

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
17th Legislative Day  
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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

Prayer by Reverend Shane Stoops, First United Pentecostal Church, Augusta.

National Anthem by Honorable Tammy Schmersal-Burgess, Mexico.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Medical Provider of the Day, Amy Brown, MS, FNP-C, Brunswick.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act Regarding Home Heating Fuel Assistance"  
(S.P. 760) (L.D. 1952)

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Fund Medical Research and Cancer Prevention"

(S.P. 355) (L.D. 792)

Majority (11) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on May 7, 2025.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Minority (2) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-35)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act"

(H.P. 1313) (L.D. 1969)

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in the House on May 13, 2025.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Potentially Intoxicating Hemp Products to a Person Under 21 Years of Age" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1281) (L.D. 1920)

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in the House on May 6, 2025.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Modify Taxes Applying to Adult Use Cannabis, Hemp and Hemp Products"

(H.P. 1301) (L.D. 1942)

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in the House on May 7, 2025.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Joint Order to Amend Joint Rule 308

(S.P. 726)

**INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in the House on May 6, 2025.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Joint Order was **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 164)

**STATE OF MAINE**

**132ND MAINE LEGISLATURE**

May 12, 2025

Chief Edward Peter-Paul

Mi'kmaq Nation

Chief Clarissa Sabattis

Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Chief William J. Nicholas, Sr.

Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk

Chief Pos Bassett

Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik

Chief Kirk E. Francis

Penobscot Nation

Dear Chiefs,

We are reaching out to inform you that the upcoming Joint Convention on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 for the State of the Tribes has been cancelled due to schedule changes that would not have allowed each of the tribes' Chiefs to attend.

We look forward to rescheduling the State of the Tribes in the future.

Sincerely,

S/ Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry

President of the Senate

S/Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 165)

**HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS  
88 BELL ROAD  
LITTLETON, MAINE 04730**

May 12, 2025

Maine House of Representatives

Office of Clerk

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Clerk:

This is to certify that Brian P Reynolds was elected by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to serve as the Representative to the State Legislature representing the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians for the term of April 30, 2025 through October 2026.

Sincerely,

S/Crystal Tucker

Tribal Clerk

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 166)

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

May 14, 2025

Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

Education and Cultural Affairs

L.D. 168 An Act to Improve Safety in Public Schools by Requiring Silent Electronic Notification Systems in Classrooms

L.D. 808 An Act to Require School Boards and Governing Bodies of Approved Private Schools to Implement Wearable Panic Alert Systems

L.D. 1071 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Conduct a Review of the Implementation of Public Law 2021, Chapter 295 and Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Consult with School Administrators Regarding Developing a Plan for Community-based Crisis Receiving Centers

L.D. 1203 An Act to Provide Grants to Schools That Contract for Behavioral and Mental Health Services

L.D. 1579 An Act to Abolish School Budget Referenda Health and Human Services

L.D. 279 An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 563 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment

L.D. 791 An Act Regarding Children with Behavioral Health Needs Awaiting Placement in Residential Care Facilities (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1239 An Act to Require Data Collection on and Reporting of Psychiatric Hospital Resources and Transparency in Denials of Emergency Involuntary Admissions to Psychiatric Hospitals

L.D. 1570 An Act to Prohibit Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply

L.D. 1631 Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group to Address Child Stay Times in Hospital Emergency Departments

L.D. 1711 Resolve, to Allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits to Be Used to Purchase Ready-to-cook Meals

L.D. 1758 An Act to Expedite Provider Enrollment in MaineCare Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 175 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Ensure That Only Citizens of the United States May Participate in Elections

L.D. 397 An Act to Require a Voter to Show Photographic Identification

L.D. 1149 An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting

L.D. 1320 An Act to Prevent Illicit Cultivation and Trafficking Within Maine's Regulated Cannabis Industry

L.D. 1422 An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting

L.D. 1446 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age

L.D. 1455 An Act to Prevent Illegal Cannabis Growing Operations in the State

L.D. 1608 An Act to Counter Unlawful Cannabis Cultivation

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

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

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, here we are going into week eight of this Special Session. How this is constitutional is still beyond me. So, I would once again ask this Body; or ask you, Mr. Speaker; to use your connections with the Chief Executive and find out why we are here for the emergency, other than being political. Thank you.

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

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 28)

ORDERED, that Representative Mark C. Cooper of Windham be excused May 6 and 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Allison Hepler of Woolwich be excused May 6 and 7 for legislative business reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Caldwell Jackson of Oxford be excused Apr 22, 23, 24, 29, and May 6 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Melanie F. Sachs of Freeport be excused May 6 for health reasons.

**READ and PASSED.**

**SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR**

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

**Recognizing:**

the Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program, of Brunswick, which has received the Governor's Service Award for Outstanding Non-Profit Volunteer Program 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 584)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ARFORD of Brunswick, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Arford.

Representative **ARFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to just briefly speak to this amazing organization that has served my community for 42 years, that has provided ongoing support for people experiencing food insecurity or just needing a less expensive meal than what they would be able to purchase in the local grocery store. And the best way to describe them is to say; to use the old adage, 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going.' And this is how this organization behaves in our community. During COVID, they did nothing; they didn't miss a step, they continued to deliver boxes of food throughout our Midcoast community, they continued to provide meals; hot meals; to people, everybody wearing masks. They're an amazing organization, and I have forever had so much respect for them. And the one thing that some of you may not know is that their Executive Director, who is relatively new, a young woman, relatively new with this organization, also received the Young Professional of the Year Award for 2025 from our local Chamber.

So, they're just a beloved organization within our Midcoast community, and I want to recognize them.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Change of Committee**

Representative GRAMLICH from the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Address Climate Change"

(H.P. 964) (L.D. 1472)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

Sent for concurrence.

**Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-71)** on Bill "An Act to Provide Support for Certain Maine Discovery Museum Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Educational Programming Throughout the State"

(S.P. 131) (L.D. 281)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York  
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MURPHY of Scarborough  
BRENNAN of Portland  
CROCKETT of Portland  
DODGE of Belfast  
MITCHELL of Cumberland  
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham  
CARLOW of Buxton  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

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-71)**.

**READ.**

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hampden, Representative Haggan.

Representative **HAGGAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand today to; Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm sorry; I stand today in opposition to this motion.

While I support the intent of this bill, I feel allocating hundreds of thousands annually to these programs is fiscally irresponsible. The initiatives of the Maine Science Festival, Maine Invention Convention and Science Around Maine are already well established. Relying on outside fundraising efforts has been the practice in the past, and I really feel that this is where we need to go with our fiscal woes that we're facing today. I think investing and strengthening those fundraising capabilities promotes fiscal responsibility, encourages teamwork and helps set clear goals for a sustainable program support. Thank you.

Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls **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: 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. 132**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Archer, Arford, Beck, Bell, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Copeland, Crafts, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Eaton, Faircloth, Farrin, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, O'Halloran, Osher, Pluecker, Pugh, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Sinclair, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Webb, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Campbell, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Collins, Cooper, Cray, Daigle, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eder, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredette, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lance, Lavigne, Lyman, Mason, McIntyre, Mingo, Morris, Nutting, Olsen, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White J, White R, Wood S, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Carlow, Crockett, Doudera, Fredericks, Gramlich, Hall, Lanigan, Lemelin, Rana, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 75; No, 63; Absent, 12; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 12 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-71)** 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-71)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-70)** on Bill "An Act to Fund the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program"

(S.P. 264) (L.D. 581)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York  
LIBBY of Cumberland  
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MURPHY of Scarborough  
BRENNAN of Portland  
CARLOW of Buxton  
CROCKETT of Portland  
DODGE of Belfast  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
LYMAN of Livermore Falls  
MITCHELL of Cumberland  
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Representative:

BAGSHAW of Windham

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-70)**.

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-70)** 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-70)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-60)** on Bill "An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Awarding Waivers of Tuition and Fees to Eligible Students"

(S.P. 317) (L.D. 700)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York  
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MURPHY of Scarborough  
BRENNAN of Portland  
CARLOW of Buxton  
CROCKETT of Portland  
DODGE of Belfast  
MITCHELL of Cumberland  
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

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-60)**.

**READ.**

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

Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls **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 Windham, Representative Bagshaw.

Representative **BAGSHAW**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I oppose this motion, because it creates a costly financial obligation of \$3.4 million annually without a clear plan for sustainable funding. While supporting students is important, providing tuition and fee waivers based on Pell grants and other aid already received may not effectively target those most in need. Additionally, the limited availability of funds means this program could be inconsistent and difficult to sustain long term. Instead of expanding costly waivers, we should focus on improving existing financial aid programs and ensuring responsible use of public funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Murphy.

Representative **MURPHY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is a program that awards financial aid to students attending the University of Maine System. In order to be eligible, they need to be full-time students who have completed the FAFSA, are eligible for Pell grants and resided in Maine for 12 months prior to applying to University of Maine.

This is going to fill the gap for our students that come from the lowest-income families to be able to attend any of the University of Maine campuses for little to no money. It takes care of all the fees and tuition that would be otherwise due. It does not take into account any merit money that a student may have received, that is separated from this. And the campuses of the University of Maine System already individually have their own plans in place in their financial aid offices, some going as far as this, others not, some going a little bit further and this would make it uniform among all the campuses.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bridgton, Representative Cimino.

Representative **CIMINO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to ask a question. As far as the eligible part, 'eligible students,' is there a requirement that they be Maine residents?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Bridgton, Representative Cimino, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who wishes to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Murphy.

Representative **MURPHY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy to answer that question. In order to be eligible, students need to be living in Maine, residents in Maine, for one year before applying.

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. 133**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Archer, Arford, Beck, Bell, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Cloutier, Cluchey, Copeland, Crafts, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Eaton, Faircloth, Farrin, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Hepler, Jackson, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, O'Halloran, Osher, Pluecker, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Sinclair, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Webb, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Campbell, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Collamore, Collins, Cooper, Cray, Daigle, Drinkwater,

Ducharme, Eder, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredette, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Javner, Lance, Lavigne, Lyman, Mason, McIntyre, Mingo, Morris, Nutting, Olsen, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmursal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White J, White R, Wood S, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Carlow, Crockett, Doudera, Fredericks, Gramlich, Hall, Lanigan, Lemelin, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 75; No, 64; Absent, 11; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-60)** 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-60)** in concurrence.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Allow Chiropractors to Be Designated as School Health Advisors"

(S.P. 352) (L.D. 828)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York  
LIBBY of Cumberland  
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MURPHY of Scarborough  
BRENNAN of Portland  
CARLOW of Buxton  
CROCKETT of Portland  
DODGE of Belfast  
MITCHELL of Cumberland  
SARGENT of York

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-74)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

Came from the Senate with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-74)**.

**READ.**

Representative MURPHY of Scarborough moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls **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 Livermore Falls, Representative Lyman.

Representative **LYMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I oppose this motion, because families who have a licensed chiropractor as their personal health care provider should be able to use their chiropractor for sports physicals and return to play clearances.

Chiropractors are trained professionals who manage sports injuries and perform initial exams as part of their daily practice. They are fully licensed and recognized by State and federal boards, including the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and are qualified to conduct physical exams needed for school sports. Allowing chiropractors to serve as school health advisors is a patient-centered approach that ensures children receive timely and appropriate care from trusted providers. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Murphy.

Representative **MURPHY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our Education Committee did all agree that chiropractors are an important part of the health care teams when it comes to musculoskeletal wellness and are skilled in spinal health and manual therapies. We received a great deal of testimony from entities around the State that were hesitant about appointing chiropractors as school health advisors that would need to be involved in infection control, assessing, advising and treating children and families in the context of a full school environment rather than an individual.

Right now, the only individuals able to be appointed as such are medical doctors, Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine, nurse practitioners or physician's assistant; who all have specific training in all body systems. And in looking at the form for physicals for sports participation for children, there are several sections that we don't feel would fall within the scope of practice for chiropractors, including cardiac health, any genetic or congenital family history or conditions a student may have, mental health evaluation and menstrual health are all included in there. And so, overall, the Committee felt that this was outside the scope of practice for chiropractors and felt it should remain as is.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Livermore Falls, Representative Lyman.

Representative **LYMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I apologize for a second time, but I did want to offer some clarification that during the public hearings and work session, it was clarified that they are licensed to do these exams for sports as well as return to play. And like any other practitioner, like a physician assistant or whoever, if there's other complications that come into play, they would be recommended just like the other members that the Good Representative mentioned; that it was very much clarified to us that they are licensed to do these physicals for sports and return to play. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Underwood.

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: I'd like to direct a question to the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: What is a school health advisor?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Underwood, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who wishes to answer.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Murphy.

Representative **MURPHY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A school health advisor is somebody contracted by SAUs to advise the entire school community on issues of health and wellness, including infection control or issues that may come up with policies before school boards or individual outbreaks in schools. They encompass all the health and wellness of an entire school department.

