

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
26th Legislative Day
Tuesday, April 4, 2017

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

Prayer by Mr. Tom Goulette, Guilford.
National Anthem by Tom Goulette, Guilford.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Honorable Geoffrey M. Gratwick, M.D., Bangor.

The Journal of Thursday, March 30, 2017 was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to address the House before we begin proceedings today. The Chair has been alerted, by several members, that they were the recipients of disparaging materials distributed through the Honorary Page Program last Thursday. These materials were sent from members to other members. Pursuant to House Rule 201, Section 1, Part D, the Chair is charged with enforcing the observance of Order and Decorum of the House. Just as debate impugning the character of another member is against the decorum of the House, so too are disparaging materials sent from member to member. This is a place of business, and materials that impugn other members damage the professional integrity of this institution. The Page Program is a tremendous opportunity for children in our state to learn more about their government and to participate in its operation. These actions degrade the page's experience, which I'm sure none of us would intend to do. The membership has been notified, further infractions of this nature will not be tolerated.

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Increase the Size of Grants under the Maine State Grant Program"

(S.P. 11) (L.D. 32)

Majority (7) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-7)** in the House on March 28, 2017.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Minority (6) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 110)

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

March 31, 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 213 "An Act To Provide Funds for Access for Veterans Seeking Health Care."

For many years Maine has not been compliant with the federal REAL ID Act. Because of this, Mainers, including many veterans, are being denied access to federal healthcare facilities because Maine state identification does not meet federal REAL ID standards.

However, veterans are not the only Mainers who are being denied entrance to federal installations. Business owners are reporting that their truck drivers cannot deliver goods to military installations. There are also reports of first responders unable to attend training at secure federal buildings. Of course, if Maine does not become REAL ID compliant, then Mainers will not be able to use their state identification to board domestic commercial flights.

Unfortunately, this bill only fixes a small portion of the problems presented if Maine does not become REAL ID compliant. The bill proposes a program that will be very difficult for the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to administer using existing resources. Though I agree with the sentiment to help veterans seeking medical care, we cannot forget all the other groups that have experienced problems due to REAL ID.

I respectfully urge the Legislature to not provide case-by-case carve-outs for groups being affected by REAL ID. Rather, my advice to the Legislature is to speedily pass LD 306, "An Act To Require State Compliance with Federal REAL ID Guidelines", which would help all Mainers adversely affected by REAL ID.

While there appear to be reasonable arguments on both sides of the REAL ID debate, due to the federal insistence on enforcing its harsh terms and a complete lack of interest—or perhaps will—in Congress to amend or repeal the REAL ID Act, I believe we, as elected state officials, must unite in going forward with implementation.

Because this bill proposes only a limited fix to a much larger, much more complex issue, I cannot support it. For this reason, I return LD 213 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Provide Funds for Access for Veterans Seeking Health Care (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 169) (L.D. 213)
(C. "A" H-10)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Golden.

Representative **GOLDEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, back in December I learned about a problem that Maine Veterans in New Hampshire -- that Maine Veterans living on the New Hampshire border were facing because of an issue with Real ID. I asked them questions, had it confirmed by several offices, and then requested an after deadline bill for the purpose of purchasing passports for these veterans. I did this because it was confirmed that the Department of Veterans Affairs had sent mail to these veterans informing them that they would not be able to get onto the base, where their VA Clinic is located, with a Maine license. The letter also said that a VA ID card would not work either. It did say, however, that a passport or passport card would be a sufficient form of identification. Before the public hearing, however, the base

commander put out a statement saying that veterans could access the base with a VA ID card after having submitted themselves to, and passed, a background check. So, I went to the hearing and suggested to the committee that they should table the bill, because it seemed that these two federal agencies were sending out conflicting information. Members of the committee later heard that the VA was not doing a good job at issuing these VA IDs, and that many veterans did not have them despite the VA having said, three years ago, that they were going to issue them to all enrolled veterans by mail. Then, on March 2nd, the Chief Executive sent a letter to legislative leaders calling upon the Legislature to act, because veterans on the New Hampshire border were being denied access to health care. And on March 3rd, a letter arrived from U.S. Congressman Bruce Poliquin stating the same. At this point, the chairs of the committee decided it was time to take action. They amended the bill to provide \$15,000 for passport cards, because they are significantly cheaper than a full passport, and they also added a provision that directed that any unspent funds be used for financial assistance to veterans experiencing a financial crisis. The bill, as amended, received unanimous committee support. It seems that the committee passed an amended bill that is a win-win prospect for veterans. Either it's going to help purchase IDs for those veterans that need them, or it's going to help veterans experiencing a financial crisis, like the veteran the Chief Executive highlighted in his State of the State Address this year. The bipartisan support continued for this bill out of committee, as it was enacted by this House by a vote of 110-8, and in the other body, unanimously. The Chief Executive has made a decision to veto this bill. He wants us to pass a bill to comply with Real ID. That debate is coming. The Chief Executive believes that will solve this problem for these veterans. I believe we should ask ourselves if that is in fact true. New Hampshire Veterans...

The SPEAKER: The member will defer. The Chair inquires why the member rises?

Representative **FREDETTE**: I think by asking whether or not it's true or not, he's impugning the motives and the character of the Chief Executive. He can say he disagrees with him, but to say that, essentially, he's lying, I think is impugning the character of the Chief Executive.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative **FREDETTE** of Newport objected to the comments of Representative **GOLDEN** of Lewiston because he was questioning the motives of the Chief Executive.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would remind all members not to question the motives of another member or the Chief Executive.

The Chair reminded all members that it was inappropriate to question the motives of other members of the House or the Chief Executive.

The SPEAKER: The member may proceed.

