluded our business. I want to thank everybody for their hard work this week, for your patience, flexibility and for your efforts to remain respectful and professional in this Chamber.

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

Representative **PARRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow members of the Transportation Committee here in the House on a great job done on the budget, a bipartisan effort where we all came together and really made a great contribution, I think, and with something that did need two-thirds, it was good that we were able to all come together here in the House. And I just wanted to thank all the members of the Transportation Committee for a great effort done this year.

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

On motion of Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, the House adjourned at 2:20 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2023, or until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 833) and in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Herbert E. Clark of Millinocket and Emily Mary-Evelyn Fournier of Fairfield.