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. 134**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arata, Archer, Arford, Beck, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Carlow, Cloutier, Cluchey, Copeland, Crafts, Crockett, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Eaton, Faircloth, Farrin, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Jackson, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, Nutting, Osher, Pluecker, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Sinclair, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Webb, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Boyer M, Campbell, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Collamore, Collins, Cooper, Cray, Daigle, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eder, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredette, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Javner, Lance, Lavigne, Lyman, Malon, Mason, McIntyre, Mingo, Morris, O'Halloran, Olsen, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White J, White R, Wood S, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Doudera, Fredericks, Gramlich, Hall, Hymes, Lanigan, Lemelin, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 77; No, 63; Absent, 10; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-67)** on Bill "An Act to Address the Use of Electricity by Data Centers"

(S.P. 402) (L.D. 912)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York  
GROHOSKI of Hancock  
HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

SACHS of Freeport  
FOSTER of Dexter  
GEIGER of Rockland  
KESSLER of South Portland  
MCINTYRE of Lowell  
RUNTE of York  
WADSWORTH of Hiram  
WARREN of Scarborough  
WEBB of Durham

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

Signed:

Representative:

PAUL of Winterport

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-67)**.

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-67)** 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-67)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering, Including the Use of Cloud Seeding, Weather Modification, Excessive Radio Waves and Microwave Radiation"

(S.P. 345) (L.D. 825)

Signed:

Senators:

TEPLER of Sagadahoc

BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden

ANKELES of Brunswick

BELL of Yarmouth

BRIDGEO of Augusta

CAMPBELL of Orrington

OSHER of Orono

RIELLY of Westbrook

WOODSOME of Waterboro

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-66)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico

SOBOLESKI of Phillips

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

**READ.**

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

Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington **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 Phillips, Representative Soboleski.

Representative **SOBOLESKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I rise today in support of this bill, a necessary legislative measure that explicitly prohibits geoengineering within the State of Maine. This Statute provides a clear legal framework to prevent large-scale atmospheric manipulation that threatens environmental stability, public health and our State sovereignty.

Geoengineering encompasses intentional interventions in the earth's natural systems, including stratospheric aerosol injections, excessive electromagnetic radiation emissions, weather modification techniques and harmful nuclear biological and chemical discharges. These activities, whether conducted by private entities or governmental bodies, pose substantial legal and scientific concerns. The bill is consistent with federal environmental and state Statutes, including the Clean Air Act; which grants the Environmental Protection Agency regulatory authority over air pollutants; and the Toxic Substances Control Act; which mandates oversight of hazardous substances. Additionally, this prohibition aligns with international legal frameworks, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity's Decision X/33, which effectively imposes a global moratorium on geoengineering due to the unknown and potentially harmful consequences of such practices.

Studies from the National Academy of Science and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have warned the unintended and adverse consequences associated with geoengineering.

Mr. Speaker, this came into a Committee I sit on, the Environment and Natural Resource Committee; we've had a couple of them that have come in. There was a lot of discussion about it's not real; it doesn't happen here in the State of Maine; we shouldn't be concerned with it. I believe there's an organization in New England, in Connecticut, that contracts with states to actually do this activity. Doing a deeper dive into it, I looked at the chemicals that were involved in it that they actually put into the atmosphere to do cloud seeding: silver iodide, sulfur dioxide, bismuth trioxide. Now, I have no idea what those chemicals are; I sure do know I don't want to breathe them, and I don't want them in my air and I don't want them in my water.

Looking deeper into it, I couldn't help but notice the correlation between cloud seeding and climate change and our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. We blame climate change on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Here in the State of Maine, we do that. Even though through photosynthesis; the sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> through photosynthesis; makes the State of Maine a net zero-carbon state. We have 22 million acres, 17 million acres of forest, the most forested state in the nation, consumes all of our CO<sub>2</sub>. Where's the balance and level? If the plants don't get it, and the trees don't get it, they'll die. And they produce our oxygen.

So, we're in a difficult balance right here between these two, and I think that more research, more oversight and more study and putting a hold on it for now, until we have a firmer understanding of its potential dangers is what we should be looking at. I support the bill. Thank you.

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

Representative **RIELLY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to flag that NOAA is already currently required by law to track weather modification activities by others and that includes cloud seeding. Those reports, you can find them on NOAA's website, they're publicly filed, they're on the central library website, you can Google it, look it up.

I also want to flag that the bill as written, it would also limit the use of future technologies that could be available to us later down the line in addressing climate change through carbon sequestration, through enhancement, through storage. Vote no. Thanks.

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. 135**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arata, Archer, Arford, Beck, Bell, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Campbell, Carlow, Cloutier, Cluchey, Copeland, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Eaton, Faircloth, Farrin, Faulkingham, Foley, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Hepler, Jackson, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, Osher, Pluecker, Pomerleau, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Sinclair, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Webb, Woodsome, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Collamore, Collins, Cooper, Daigle, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eder, Flynn, Foster, Fredette, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Javner, Lance, Lavigne, Lyman, Mason, McIntyre, Mingo, Morris, Nutting, O'Halloran, Olsen, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmearsal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White J, White R, Wood S.

ABSENT - Doudera, Fredericks, Gramlich, Hall, Lanigan, Lemelin, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 83; No, 58; Absent, 9; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-63)** on Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

(S.P. 265) (L.D. 582)

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York  
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach  
ARFORD of Brunswick  
BOYER of Cape Elizabeth  
CIMINO of Bridgton  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham  
FLYNN of Albion  
FOLEY of Wells  
MASTRACCIO of Sanford

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

Signed:

Senator:

HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

MORRIS of Turner

OLSEN of Raymond

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-63)**.

**READ.**

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

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on her 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 Kittery, Representative Mathieson.

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

This bill would require carriers offering fully insured health plans in this State to provide coverage for providing PFAS blood tests for victims with high levels of PFAS in their blood.

Basically, we learned in Committee that some carriers are covering this, but not all are. We also learned from a mandate study that this would increase per-member per-month rates about 24 cents per member per month. We heard in Committee last Session that there was no real treatment for this, but in this Session, we learned that there is a medication that can be used to decrease PFAS body burden in individuals with high levels in their blood. We currently have over 80 contaminated farms and 600 contaminated wells in Maine, with well-documented scientific evidence confirming the link between PFAS and serious health issues. I urge you to support the motion on the floor to help these exposed individuals with treatment and medication. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wells, Representative Foley.

Representative **FOLEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of the pending motion, and I agree with my Good Colleague from Kittery.

The other thing that this bill does is it also has no cost sharing for the people; no deductible, no co-insurance; which is a very important part of this bill. There is a Fiscal Note on the bill, but in the Committee discussion, we had suggested that the money come from the PFAS fund to help defray the cost here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Albion, Representative Flynn.