Representative **GOLDEN**: Thank you Madam Speaker, certainly not my intention to challenge the motives of the Chief Executive in this regard in any way. Just challenging the information that I have and the information that he may have, and I believe that it is different than he does. I believe that because New Hampshire Veterans using the same facility have been told that starting this fall, they will not be able to enter the facility unless they have physical possession of a Real ID license issued by the State of New Hampshire. A waiver for our state from the Department of Homeland Security does not dictate a decision made by the Air Force or the Department of Defense, and if we pass LD 306 into law it's still

going to take many months, maybe more than a year, before we're able to produce and issue Real ID compliant Maine licenses. Madam Speaker, this seems like a very straightforward vote to me. If we override this veto, it is 100 percent assured that this new law will help veterans that are in need of our help. I know that my colleagues behind me want to do that. I suspect that we all want to do that. And I strongly encourage my colleagues in the House to override this veto. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belfast, Representative Herbig.

Representative **HERBIG**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request a roll call.

The SPEAKER: A roll call -- pursuant to the Constitution a roll call is in order. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Luchini.

Representative **LUCHINI**: Thank you, thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I also want to chime in and urge your support for overriding the veto before us today. And I'll just add a few points to what the Representative from Lewiston said. As we worked this bill in Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, we identified a problem that our veterans are simply unable to access health care on a military installation in New Hampshire. And as was referenced, we received several letters to that extent. So, as a committee we decided that since noncompliance with Real ID was a legislative decision, probably before most of us were here, that it's also our responsibility as a Legislature to fix it. Because allowing veterans access to health care is a truly, truly important matter for Mainers. I think we've heard that taking a vote on Real ID may solve this problem, but in fact, the reality is quite different. It's important to note that even if we were to take the Real ID vote today, implementation takes time, and the New Hampshire military installation where this clinic is located has said you need a real, physical, Real ID compliant card. So, we shouldn't wait and say, wait until the Real IDs come out. It could be a year before these people could access health care. I'm also a bit disappointed to read in the veto letter that the department has said that they have difficulty in administering financial assistance for veterans. And I'll just point out that current law, since 1983, actually, has put a statutory responsibility to the Bureau of Veterans Affairs that they need to be able to administer emergency financial assistance to veterans. That's been the law since 1983 and just earlier this year, in the Supplemental Budget, we appropriated \$375,000 to the bureau for just that purpose. And in the Biennial Budget, which is before us now, which VLA is working on, they've requested another additional \$750,000 to be spent in the same way that this money that would be appropriated in this bill would be spent, in the exact same account, under 37-B, 505. And so, this bill has a fiscal note of \$15,000. Any unspent money will be rolled into the account that's been requesting a lot of additional money. This is a small amount of money, but it can make a world of difference to some of those veterans who are trying to gain access to health care. So, for those reasons, I urge your support of overriding the veto of LD 213.

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

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we had the opportunity to listen to General Farnham this morning, and Adria Horn, Director, Bureau of Vet Services, and understanding the issues that have been discussed today, their conversations have indicated problems with implementation

and, actually, use of this particular bill, and I believe that the Chief Executive's veto message lays out, obviously, what I think is in fact the real issue here is, which is making Maine compliant with Real ID because it is going to be the law of the land. And so, I think at the end of the day, what we need to do is really focus on what the real issue is, which is Real ID, which will solve lots of issues for lots of different people, and someone who spent this past weekend in uniform in the guard, someone who's flying to Chicago on Thursday for four more days to do military service, my vote in sustaining the Governor's veto on this certainly is not an anti-veteran vote but a larger view and perspective of looking at what are the real issues and how can we help the most people, and that is by supporting Real ID and I will be voting to sustain the Governor's veto and ask that you follow my light. Thank you, Madam Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Rykerson.

Representative **RYKERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The real issue is that I have neighbors who can't see their doctors. That's the real issue. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newcastle, Representative Devin.

Representative **DEVIN**: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, Real ID is a real issue. The State of Maine, on both sides of the aisle, we have a lot of concerns. There is confidential information that may, if not handled properly, escape the clutches of the Federal Government. We're concerned about that. That's why we've been fighting this. The other reality, as my good friend and the Representative from Kittery said, this is a health care issue. There are men and women who are veterans, who have served this country proudly, who presently cannot have access to the health care that they so rightfully deserve. There's no other excuses, and we need to move forward. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Norway, Representative Winsor.

Representative **WINSOR**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I'm a little confused and I can't talk about other people's experiences, I can only talk about my own. For the past 20 plus years, I've been a member of the Veterans Health Care System and I've had very good luck with it, apparently, compared to some others. About a year ago, I went in for my annual physical and I noticed a sign on the wall, I was at Togus, and it said, renew your ID, get a modern one. So, I wandered in and went through the process where they took my picture and all that, and about six weeks later I got my VHIC card, that's a Veterans Health Identification Card, in the mail, the modern one, which is Real ID compliant, apparently. So, last Friday when I heard that this bill had been vetoed, I went over to Togus to see whether this was still true. And, I can honestly tell you that I walked in and there at the reception desk was a sign that said ID, that way. Went over to where the sign said to go, talked to the ladies that were working there, and they told me with all assurance that yes, anybody who is a member of the system, who's signed up for veterans' benefits, health benefits, was eligible to get an ID card from them at no cost to anybody, other than the VA. So, I didn't see that as a particularly big barrier. Now, I understand that the folks who are taking benefits from New Hampshire have to deal with the New Hampshire VA. But, my understanding is that every VA facility or clinic in Maine, any veteran who is part of the system can go there and get a modern ID which complies with the

requirements to go through the federal facility. That's my experience and I share it with you for whatever you chose to take it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Hymanson.

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Colleagues, I think we should be able to walk and chew gum at the same time. That means we should be able to pass this and consider Real ID in the legislative session. So, I hope that you override this veto with me.

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

Representative **SUTTON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm not a veteran, I don't have a veterans ID, but this morning in caucus we heard from Brigadier General Farnham and he told us that a passport card will not get you onto the base in Pease Airforce. So, I just wanted to pass that information around to those who do not have benefit of this information. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Golden.