Representative **FLYNN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the motion.

It was 30 years ago I received a letter in my home in Albion that the dairy farm next to me was going to be spreading human sludge. I had reached out at that point in inquiry, and I was told I had nothing to worry about, that everything had been tested and it would be fine. I now live in an area that is surrounded with PFAS. It is everywhere, and it is moving.

It was 15 years ago in the town of Freedom that a gentleman on a small farm passed away from cancer, and at the time, PFAS was not yet in its discovery. The man died, and

shortly thereafter, the farm was bought by a young couple and it was shortly after that that it was discovered that the land was covered with PFAS. This man and his wife and his children are now in a state of removed from the home; they literally have to be tested on a regular basis to have the PFAS slowly removed from their bodies.

This is something that has snuck up on us. It is in front of us and it is very, very real. The amount of the money that it costs for these tests is very expensive. The people in our area have very, very high levels of anxiety as they deal with this issue on a daily basis. I stand in support of the motion, and I ask everyone's support of it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have had my blood tested three times, as a matter of fact, since we were first notified in Fairfield of the high levels of PFAS, because I did have local water and recently found out that the house directly behind me has the highest level of PFAS in the State. However, I went to city water when we bought our home, we actually had the option and when a pipe broke in our well, we switched over to city water about 15 years ago. So, I have had my blood tested to be sure, and I do have high levels of PFAS in my blood. It has started to come down.

But what I want to say on this is I'm actually against this motion, primarily because I don't believe in mandates. I think that we're mandating for a private business to do something. When you ask to have a PFAS test, your doctor can fight for it with you, and most of the insurance companies have been going ahead and doing that. So, I don't think it's necessary to do a mandate.

I'm a little concerned with the money coming out of the PFAS fund, because a lot of times, what that money; and I know that that's one of the things that they were looking at recommending; the problem with that is we still have a lot of people in my district and districts around the State that have not had their wells tested yet, as it is. There's a small percentage that's been tested, and there's a small percentage that actually has the remediation, which we recently found out that the remediation, when the money runs out, it's going to cost the individuals in these communities an additional anywhere from \$2-7,000 a year on their own to cover them and to keep going with that.

So, I don't; I'm not a fan, obviously, of the PFAS, but I'm also not a fan of the mandate. So, I will be voting against this for those reasons. 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. 136**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arata, Archer, Arford, Babin, Beck, Bell, Bishop, Blier, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Campbell, Carlow, Caruso, Cimino, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Cooper, Copeland, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Ducharme, Eaton, Faircloth, Farrin, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredette, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Greenwood, Guerrette, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jackson, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lance, Lavigne, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mason, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, McIntyre, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, Nutting, O'Halloran, Osher, Parry, Pluecker, Poirier, Pomerleau, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Simmons, Sinclair,

Smith, Stover, Strout, Supica, Terry, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren, Webb, White R, Wood S, Woodsome, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Ardell, Bagshaw, Boyer D, Chapman, Collins, Daigle, Drinkwater, Eder, Gifford, Griffin, Haggan, Javner, Lyman, Mingo, Morris, Olsen, Paul, Perkins, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmursal-Burgess, Soboleski, Swallow, White J.

ABSENT - Doudera, Fredericks, Gramlich, Hall, Lanigan, Lemelin, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 115; No, 26; Absent, 9; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1. 115 having voted in the affirmative and 26 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-63)** 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-63)** in concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Create a History Education and Learning Mobile Unit Within the Maine State Archives"

(S.P. 287) (L.D. 674)

Signed:

Senator:

MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook

ADAMS of Lebanon

COPELAND of Saco

FARRIN of Jefferson

GREENWOOD of Wales

MATLACK of St. George

POMERLEAU of Standish

ROLLINS of Augusta

TUELL of East Machias

UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-73)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

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

**READ.**

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

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

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Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-72)** on Bill "An Act to Protect Taxpayers by Requiring Referenda on Significant Municipal Debt"

(S.P. 430) (L.D. 1013)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot  
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon  
GREENWOOD of Wales  
POMERLEAU of Standish  
TUELL of East Machias  
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook  
COPELAND of Saco  
FARRIN of Jefferson  
MATLACK of St. George  
ROLLINS of Augusta

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-72)**.

**READ.**

Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

Representative **SALISBURY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill would require that municipalities, if they have a bond over \$10 million, that that bond go out to referendum. We have concerns about local control, and I am so pleased to hear that other Members of this Body are not in favor of State mandates, which is what this would be. So, I encourage you to join me in voting for the Ought Not to Pass vote.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from East Machias, Representative Tuell.

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion, in support of another.

I do so because I believe the voters of a community should have the opportunity to weigh in via a referendum, in a broad sense, for bond issues of \$10 million or more. Now, while it is true there aren't a lot of bond issues out there of that amount, I think our local taxpayers, our property taxpayers, deserve that opportunity, and I will be opposing the pending motion and before I sit down, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the Committee Report be read. Thank you.

Representative TUELL of East Machias **REQUESTED** that the Clerk **READ** the Committee Report.

The Clerk **READ** the Committee Report in its entirety.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I ask a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my understanding that this comes from the Other Body with a Majority Ought to Pass as Amended. It would be my understanding that, if the motion were to prevail, it would be in non-concurrence with the Other Body?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, once again, the majority party has put forward a Minority Report. And again, I'm going to state; why are we going to Committee if we're not going to follow the Committee's; at least on the first motion; the Committee's recommendation, and to continue to do this and not actually follow the Committee's Report? The Committee Report came out unanimously in an Ought to Pass, and then you just choose to run the Ought Not to Pass, the Minority.

So, again, I just want to register my complaint as to not following the Committee work and why are we bothering, if that's going to happen? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wales, Representative Greenwood.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had not planned on speaking on this, but I think it's worth noting that this was a bipartisan Report. This was a bill that was sponsored by a Member on your side of the aisle. Because during campaign season, we hear often about how runaway spending. This was put forth as a way to try to at least make people aware that something big is happening. And for a \$10 million project that at least the voters in that municipality have an option, an opportunity, to weigh in.

So, for that reason, I too will be voting no on the current motion and hope that we can move forward with the bipartisan Report. Thank you.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 137**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Archer, Arford, Beck, Bell, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Cloutier, Cluchey, Copeland, Crafts, Crockett, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Eaton, Faircloth, Farrin, Friedmann, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, O'Halloran, Osher, Pluecker, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Sinclair, Stover, Supica, Terry, Webb, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Campbell, Carlow, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Collamore, Collins, Cooper, Cray, Daigle, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eder, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredette, Frost, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lance, Lavigne, Lyman, Mason, McIntyre, Mingo, Morris, Nutting, Olsen, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren, White J, White R, Wood S, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Doudera, Fredericks, Hall, Lanigan, Lemelin, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 74; No, 68; Absent, 8; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 68 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-76)** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Maximum Amount of the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit That May be Taken in a Year"

(S.P. 82) (L.D. 146)

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock  
BICKFORD of Androscoggin  
TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

CLOUTIER of Lewiston  
CROCKETT of Portland  
FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor  
MATLACK of St. George  
SAYRE of Kennebunk

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

Signed:

Representatives:

LAVIGNE of Berwick  
QUINT of Hodgdon  
RUDNICKI of Fairfield  
SWALLOW of Houlton  
WHITE of Ellsworth

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-76)**.

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-76)** 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-76)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Track Certain Information Regarding and Seek Federal Reimbursement for Medical Care Provided to Asylum Seekers" (H.P. 283) (L.D. 429)

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York  
NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot  
DEBRITO of Waterville  
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth  
MCCABE of Lewiston  
SHAGOURY of Hallowell  
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

DAIGLE of Fort Kent  
GRIFFIN of Levant  
JAVNER of Chester  
LEMELIN of Chelsea

**READ.**

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Parental Rights (H.P. 321) (L.D. 492)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland  
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:

KUHN of Falmouth  
LEE of Auburn  
O'HALLORAN of Brewer  
PUGH of Portland  
SATO of Gorham  
SINCLAIR of Bath

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-146)** on same RESOLUTION.

Signed:

Senator:

HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield  
CARUSO of Caratunk  
HENDERSON of Rumford  
POIRIER of Skowhegan

**READ.**

Representative KUHN of Falmouth 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 Skowhegan, Representative Poirier.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in strong opposition to the pending motion.

LD 492 is common-sense legislation which would put parental rights on the ballot to let all Maine voters decide if parental rights should be enshrined in our State Constitution. This Amendment recognizes that parents and guardians have the natural, inherent and unalienable rights to protect the upbringing, education and care of their minor children. The Amendment that's been carefully crafted addresses concerns brought forward in Committee. It includes language to achieve a compelling State interest in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Mr. Speaker, parental rights are vital to the future of our State. Year after year, the rights of parents to direct the upbringing and care of their children have been eroded. Parents, not the government, are a child's best advocate. By enshrining parental rights into our State Constitution, we're sending a clear message that the family unit is the cornerstone of our society and that parents are best suited to make decisions in the best interests of their children. This Amendment does not diminish the State's role in protecting children from harm; it simply ensures that the State does not overstep its bounds and interfere with the fundamental rights of parents to raise their children according to their values and their beliefs.

I urge you to oppose the pending motion, to uphold the rights of parents and to affirm the principle that the family is the primary institution for nurturing and guarding our children. Thank you.

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

Representative **KUHN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it's important for us to recognize that the Constitution already provides protection for parent's fundamental right to guide the care and custody and control of their children. However, courts have recognized that it is not an absolute right, nor one that lasts all the way up until the 18th birthday, because, and I'll quote, "this is true in great part because the rights of another person, the child, must also be protected by the State."

I think that this Resolution really rests on the idea that all homes in Maine are safe and all families in Maine have really supportive and loving relationships between parents and kids. I think that's usually the case, I hope it's almost always the case, but the fact is that not all kids are in that situation, and the law currently contains really important protections for those kids that this law would directly invalidate. Those include, for example, the ability of a court to allocate parental rights and responsibilities between two parents based on the best interests of the child. That would not apply; it would be the best interests of the parents. Maine's child protection laws include the ability to remove a child on the basis of a finding of a substantial threat of harm or serious risk of harm to the child, and this bill would make us wait until actual abuse or neglect had occurred. And finally, the bill would interfere and invalidate a number of laws that give young people the opportunity to make medical decisions for themselves, including around reproductive and sexual health care, access to mental health services, access to substance use treatment and so on.

So, for these reasons, I agree with my Colleague, I think the family is profoundly important and central to all of our values, but I would ask Members to act to protect Maine's kids by voting with the pending motion.

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. 138**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Archer, Arford, Beck, Bell, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Cloutier, Cluchey, Copeland, Crafts, Crockett, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Eaton, Faircloth, Farrin, Friedmann, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, O'Halloran, Osher, Pluecker, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Sinclair, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Webb, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Campbell, Carlow, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Collamore, Collins, Cooper, Cray, Daigle, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eder, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredette, Frost, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lance, Lavigne, Lyman, Mason, McIntyre, Mingo, Morris, Nutting, Olsen, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White J, White R, Wood S, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Doudera, Fredericks, Hall, Lanigan, Lemelin, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 75; No, 67; Absent, 8; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-147)** on Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws"

(H.P. 188) (L.D. 288)

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock  
TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

CLOUTIER of Lewiston  
CROCKETT of Portland  
FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor  
MATLACK of St. George  
SAYRE of Kennebunk  
SWALLOW of Houlton  
WHITE of Ellsworth

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-148)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BICKFORD of Androscoggin

Representatives:

LAVIGNE of Berwick  
QUINT of Hodgdon  
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-147)** 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-147)** and sent for concurrence.

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:

**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.

Bill "An Act to Require the Cooperation of Original Manufacturers of Electronic Devices to Facilitate the Repair of Those Devices by Device Owners and Independent Repair Providers"

(S.P. 749) (L.D. 1908)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

TABLED - May 6, 2025 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)** - Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Require Testing of Solar and Wind Energy Developments for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination"

(H.P. 305) (L.D. 451)

TABLED - May 6, 2025 by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - Motion of Representative KESSLER of South Portland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Representative PAUL of Winterport **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 Winterport, Representative Paul.

Representative **PAUL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion, but in strong support of this critical legislation to require independent PFAS testing for wind and solar developments in Maine.

This bill is not about slowing renewable energy or opposing progress; it's about accountability, transparency and protecting the health of our people, our environment and our economy from the growing threat of PFAS, or 'forever chemicals.' Importantly, this legislation wisely exempts rooftop solar, recognizing its minimal environmental footprint while focusing testing requirements where risks are greatest.

Maine has led the nation in confronting PFAS, yet a glaring gap in our regulatory framework persists: the unchecked expansion of wind and solar projects, which independent research suggests may contribute to the very PFAS crisis we're fighting to contain. Maine's leadership on PFAS is unmatched. Some estimates show that to date, we have invested over \$200 million to test and remediate contamination in our drinking water, farmland and wildlife. Our State has some of the strongest in the nation PFAS laws, mandating rigorous testing for wastewater, food packaging, consumer products and landfill runoff. Farmers test their soil, water treatment plants monitor for PFAS and manufacturers face strict disclosure requirements.