Representative **GOLDEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to rise and acknowledge my good friend from Norway, Representative Winsor, who talked about the fact that he has received a VHIC card, and I'm glad for that. And, you know, I think the Department of Veterans Affairs is a very good organization that provides important services and care to our veterans. But, I think that the, you know, instances of, you know, the bureaucracy being too slow sometimes, long wait lists to get things done is well documented. And I can just say that, you know, having read on their website issued in April 2014, the VA said that they're going to get these IDs to all veterans in the entire nation. That was three years ago, I certainly haven't received one yet. I've been to VA appointments in the recent past as well and I just feel like, particularly because the VA itself initiated this whole issue where they sent out a letter to 500 veterans and in that letter, it explicitly stated to these veterans, who are the veterans we're talking about, that a VA ID card would not be sufficient for the purposes of going to their appointment. If you are one of these 500 veterans, who do you believe? The VA has told them that these IDs would not work. The base commander has said that they will. And, you know, in regard to the Brigadier General's, you know, I wasn't in the caucus, I don't know exactly what he may have said or not, but what I do know is that it says right here in a letter dated 24 January 2017 from the Base Commander of Pease Air National Guard Base that a Maine Veteran, if the veteran has a U.S. Passport, a Veterans ID card is not required and that they will be able to access the base. So, you know, it just seems like there's a lot of misinformation flying around about this. But, I do just want to come back to a simple fact, in my opinion, Madam Speaker, which is that this is a bill that has gone through a process, it has enjoyed bipartisan support throughout that process. And again, if you're inclined to sustain this veto because you're worried that maybe it's not necessary in regards to the IDs, or if you think that the VA should take care of this issue, or that the Federal Government should figure it out, I would just ask you to consider again, that the committee put a provision into this bill that says, any unspent funds that don't go towards buying these IDs will go towards an account at the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services to help veterans who are experiencing financial hardship. That's the same account and for the same purpose that the Chief Executive has requested roughly \$1 million this year. This is like a down payment on something

that I'm pretty confident we all want to do, which is support veterans who are experiencing financial hardship. If you don't think the IDs are necessary, I think that you should consider that this is also a chance for us to take a vote to confirm the bipartisan support for veterans, and to put this money towards helping veterans who are experiencing financial hardship, and I'm sure that we are going to want to do even more of that when we have budget talks later on this session. But, again, I would just, you know, encourage my colleagues, let's show veterans our support for them right now and let's override this veto. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Rykerson.

Representative **RYKERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I apologize for rising again. I just want to relay what my neighbors, who have served our country, have said when they got to the gate of Pease to get their health care. They were told that they weren't allowed in unless they have an active Military ID, they obviously didn't have that, they are not active military, or a license from a state that had Real ID, or a passport card or a passport. That's what they told me, that's what I know. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Strom.

Representative **STROM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I voted last week, I voted against this bill the first time and I plan on voting to sustain the veto today. I'm a 20-year veteran myself, in the United States Navy, and I just don't believe in throwing money at something that's just going to fix part of the problem instead of the full problem, when we have the ability to do that so easily by passing what we know we can. Thank you.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 23V

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Dillingham, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gerrish, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Hanington, Harlow, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kumiega, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Parry, Perry, Pouliot, Reckitt, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Warren, White, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Battle, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Craig, Espling, Fredette, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Johansen, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Winsor.

ABSENT - Brooks, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Lawrence, Pierce T, Riley.

Yes, 89; No, 54; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

89 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 111)

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

March 30, 2017

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order, SP 294, I am pleased to appoint the following legislators and members of the public to serve on the Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce, effective March 30, 2017:

Representative Erin D. Herbig of Belfast as House Chair
Representative Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry of Brunswick
Representative Stephanie Hawke of Boothbay Harbor
Representative Robert A. Foley of Wells
Chancellor James H. Page of Old Town as a representative of the University of Maine System

Ms. Jennifer McKenna of Gardiner as a representative of the interests of apprenticeship programs in the State
Bates College President A. Clayton Spencer of Lewiston as a representative of the interests of private colleges in the State
Mr. Eric Meyer of Whitefield as a representative of the interests of a Maine business that employs fewer than 1,000 workers
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 113)

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
CUMBERLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
205 NEWBURY STREET, ROOM 139
PORTLAND, MAINE 04101-4125**

March 30, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Judicial Branch Representative on the Task Force to Address the Opiate Crisis

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Thank you for including the Judicial Branch in the State's planning efforts regarding the tragedies caused by the Opiate Crisis.

I am pleased to appoint Justice William Stokes to serve as the Judicial Branch representative on the Task Force. I join you in

your hope for a better tomorrow for so many of Maine's families who have been affected by this crisis. Many thanks to both of you for all that you do to make Maine a better place.

Sincerely,
S/Leigh I. Saufley
Chief Justice

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 112)

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

April 4, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

L.D. 501 An Act To Increase Firearm Safety

L.D. 574 An Act To Amend the Provision of Law Requiring Disclosure of the Possession of a Firearm under Certain Circumstances

L.D. 595 An Act Prohibiting a Law Enforcement Officer from Confiscating a Firearm under Certain Conditions

Education and Cultural Affairs

L.D. 180 An Act To Enhance Higher Education in Maine through the Creation of a Unified Board of Higher Education

L.D. 570 An Act To Create the Maine Institute of Technology

L.D. 841 An Act To Provide Stability in MaineCare Payments for Educational Programming

L.D. 997 An Act To Increase Funding to Schools by Repealing Unnecessary and Burdensome Regulations

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

L.D. 490 An Act To Exempt Chiropractic Assistants from Being Required To Hold Licenses as Radiographers, Nuclear Medicine Technologists or Radiation Therapists

L.D. 554 An Act To Require Paid Parental Leave for Employees

L.D. 615 Resolve, To Establish a Work Group To Update the Maine Pharmacy Act

Taxation

L.D. 205 An Act To Exempt Certain International Athletic Competition Prizes from Maine Income Tax

Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 980 An Act To Improve Absentee Balloting

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 261)

**MAINE SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 30, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, Dr. Robert G. Hasson, Jr. of South Portland for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Education.

Best Regards,
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 262)

**MAINE SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 30, 2017

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised the Senate today adhered to its previous action whereby it accepted the Minority Ought to Pass Report from the Committee on State and Local Government and Passage to be Engrossed on Bill "An Act To Remove the Legislative Council from the Capitol Area Development Approval Process" (H.P. 26) (L.D. 25), in non-concurrence.