Yet the wind and solar industry operates under a different standard, or rather, no standard at all. Not a single PFAS test, Material Safety Data Sheet or independent environmental impact study is required for the hundreds of wind and solar developments approved across our State. This double standard is unacceptable, but we've seen this before. We were told firefighting foam was safe, until it poisoned our water. We were assured sewage sludge was harmless for farmland, until it tainted our soil. But now, we're told wind and solar projects pose no PFAS risk, but where's the evidence?

Those who testified in opposition to this bill leaned on a single Michigan State study to dismiss concerns, claiming PFAS is not present in solar panels. Yet one of the study's own sources cautions that PFAS may be present, depending on

manufacturing process and materials. Think about that. One study, one page long, with one sentence, from one person, who contradicted herself with her own sources. That is all the opponents could bring to the table. The opposition seems to think the scientific method involves declaring something safe without studying it, insisting there's nothing to see here and urging us to move on. That's not science; it's denial. What we need is testing, and this bill ensures it: that developers, not ratepayers, cover the cost.

The science raises serious concerns. A 2021 Green Science Policy Institute report identified 14 types of PFAS in solar panels used in protective films, coatings and wire insulation. A 2018 EPA study confirmed PFAS use in solar panel production. In Connecticut, water officials have warned that PFAS from solar developments could contaminate groundwater, especially near drinking water supplies. Wind turbines are equally alarming. A 2020 German Fraunhofer Institute study found that turbine blades erode, releasing microplastic dust and PFAS particles into the environment. A 2021 Technical University of Denmark study confirmed that blade coatings degrade, spreading toxic compounds; and yes, PFAS; into ecosystems. Offshore wind turbines pose an even greater risk, as ocean conditions accelerate material breakdown, threatening marine life and Maine's vital fisheries.

According to the concern, wind and solar developers use EPA-approved herbicides to control vegetation, some of which may contain PFAS. While the EPA has removed 12 PFAS chemicals from its approved inert ingredient list, others still remain. This bill's testing requirements are essential to ensure that these herbicides do not further contaminate our environment.

The human and environmental toll of PFAS is undeniable. These chemicals are linked to cancer, liver and kidney damage, immune system suppression and developmental issues in children, according to the CDC and NIH. Maine's hunters and fishermen are already suffering. High PFAS levels in deer and fish have triggered consumption warnings. Hundreds of private wells are already contaminated, threatening drinking water. Our fisheries and outdoor economy; which are central to Maine's identity and livelihoods; face a potential catastrophe if PFAS from renewable energy projects reach our coastal waters. Once PFAS enters an ecosystem, they are nearly impossible to remove. We must act now to prevent irreversible damage. Some argue that Maine's forthcoming PFAS products law will address these concerns by banning PFAS-containing products. But what's important is that this law includes exemptions for products deemed necessary, and given Maine's focus on renewable energy, wind and solar components are likely to be exempt. This bill closes that loophole, ensuring even exempted industries face testing and transparency.

Another concern is the unexpected failure of wind and solar infrastructure. Industry claims of 25- to 30-year lifespans are proving optimistic. A 2022 National Renewable Energy Laboratory study found that solar panels degrade between 10-15 years, with some failing even sooner. A Federal Energy Lab study revealed that 80% of decommissioned solar panels were less than four years old. Wind turbines fare no better. A University of Strathclyde study found major repairs are needed within 10 years. These early failures raise urgent questions. Are PFAS leeching into our environment faster than anticipated? What safeguards are in place? Right now, the answer is none, because no testing is required.

Finally, let's address the inconsistency in how we assign accountability. Across the country; and even in Maine; proposals for climate superfunds aimed to hold oil companies

accountable for so-called 'climate crimes,' despite debatable causation. Yet we're rapidly expanding wind and solar projects with no oversight for what could be the next PFAS catastrophe. If we're going to demand accountability, let's start with the industries we're actively subsidizing and approving today. This bill ensures wind and solar developers face the same scrutiny as every other sector in Maine.

Colleagues, this legislation is about science, not speculation. It's about protecting our communities, our water and wildlife before it is too late. By exempting rooftop solar, we've struck a smart balance, encouraging clean energy where risks are low while ensuring accountability where risks are high. If the wind and solar industries are as safe as they claim, they should welcome independent testing and full disclosure of their materials, paid for by developers, not ratepayers. Maine has fought too hard against PFAS to let one industry operate without oversight. I urge you to support this bill and oppose this motion and send a clear message: in Maine, no industry gets a free pass when it comes to public health and environmental protection. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Freeport, Representative Sachs.

Representative **SACHS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I do agree with my good friend, the Representative from Winterport, that Maine does have some incredibly strong, out-front legislation regarding PFAS. Unfortunately, this particular piece of legislation does not add in a meaningful way to that wonderful work, and I'd like to detail just a few reasons why.

That as noted, there are no exemptions for solar or wind turbines in Maine's strongest PFAS law in the nation, nor is there anticipated to be. As noted, the science that was presented at our hearing did not show any evidence of PFAS leakage in these panels. In fact, we also heard from Defend Our Health; which is the nonpartisan Maine-based agency here; they gave testimony that the Department of Environmental Protection continues to work on a source reduction program that talks about end-of-life disposal and encourages all legislators to be involved in that rulemaking. That also includes solar panels.

LD 451 does require that the operators of solar and wind development sample for PFAS after the first year of operation, every five years after that. Passing this bill would have serious impact on Maine farmers, Mr. Speaker, because while it does have a definition for operator, it does not have a definition for owner. Does an owner refer to the owners of the land? If so, that would be just one more expense for our already overburdened, PFAS-impacted farmers.

We also heard from the Department of Environmental Protection that while this bill was well intentioned, it was not as simple to implement, from their perspective, as proposed, because of those testing requirements. They reported that not only are there significant time and resources to implement, there must be sampling, plus they also talked about a third-party verification of sampling. It was also difficult to discern whether that PFAS came from any meaningful contamination, because it could be from multiple sources. In context of this bill, that means that the sites that are being targeted may or may not be the result of why that particular piece of land had PFAS contamination.