Best Regards,
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Privatization of State Correctional Facilities and the State's Forensic Hospitals" (H.P. 893) (L.D. 1296)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, HYMANSON of York, POULIOT of Augusta, TUCKER of Brunswick, Senators: CHENETTE of York, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Bill "An Act Regarding Mental Health First Aid Training for Corrections Personnel"

(H.P. 916) (L.D. 1322)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: COREY of Windham, GERRISH of Lebanon, MAREAN of Hollis, RECKITT of South Portland, TUELL of East Machias, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, ROSEN of Hancock.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Set Standards in the System of Learning Results for Financial Literacy"
(H.P. 894) (L.D. 1297)
Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, GINZLER of Bridgton, GROHMAN of Biddeford.
Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Town of Madison's Department of Electric Works"
(H.P. 896) (L.D. 1299)
Sponsored by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset and Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, STETKIS of Canaan, STROM of Pittsfield.
Bill "An Act To Establish Energy Policy in Maine"
(H.P. 910) (L.D. 1313)
Sponsored by Representative SANBORN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, COOPER of Yarmouth, HARVELL of Farmington, O'CONNOR of Berwick, RILEY of Jay, RYKERSON of Kittery.
Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Update Maine's Water Quality Standards"
(H.P. 895) (L.D. 1298)
Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Move Administration of the Child and Adult Care Food Program from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Education"
(H.P. 885) (L.D. 1272)
Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.
Resolve, To Redisperse Donated Prescription Drugs
(H.P. 886) (L.D. 1273)
Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHACE of Durham, DENNO of Cumberland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALABY of Hancock, PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act To Require a Prescription for a Medication That Contains Certain Substances That May Be Used To Make Methamphetamine"
(H.P. 897) (L.D. 1300)
Sponsored by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representative: LUCHINI of Ellsworth.
Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Preventive, Cost-saving Dental Services"
(H.P. 898) (L.D. 1301)
Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: CHACE of Durham, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FREY of Bangor, HYMANSON of York, MALABY of Hancock, STEARNS of Guilford, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Bill "An Act To Increase Workforce Participation in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and Other Assistance Programs"
(H.P. 899) (L.D. 1302)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, DENNO of Cumberland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PERRY of Calais, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Resolve, To Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services
(H.P. 911) (L.D. 1314)
Sponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHACE of Durham, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais.
Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Vaccine Consumer Protection Program within the Department of Health and Human Services"
(H.P. 900) (L.D. 1303)
Sponsored by Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough.
Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.
On motion of Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Universal Health Care, Including Dental, Vision and Hearing Care"
(H.P. 887) (L.D. 1274)
Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, GRANT of Gardiner, HARLOW of Portland, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TUCKER of Brunswick, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARPENTER of Aroostook, JACKSON of Aroostook.
Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend and Remove the Need for Periodic Update of the Laws Governing the Validation of Title Defects"
(H.P. 888) (L.D. 1275)

Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representative: BAILEY of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Specify the Rights of Parents"
(H.P. 901) (L.D. 1304)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.
Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, GILLWAY of Searsport, MALABY of Hancock, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Protect Victims of Sexual Assault"
(H.P. 902) (L.D. 1305)

Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle.
Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Oakland, Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, MADIGAN of Waterville, PICKETT of Dixfield, RECKITT of South Portland, REED of Carmel, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, VOLK of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission and Directing the Commission To Address Issues To Improve the Relationship between the State and the Penobscot Nation, Passamaquoddy Tribe, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and Aroostook Band of Micmacs"
(EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 912) (L.D. 1315)

Sponsored by Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund"

(H.P. 903) (L.D. 1306)

Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, FECTION of Biddeford, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, STETKIS of Canaan, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fair Employment Opportunity for Maine Citizens and Legal Residents"

(H.P. 904) (L.D. 1307)

Sponsored by Representative GINZLER of Bridgton. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: SIROCKI of Scarborough, STEWART of Presque Isle, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Create a Bridge to Self-sufficiency for Vulnerable Segments of the Population by Providing Incentives to Employers"

(H.P. 905) (L.D. 1308)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, HERRICK of Paris, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, TIPPING of Orono, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Support Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Maine's Economic Future"

(H.P. 918) (L.D. 1324)

Sponsored by Representative GROHMAN of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representative: POULIOT of Augusta.

Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide for an Elver Dealer's License for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 913) (L.D. 1316)

Sponsored by Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Business Ownership by Racial and Ethnic Populations and the Wealth Gap in the State (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 906) (L.D. 1309)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLDEN of Lewiston, SYLVESTER of Portland, TIPPING of Orono, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: CHENETTE of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Change the Exemption Amount under the Estate Tax"

(H.P. 889) (L.D. 1276)

Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TUCKER of Brunswick, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Family-friendly Businesses through a Tax Credit for Child Care"

(H.P. 914) (L.D. 1317)

Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GRANT of Gardiner, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Combat Human Trafficking by Requiring Prevention Training for Commercial Drivers"
(H.P. 890) (L.D. 1277)

Sponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: MAREAN of Hollis, McLEAN of Gorham, PERKINS of Oakland, RECKITT of South Portland, SHEATS of Auburn, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: COLLINS of York, ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Driver's License Suspension Amnesty Day"
(H.P. 907) (L.D. 1310)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, DUNPHY of Old Town, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Resolve, To Investigate Extending Passenger Rail Service to Central Maine
(H.P. 909) (L.D. 1312)

Sponsored by Representative FREY of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, HILLIARD of Belgrade, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, POULIOT of Augusta, SCHNECK of Bangor, TIPPING of Orono, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Align State Relocation Assistance with That of the Federal Government"
(H.P. 915) (L.D. 1318)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Lien Recordings on Statutory Road Associations"
(H.P. 908) (L.D. 1311)

Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.
Cosponsored by Representative: FREDETTE of Newport.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested.
On motion of Representative McLEAN of Gorham, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Military Bureau Laws and Veterans Service Laws"
(H.P. 891) (L.D. 1278)

Sponsored by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Direct Initiative Signature Gathering Process"
(H.P. 917) (L.D. 1323)

Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 892) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HYMANSON of York, KORNFIELD of Bangor, Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, VOLK of Cumberland)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2017 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, autism is a spectrum disorder, which means no 2 people with autism are affected the same way, and it is a complex developmental disability that usually appears during the first 3 years of life and results in a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain and social interaction and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one in 68 children is diagnosed with this spectrum disorder and prevalence has increased 30% since the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's study in 2008; and

WHEREAS, autism knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries and neither income nor lifestyle nor education affects its occurrence and it is estimated that more than 3,500,000 people live with autism spectrum disorder in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism costs the United States over \$236,000,000,000 in annual health care costs, most of which are in adult services, and these costs are anticipated to increase; and

WHEREAS, while a single specific cause of autism is not known, current research links it to biological or neurological differences in the brain, and outdated theories and myths, such as autism being a mental illness, have been proven to be false; and

WHEREAS, with support, people with autism can live full lives and make meaningful contributions to society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in our deliberations to acknowledge that the month of April 2017 is Autism Awareness Month and to pledge our support and encouragement to all those affected by autism; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Autism Society of Maine as a token of our respect and support.

READ.

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

Representative **FARNSWORTH**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the course of a career of some 40-some years of

working with people with disabilities, it's been a unique experience to be able to see the transition from institutions to the community. And, I just wanted to emphasize the fact that we have moved so far in terms of finally beginning to say, people with autism have a role in our society. And, the exciting thing is when you begin to see schools taking action, like the Unified Basketball Teams and other sports teams, or you begin to see the news clips about people with autism participating in regular activities in the public schools, it is indeed exciting. But we need to continue to work, not just in terms of becoming aware of autism and the spectrum of disorders that are associated with it, but also the inclusion of this particular population in our society, and recognizing that they can be a very, very — provide a major contribution to not only the social life that we have and our culture, but also to the economy. Many of them are very employable, are able to work very effectively, and to become a part of our society. Thank you very much.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.
Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

William Rodgers, of Old Orchard Beach, who helped to rescue a teenager from drowning after her snowmobile fell into open water on Little Ossipee Lake. We extend to Mr. Rodgers our appreciation for his lifesaving effort and offer him our best wishes;

(SLS 159)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Orchard Beach, Representative Hogan.

Representative **HOGAN**: Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today to honor William Rodgers, that's the way it's written in the calendar here, but it's Billy Rodgers, of Old Orchard Beach, for his courageous efforts when he helped rescue a teenager who fell through the ice on her snowmobile earlier this year. Billy and two other good samaritans, Brandon Jackson and Taylor Dion, were fishing and snowmobiling when they saw that someone had fallen through the ice. They immediately jumped into action to save this young woman from drowning. Billy is a local mechanic, has a business in Old Orchard Beach, and committed a selfless act by risking his life to save a life, and I felt, I don't believe he's here today, but I felt this was an exceptional act of courage that deserved mention. Thank you.

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

Recognizing:

the late Will Fulford, of Biddeford, who was named Coach of the Year by the *Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram*, for his turning around a struggling cross-country program and coaching the team to its first state meet in 22 years. We extend to Mr. Fulford's family our congratulations on his being recognized;

(HLS 203)

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representative SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, Representative GROHMAN of Biddeford.

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

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbidge.

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will Fulford, Kennebunk High School Class of '06, was the product of a great family. I saw Will grow up. I knew his brothers, Jon and Pat, and I'm especially proud to know their wonderful parents, Bill and Maureen. As a product of this family, it is not surprising that Will's life included accomplishments such as the outstanding accomplishment that we recognize today. His wife Ashley, and the Fulford family, has reason to be very proud. I thank the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Fecteau, for bringing this sentiment forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **FECTEAU**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand here today to celebrate the life of Coach William Fulford and this distinction presented to him. A distinction that, quite frankly, falls short of capturing the depths by which Will left his mark in this world, in his well-lived 29 years. Will Fulford was indeed a Coach of the Year; however, he was also a cherished mentor, educator, friend, son-in-law, brother-in-law, grandson, husband, brother, and son. In all these roles, Will would have been worthy of an award. Will was my friend, and the husband of my good friend, Ashley, who joins us here today in the gallery. The two of them were especially dynamic together, dedicated to their professions, and above all, to the student athletes they coached. I have never met two people who complemented one another with such harmony. The strength of their love made it possible to challenge, encourage and cultivate confidence in the student athletes they coached in Biddeford. Abby Laverriere, a senior at Biddeford High School, shared how Will impacted her life. She said, "Will was just so many different things to me. He was a friend, a role model, sometimes he felt like a parent. He took really good care of us. He meant the world to me. I trust him with my life. I have so much respect for that man. He was incredibly genuine. He just put so much thought into everything you said." In Will's time with Biddeford's Cross-country programs, he coached an individual state champion and brought several boys teams to the State Championship meet. Most recently he coached the Biddeford girls to their first state meet since 1994, ending a 23-year drought and finishing sixth in the state. The passion that Will coached with shined through with his student athletes, like Abby. I was blessed to know Will, and it is without a doubt a tremendous honor to stand here today to recognize this distinction from the *Press Herald* and share this lasting legacy that Will has gifted to friends, his students, and his family. Will lived his life following this quote from long distance runner, Steve Prefontaine. "To give anything less than your best, is to sacrifice the gift." Will never sacrificed his gift. Instead, he shared it with everyone who is so fortunate to know him every single day. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **FOLEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd be remiss if I didn't stand up today to recognize Will Fulford.

Hadn't seen Will for a long time. Will went to our church, and his mother taught my son, and him, in class there. Will was a quiet young man, but a young man that gained great respect, and I'm here just to say how sorry I am to his family and I appreciate this great recognition from the Representative from Biddeford. A well-deserved recognition. Godspeed Will.