The Fiscal Note for LD 459 included just nine positions that would be needed to implement this bill; however, the director noted that the price tag could go as high as \$20 million a year due to the testing requirements she described. Maine is, Mr. Speaker, a national leader addressing PFAS, in supporting our farmers, in removing it from our products and protecting our natural resources. I urge this Body to support the pending

motion, so that we can continue to work in productive ways around that. Thank you, Mr. 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. 139**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Archer, Beck, Bell, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Cloutier, Cluchey, Copeland, Crafts, Crockett, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Eaton, Faircloth, Farrin, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenbus, Hepler, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, O'Halloran, Osher, Pluecker, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Sinclair, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Webb, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Campbell, Carlow, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Collamore, Collins, Cooper, Cray, Daigle, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eder, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredette, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lance, Lavigne, Lyman, Mason, McIntyre, Mingo, Morris, Nutting, Olsen, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmearsal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White J, White R, Wood S, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Arford, Doudera, Fredericks, Hall, Lanigan, Lemelin, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

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

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

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HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-87)** - Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Resolve, to Study the Effects of 5G and Other Non-ionizing Radio Frequency Radiation-emitting Technology on Bird, Bee, Insect and Other Wildlife Populations and the Effects of Long-term Exposure on Children

(H.P. 564) (L.D. 878)

TABLED - May 6, 2025 by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - Motion of Representative KESSLER of South Portland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Representative FOSTER of Dexter **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 Hodgdon, Representative Quint.

Representative **QUINT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And here I was hoping this would be the time they would run the Minority Report. But this bill was brought to my attention from many different people, but I'm trying to find answers for constituents, and when I was asked questions about 5G radiation or technology, there's so many different answers out

there. When you go online, they're it's all over the place. You can go conspiracy theory galore; which, you know, people get very anxious about and don't want to look into; but then you find other reports that do talk about potential damage that can be done from this.

And so, I brought forward this to be a Resolve to do a study. And I'm not normally one to want to waste time with studies, I think sometimes they can be useless, but in this instance, I really feel that it's important, because the information is all over the place. And when people were calling me to ask about what does the State of Maine say, there was nothing to give them. There was no place in our State to point them to. We did, however, during the hearing, have on lobbyists from other states let us know the websites that we should look at to find that information, but it was nothing where the State itself had taken it upon itself to compile this information. And so, this is what this bill is asking to do.

So, I would appreciate the support, but just a few things to think about is during COVID, children started using the laptops in school more frequently and since they've gone back to school, that has not gone away. They're sitting with computers that have radiation that can be measured in this region of their body; can I use myself for a; I don't know if that's allowable, but; in this region here. And having that sort of radiation on them for so many hours a day from kindergarten all the way up through 12th grade, this is very concerning to me as a nurse. I want to know the answers to this, and I want it to be legitimate scientific study; I don't want to go down a conspiracy trail, like, I want true, factual information to be able to give the people of the State of Maine, because when I as a legislator went to find that information, I could not find that for myself, either. So, I would appreciate support on this. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative Geiger.

Representative **GEIGER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to rise in support of the Minority position and join Representative Quint. I was one of the Democrats who joined that Report.

When I was Mayor of Rockland, we had a 5G company come to Rockland, and we attempted to site that tower in a place that was not close to our residential neighborhoods. And we were confronted with a lot of out-of-state, high-priced lawyers who said to us, 'the city has no rights, we put it where we want to, you cannot object and you particularly cannot object based on health.' And that was when I discovered that 20 years before, the federal government had shut down any ability to question 5G or study it on the basis of health, and that remains true to this day. You can't find a single American study. I just thought that we ought to be able to compile studies from around the world for the citizens of Maine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Freeport, Representative Sachs.

Representative **SACHS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I do appreciate the comments of my Colleagues. I will note for the Body that before our Committee, we were presented with hundreds of studies that indicated that this particular effort was not needed. I will quote the World Health Organization that says, "despite extensive research, to date there is no evidence to conclude that exposure to low level electromagnetic fields is harmful to human health."

The study in the bill that is proposed before you today is a panel of 11 folks; four of whom are legislators; and a small commission hosted by the State. With a limited number of experts doing the same review of the hundreds of studies that are already out there, of course, would be limited in background

and the inherent bias of that small group of study participants, so that it would be unlikely to have, per the Majority of the Committee, any additional value to add to the canon of literature.

Thank you. I urge you to support the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the Representative bringing that to our attention. However, the United States is not a member of the World Health Organization. We withdrew from the World Health Organization back in 2020 as a result of the concerns about handling of COVID-19 pandemic and other situations. So, there was a reason why we pulled out of the World Health Organization. Thank you.

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. 140**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arata, Archer, Beck, Bell, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Cloutier, Cluchey, Copeland, Crafts, Crockett, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dodge, Eaton, Faircloth, Farrin, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Morris, Murphy, O'Halloran, Olsen, Osher, Poirier, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Stover, Supica, Terry, Tuell, Wadsworth, Webb, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Campbell, Carlow, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Collamore, Collins, Cooper, Cray, Daigle, Dill, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eder, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredette, Geiger, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lance, Lavigne, Lyman, Mason, McIntyre, Mingo, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Pluecker, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmearsal-Burgess, Simmons, Sinclair, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Warren, White J, White R, Wood S, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Arford, Doudera, Fredericks, Hall, Lanigan, Lemelin, Perkins, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 76; No, 64; Absent, 10; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-86)** - Minority (5) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities from Requiring Deposits Based Solely on a Residential Customer's Income"

(H.P. 702) (L.D. 1080)

TABLED - May 6, 2025 by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - Motion of Representative KESSLER of South Portland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **UGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

Representative FOSTER of Dexter **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 Dexter, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This bill, as the title reads, seems to be a very appropriate issue for us to address with a positive vote. However; and I was a co-signor of this bill, but as I told the sponsor; once I learned more about it, I may change my mind, and I have.

There are a couple of things that I would bring up quickly with this. One is the utilities currently require a deposit from anyone who has no income that they can show to allow them to open an account. The deposit is set aside and then they are able to have their electricity provided, and as long as they pay their bills, they will get that deposit back. If they don't pay their bills; this is not a matter of a situation where that the taxpayers, as they do with other issues such as Section 8 housing, welfare, pick up the tab; if these bills are not paid, eventually the utility disconnects the power, and then the remaining ratepayers in the State, once again, end up having their rates increased to pay for this. Therefore, I ask that you vote against the pending motion and that we do not support this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Freeport, Representative Sachs.

Representative **SACHS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, the Public Utilities Commission regulations outline six circumstances where a utility can require a deposit from a new applicant. Five of those six provisions require that the applicant have a history of default, circumstances of nonpayment, dispute, theft, something to justify the deposit based on the prior applicant's actions. This is the only one that does not.