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

In Memory of:

Sister Frances Carr, of New Gloucester, one of the last remaining members of the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village religious community. At age 89, Sister Frances was the oldest practicing Shaker in the world. Over the years, she published several books, including her memoir, *Growing Up Shaker*, and a cookbook, *Shaker Your Plate: Of Shaker Cooks and Cooking*. She will be sadly missed by her loving community, family and many friends;

(HLS 190)

Presented by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **ESPLING**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today to express my sincere condolences in regards to the loss of Sister Frances Carr. One of the last remaining members of the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village religious community in New Gloucester. Sister Frances came to Shaker Village when she was 10 years old, brought there by her mother after the death of her father. At the time, orphans and children whose parents could no longer afford to care for them were often brought to Shaker communities instead of orphanages. While not everyone who grows up in the Shaker community stays, Sister Frances felt a calling to remain and was a leader in the community. Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village was established in 1783 and is the only active Shaker community in the world. The community is situated on 1,800 acres of farm and forest, with 17 historic structures from the 1780s through the 1950s. Sister Frances leaves behind Brother Arnold and Sister June, who continue to live, work, and worship at Shaker Village. The Shakers are best known for their popular 19th century Shaker furniture and a long list of Shaker inventions. Shaker Village can be toured throughout the summer. You can also visit the museum, library, and gift shop. They host many craft workshops, educational programs, and events throughout the year, and they also continue to hold Sunday worship services. When I drive up the hill to Poland on Route 26, I pass Shaker Village, the historic buildings on my right and the apple orchard on my left. I am reminded of the deep roots the Shakers hold in our community, of their rich history, and their overwhelming contributions, really, to the world. Much work has been done and will continue to be done to preserve this fantastic history of Sister Frances, the entire history of the Shakers, and the preservation of this historic property. Shaker Village is a gem for Gray, New Gloucester, and the Poland area and an absolute treasure for the State of Maine. Thank you.

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

In Memory of:

Dahlov Ipcar, of Georgetown, a nationally renowned artist and children's book writer and illustrator. Mrs. Ipcar was best known for wildly colorful, kaleidoscopic paintings of farm animals and exotic creatures from the plains and jungles of Africa and Asia. Her art career, which began at a young age, spanned many styles and expressions, including more than 30 highly regarded children's books and several large-scale murals throughout the State. Mrs. Ipcar received numerous awards for her work, including in 2001 the Katahdin Award, a lifetime achievement award from the Maine Library Association, and in 2010 the New England Independent Booksellers Association's prestigious President's Award for her outstanding contribution to arts and letters. She will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those who appreciated her art;

(HLS 204)

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth, Representative ALLEY of Beals, Representative AUSTIN of Skowhegan, Representative AUSTIN of Gray, Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, Representative BAILEY of Saco, Representative BATES of Westbrook, Representative BATTLE of South Portland, Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec, Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative BLACK of Wilton, Representative BLUME of York, Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Senator BREEN of Cumberland, Representative BROOKS of Lewiston, Representative BRYANT of Windham, Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington, Representative CARDONE of Bangor, Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook, Senator CARSON of Cumberland, Representative CASÁS of Rockport, Representative CEBRA of Naples, Representative CHACE of Durham, Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville, Senator CHENETTE of York, Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representative COLLINGS of Portland, Senator COLLINS of York, Representative COOPER of Yarmouth, Representative COREY of Windham, Representative CRAIG of Brewer, Senator CUSHING of Penobscot, Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative DeCHANT of Bath, Representative DENNO of Cumberland, Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representative DEVIN of Newcastle, Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Senator DILL of Penobscot, Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, Senator DION of Cumberland, Representative DOORE of Augusta, Senator DOW of Lincoln, Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson, Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester, Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock, Representative FAY of Raymond, Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford, Representative FOLEY of Wells, Representative FREDETTE of Newport, Representative FREY of Bangor, Representative FULLER of Lewiston, Representative RECKITT of South Portland, Representative GATTINE of Westbrook, Representative GERRISH of Lebanon, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, Representative GILLWAY of Searsport, Representative GINZLER of Bridgton, Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, Representative GRANT of Gardiner, Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representative GRIGNON

of Athens, Representative GROHMAN of Biddeford, Representative GUERIN of Glenburn, Representative HAGGAN of Hampden, Representative HAMANN of South Portland, Senator HAMPER of Oxford, Representative HANDY of Lewiston, Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln, Representative HANLEY of Pittston, Representative HARLOW of Portland, Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford, Representative HARVELL of Farmington, Representative HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, Representative HEAD of Bethel, Representative HERBIG of Belfast, Representative HERRICK of Paris, Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop, Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, Senator HILL of York, Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade, Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, Representative HYMANSON of York, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello, Representative JORGENSEN of Portland, Senator KATZ of Kennebec, Senator KEIM of Oxford, Representative KINNEY of Limington, Representative KINNEY of Knox, Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor, Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, Senator LANGLEY of Hancock, Representative LAWRENCE of South Berwick, Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representative LOCKMAN of Amherst, Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth, Representative LYFORD of Eddington, Representative MADIGAN of Waterville, Representative MADIGAN of Rumford, Senator MAKER of Washington, Representative MALABY of Hancock, Representative MAREAN of Hollis, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, Senator MASON of Androscoggin, Representative MASON of Lisbon, Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield, Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Representative McELWEE of Caribou, Representative McLEAN of Gorham, Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn, Senator MILLETT of Cumberland, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Representative MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, Representative MOONEN of Portland, Representative NADEAU of Winslow, Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick, Representative O'NEIL of Saco, Representative ORDWAY of Standish, Representative PARKER of South Berwick, Representative PARRY of Arundel, Representative PERKINS of Oakland, Representative PERRY of Calais, Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, Representative PICKETT of Dixfield, Representative PIERCE of Dresden, Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, Representative POULIOT of Augusta, Representative PRESCOTT of Waterboro, Representative REED of Carmel, Representative RILEY of Jay, Senator ROSEN of Hancock, Representative RYKERSON of Kittery, Representative SANBORN of Portland, Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea, Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representative SCHNECK of Bangor, Representative SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, Representative SHEATS of Auburn, Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro, Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough, Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld, Representative SPEAR of South Thomaston, Representative STANLEY of Medway, Representative STEARNS of Guilford, Representative STETKIS of Canaan, Representative STEWART of Presque Isle, Representative STROM of Pittsfield, Representative SUTTON of Warren, Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Representative TEPLER of Topsham, Representative TERRY of Gorham, Representative

THERIAULT of China, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Representative TIPPING of Orono, Representative TUCKER of Brunswick, Representative TUELL of East Machias, Representative TURNER of Burlington, Representative VACHON of Scarborough, Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Senator VOLK of Cumberland, Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram, Representative WALLACE of Dexter, Representative WARD of Dedham, Representative WARREN of Hallowell, Representative WHITE of Washburn, Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset, Representative WINSOR of Norway, Representative WOOD of Greene, Senator WOODSOME of York, Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House, it is an honor to stand today and speak to the memory of Dahlov Ipcar, because just as lobster and blueberries and pine trees are Maine icons, there are certain individuals, maybe one or two in a generation, who themselves become Maine icons. I think of Longfellow or Blaine or Hamlin, of Sarah Orne Jewett or Perkins to name a few -- Chamberlain. And certainly, Dahlov Ipcar is one of those Maine icons. Dahlov lived for 100 years from 1917 to 2017. She painted and drew from her very first days to her very last day. Her paintings were exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum, in New York City, and the Museum of Modern Art, in New York City, and the Corcoran Gallery, in Washington, D.C., and the Whitney Museum of American Art, in New York City. And there are murals on public buildings in the United States where her work can still be seen today for the public. But, she's best known, I think, for having produced more than 30 children's books, many of which are near and dear to our hearts, because we read them to our children, and grandchildren, or maybe had them read to ourselves. Ipcar's work is notable for its joy and line and color and for its imagination. But, her work is not only an act of joy and imagination, it's also an invitation to imagine and to create with her. It's an invitation to travel on the wings of our own imagination and to see the world both as it is and as it could be and to see the beauty of both worlds. Her work is an invitation to the child to dream about what they might someday do in their life. So, for example, in the book *I Like Animals*, which she dedicated to her son, Charlie, who is with us here today, "when I grow up, I'll have a zoo or a pet shop. When I grow up, I'll be a farmer or a woodsman." Her work is also an invitation to see the world through the eyes of another as in the *Cat at Night*, we see the transformation of a darkness and shadowy world to a world of color and light and adventure. Her work is an invitation to travel to another continent on the map, perhaps Africa or Asia, some place far away. And, it is also sometimes an invitation to travel to another continent in the mind, as in *Deep Sea Farm*, one of my favorites, where an undersea farmer cultivates his crops of sea cucumbers and takes care of the Sea Cows and protects them from the Sea Wolves. Madam Speaker, at least three generations have been raised and inspired by Dahlov Ipcar. Many more generations will come who will continue to be raised and inspired by Dahlov Ipcar, and her works, and her paint brush, and her imagination. Despite her loss of eyesight in her later years, Ipcar never lost her insight or her habit of painting and

making art on a daily basis and having shows, regularly, where she was treated like a rock star. Dahlov Ipcar painted on her very last day in life with joy, with imagination, and with generosity to the many generations who have learned joy and imagination from her. As a state, as a species, we owe Dahlov Ipcar and her family an enormous debt of gratitude, a debt we can repay when we share with the world our own light, our own joy, our own imaginations. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bath, Representative DeChant.

Representative **DeCHANT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to rise and add my voice to what was just spoken. Maine has the good fortune of having a strong creative economy, that happens in a variety of ways throughout our state -- in music, in dance, in theater, and in visual arts. When a person reaches the pinnacle of a career and an influence, as Dahlov Ipcar does, it is an amazing opportunity for us to recognize it as a state and as a Chamber. Living in Bath, I do also operate an art gallery in my spare time, and so, Dahlov Ipcar was supportive in our endeavors at the Chocolate Church Arts Center. She donated prints to us to help auction off at special events. It was reassuring to know that a person of her talent, her compassion, and her humanity existed and dwelled merely over the bridge, down a peninsula, and to the Island of Georgetown. And so, to her family who lent her to us, today is an amazing opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate a life well lived. Thank you.

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

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act Regarding Opioids and Palliative Care"

(H.P. 919) (L.D. 1325)

Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Morbidity and Mortality Related to Opioid Misuse"

(H.P. 920) (L.D. 1326)

Sponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CHACE of Durham, DENNO of Cumberland, JORGENSEN of Portland, MALABY of Hancock, PARKER of South Berwick, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, STEWART of Presque Isle, Senator: MAKER of Washington.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Former Military Medical Personnel To Perform Certain Medical Services"

(H.P. 921) (L.D. 1327)

Sponsored by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock.

Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, FREDETTE of Newport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CYRWAY of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin.

Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Bicycle Safety by Placing Warning Signs on Certain Public Ways"

(H.P. 922) (L.D. 1328)

Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HERRICK of Paris, MAREAN of Hollis, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Tobacco Retail Establishments To Serve Alcohol"

(H.P. 923) (L.D. 1329)

Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, FAY of Raymond, PARRY of Arundel, STANLEY of Medway, STEWART of Presque Isle, STROM of Pittsfield, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

The Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Change of Committee**

Representative KORNFIELD from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Allow a Resident Veteran's Child Who Is Enrolled in an Out-of-state College or University To Take a Course in Maine at a State Postsecondary Education Institution for Free"

(H.P. 696) (L.D. 995)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent for concurrence.

Representative HYMANSON from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Create a Centralized Authority To Combat Opiate Addiction in Maine" (H.P. 73) (L.D. 105)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Sent for concurrence.