And so, Mr. Speaker, there are many reasons that someone may state to a utility that they do not have, quote, 'an income.' This could be a gig worker with an uncertain income history, a widow who is downsizing and perhaps never had a utility bill in his or her name, who's on Social Security and they don't think of that as income, an artist or a professional who works on commission, someone new who's coming to the area has not yet found employment; reasons why they truthfully would say, 'I do not have an income.' And it is not hypothetical, Mr. Speaker. Preble Street's anti-trafficking services; who works with survivors of human trafficking throughout southern and central Maine; provided testimony and estimates that 90% of the clients that they work with most likely would answer in this way. They would not normally go into details to the customer service representative of CMP or Versant about why they don't have an income.

So, when this rule change was discussed with the utility companies and the PUC, there was agreement that this provision is rarely used. In fact, it is 0.3% of all new applicants. Versant's word, Mr. Speaker, was 'negligible' to describe the impact on ratepayers and frankly, they never say that in the EUT. I'll also note that Maine's Public Advocate; whose job it is to look out for ratepayers; also strongly supported this bill by saying that 0.3% is small, but the impact on those individuals can be monumental. If you can't afford to turn on the electricity, you can't keep the apartment you just signed the lease for, you may find yourself back in a cycle of homelessness, human trafficking or abuse.

I will also note, Mr. Speaker, that the Maine Council on Aging agreed that this impacts low- and moderate-income people the most, and that older Mainers might relocate to be closer to family, downsize to have a home with less maintenance or want to be closer to chosen activities. They should not be assumed to be a credit risk and required to have this deposit.

So, elimination of this one provision of this rule, Chapter 815, is a sensible, thoughtful change. I urge you to support the pending motion, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Guilford, Representative White.

Representative **WHITE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I ask a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **WHITE**: Do the illicit marijuana growers around the State need to pay a deposit?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Guilford, Representative White, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who wishes to answer.

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. 141

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Archer, Beck, Bell, Bishop, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Cloutier, Cluchey, Copeland, Crafts, Crockett, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Eaton, Faircloth, Farrin, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, O'Halloran, Osher, Pluecker, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Sinclair, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Webb, White R, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer D, Campbell, Carlow, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Collamore, Collins, Cray, Daigle, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eder, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredette, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lance, Lavigne, Lyman, Mason, McIntyre, Mingo, Morris, Nutting, Olsen, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmursal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White J, Wood S, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Arford, Cooper, Doudera, Fredericks, Hall, Lanigan, Lemelin, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 77; No, 63; Absent, 10; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1. 77 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-86)** 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-86)** and sent for concurrence.

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

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Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing 49 Franklin, of Rumford

(HLS 178)

TABLED - April 10, 2025 (Till Later Today) by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

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

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Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Glenn Martin, of Rumford

(HLS 179)

TABLED - April 10, 2025 (Till Later Today) by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

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

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Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Shannon Glover, of Mexico

(HLS 180)

TABLED - April 10, 2025 (Till Later Today) by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

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

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

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#### CONSENT CALENDAR

##### First Day

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

(S.P. 257) (L.D. 576) Bill "An Act Regarding Reciprocal Licensure for Professional Engineers" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 41) (L.D. 26) Bill "An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-64)**

(S.P. 38) (L.D. 121) Bill "An Act to Include Brush and Yard Debris in the Definition of 'Litter'" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-68)**

(S.P. 71) (L.D. 135) Bill "An Act to Provide Compensation to Members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Enhance Equitable Commission Participation from Across the State" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)**

(S.P. 75) (L.D. 139) Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish a Pilot Program for the Electronic Tagging of Deer Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-52)**

(S.P. 169) (L.D. 388) Bill "An Act to Provide Access to Quality Family Child Care for Military Personnel by Exempting Certain Military Child Care Providers from State Licensing Requirements" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-62)**

(S.P. 247) (L.D. 567) Bill "An Act to Designate the 2nd Week of May as Dark Sky Week" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-54)**

(S.P. 320) (L.D. 761) Bill "An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of State Historic Sites" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-56)**

(S.P. 384) (L.D. 895) Bill "An Act to Support Immersive Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)**

(S.P. 388) (L.D. 899) Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Requirements for Medical Payments Coverage" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-58)**

(S.P. 410) (L.D. 954) Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-69)**

(S.P. 413) (L.D. 983) Bill "An Act Regarding Service of Notice of Restricted Person Status to Hospitalized Patients" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-57)**

(S.P. 496) (L.D. 1207) Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Monitor Air and Water Temperatures Around Commercial Solar Energy Developments" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-65)**

(H.P. 368) (L.D. 600) Bill "An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-145)**

(H.P. 689) (L.D. 1060) Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to Reduce Stigma for Parents Seeking Support" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-149)**

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

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

(S.P. 27) (L.D. 14) Bill "An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-55)**

On motion of Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was **READ**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **ACCEPTANCE** of the **Unanimous 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 Presque Isle, Representative Underwood.

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: I just wish to say that; please vote against the pending motion for the simple reason is; tribal communities have access to a lot of police and fire services in their own communities and to help the State of Maine pay, they should not be allowed to provide these people with an exemption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 142**

YEA - Abdi, Albert, Ankeles, Arata, Archer, Ardell, Babin, Beck, Bell, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Campbell, Caruso, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Copeland, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Daigle, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eaton, Eder, Faircloth, Farrin, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredette, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Geiger, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lance, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mason, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, McIntyre, Meyer, Milliken, Mingo, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, Nutting, O'Halloran, Olsen, Osher, Parry, Perkins, Pluecker, Pomerleau, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Simmons, Sinclair, Smith, Soboleski, Stover, Strout, Supica, Swallow, Terry, Thorne, Tuell, Warren, Webb, White J, White R, Wood S, Woodsome, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Bagshaw, Carlow, Chapman, Cimino, Collins, Gifford, Haggan, Lavigne, Lyman, Morris, Paul, Poirier, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmearsal-Burgess, Underwood, Wadsworth.

ABSENT - Arford, Cooper, Doudera, Fredericks, Gere, Hall, Lanigan, Lemelin, Skold, Walker, Wood P.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 121; No, 18; Absent, 11; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1.

121 having voted in the affirmative and 18 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the **Unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-55)** 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-55)** in concurrence.

(H.P. 359) (L.D. 540) Bill "An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-144)**

On motion of Representative BOYER of Poland, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Unanimous Committee Report was **READ**.

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

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**ENACTORS**

**Act**

An Act to Include Judicial Marshals in the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement

(S.P. 359) (L.D. 794)

(C. "A" S-47)

Was 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.

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 774)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 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.

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Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Emergency Medical Services' Board and the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State"

(S.P. 776) (L.D. 1981)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

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

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On motion of Representative SARGENT of York, the House adjourned at 1:03 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025, or until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 774).