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Establish a State Bank" (S.P. 83) (L.D. 237)

Signed:

Senators:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset
CARSON of Cumberland
DOW of Lincoln

Representatives:

LAWRENCE of South Berwick
COLLINGS of Portland
CRAIG of Brewer
FOLEY of Wells
MELARAGNO of Auburn
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield
PRESCOTT of Waterboro
SANBORN of Portland
WALLACE of Dexter

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

BROOKS of Lewiston

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

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-18)** on Bill "An Act To Phase Out the Use of Single-use Plastic Shopping Bags" (H.P. 44) (L.D. 57)

Signed:

Senators:

SAVIELLO of Franklin
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
CAMPBELL of Orrington
DUCHESNE of Hudson
FAY of Raymond

HARLOW of Portland
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:

Senator:

VOLK of Cumberland

Representatives:

KINNEY of Limington
PIERCE of Dresden
STROM of Pittsfield

READ.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 90) (L.D. 304) Bill "An Act To Authorize Auxiliary Licenses at Disc Golf Courses" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)**

(H.P. 312) (L.D. 432) Bill "An Act To Designate a Maine Community Litter Cleanup Day" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 325) (L.D. 458) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 398) (L.D. 556) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 191: Health Maintenance Organizations and of the Final Repeal of Chapter 750: Standardized Health Plans, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance (EMERGENCY) Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 22) (L.D. 21) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Execution of Temporary Powers of Attorney" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-22)**

(H.P. 139) (L.D. 183) Bill "An Act Requiring the Use of the Electronic Death Registration System" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-20)**

(H.P. 200) (L.D. 267) Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-21)**

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

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

There being no objection, the Senate Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in concurrence and the

House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

**BILLS IN THE SECOND READING
House as Amended**

Bill "An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 303) (L.D. 423)
(C. "A" H-17)

Was reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** and **READ** the second time.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, was **SET ASIDE**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-19)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House, the amendment that I'm presenting simply removes the emergency preamble to this bill. In committee, it seemed to be needed because the idea was to have these hotspots become available to school children in Washington County in the fall, but it appears that the funding can, in fact, begin in the fall so the emergency preamble is not needed. Thank you.

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

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a Point of Order, my understanding in removing the emergency preamble, this no longer being an emergency bill, just for the purposes of informing the House, the process going forward in terms of whether or not it will be a, it'll require one vote or two votes in regards to the emergency preamble being removed.

The SPEAKER: The Amendment that is being presented now will remove the emergency preamble. There will be one vote and then it would be sent to the other body.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-19)** was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-17)** and **House Amendment "A" (H-19)** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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

**ENACTORS
Emergency Measure**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 220: Removal of Provider of Last Resort Service Obligation, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

(H.P. 327) (L.D. 461)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 132 voted in favor of the same and 5 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Municipalities License Roller-skating Rinks

(H.P. 23) (L.D. 22)

An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2018

(S.P. 157) (L.D. 460)
(C. "A" S-8)

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.

An Act To Provide Funding for Costs Associated with Requiring the Licensing of Midwives

(S.P. 49) (L.D. 130)
(C. "A" S-9)

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

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, was **SET ASIDE**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 24

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Austin S, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Black, Blume, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Casas, Chace, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Haggan, Hamann, Handy, Hanington, Harlow, Harrington, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kumiega, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Ordway, Parker, Perry, Pickett, Pouliot, Reckitt, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanborn, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Bradstreet, Cebra, Dillingham, Farrin, Fredette, Grignon, Guerin, Hanley, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Johansen, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, O'Connor, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Turner, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Brooks, Devin, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Lawrence, Pierce T, Riley.

Yes, 108; No, 34; Absent, 8; Excused, 1.

108 having voted in the affirmative and 34 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, March 30, 2017, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Joint Order, Requiring the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation To Study the Placement of Vehicle Charging Stations on Maine's Highways

(H.P. 644)

TABLED - March 7, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative CASÁS of Rockport, the Joint Order and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Require Background Checks for All School Employees"

(S.P. 438) (L.D. 1286)

Bill "An Act To Promote Computer Science and Efficient Communication between Schools and the Department of Education"

(S.P. 440) (L.D. 1288)

Bill "An Act To Provide Student Loan Debt Relief to Maine Teachers"

(S.P. 442) (L.D. 1290)

Resolve, To Convene a Study Group To Study Proficiency in Content Areas for Secondary School Graduation Standards

(S.P. 446) (L.D. 1294)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Federal Title I Funding Is Directed to Classroom Learning"

(S.P. 448) (L.D. 1319)

Bill "An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development in Early Childhood"

(S.P. 450) (L.D. 1321)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Affordability of and Access to Heat Pumps for Maine Homeowners"

(S.P. 443) (L.D. 1291)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure Patient Protections in the Health Insurance Laws"

(S.P. 431) (L.D. 1279)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Foreclosure Process by Regulating Mortgage Loan Servicers"

(S.P. 444) (L.D. 1292)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Compensation of Assistant Attorneys General and District Attorneys and the Approval of Financial Orders by the Attorney General and Secretary of State"

(S.P. 433) (L.D. 1281)

Bill "An Act To Provide a Definition for the Maine Condominium Act"

(S.P. 434) (L.D. 1282)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Create the Procurement Review Board"

(S.P. 447) (L.D. 1295)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Modernize the Mining Excise Tax"

(S.P. 435) (L.D. 1283)

Bill "An Act To Tax Political Expenditures Made Immediately before an Election"

(S.P. 437) (L.D. 1285)

Bill "An Act To Allow Voluntary Payments in Lieu of Taxes in the Unorganized Territory"

(S.P. 441) (L.D. 1289)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require Election Transparency and Audits"

(S.P. 436) (L.D. 1284)

Bill "An Act To Allow Wine Tastings at Farmers' Markets"

(S.P. 445) (L.D. 1293)

Bill "An Act To Regulate and Tax Sports Fantasy League Activities in Maine"

(S.P. 449) (L.D. 1320)

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockport, Representative Casás.

Representative **CASÁS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request unanimous consent to address the House on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objections, the Representative may proceed.

Representative **CASÁS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, in reference to Roll Call No. 20 on LD 423, had I been present, I would have voted yea. In reference to Roll Call No. 21 on LD 165, had I been present, I would have voted yea. And in reference to Roll Call No. 22 on LD 156, had I been present, I would have voted no. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: It will be so recorded.

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

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the House adjourned at 12:04 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 6, 2017, in honor and lasting tribute to Daniel McDonald, of Brunswick; Mark Baumer, of Brunswick; Richard Gordon Felt, of Woodstock; Sister Frances Carr, of New Gloucester; Everest "Sonny" Doucette, of Orland; Larry Paul Freilino, of Orland; Ralph E. "Sonny" Gross, Jr., of Penobscot; Grace Edna Dunham, of Orland; and Dahlov Ipcar, of Georgetown.