

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
69th Legislative Day  
Thursday, July 20, 2017

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

Prayer by Honorable Bruce A. Bickford, Auburn.

National Anthem by Martin Swinger, Augusta.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Monday, July 3, 2017 was read and approved.

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The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Hamann.

Representative **HAMANN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to speak on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from South Portland, Representative Hamann has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **HAMANN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I stand today to apologize to this body for a comment I made on a childhood friend's Facebook wall. There is no excuse for using such vulgar and disrespectful language, and I deeply regret not only what I said, but also how I said it. These aren't words I use in my personal, professional, or political life, and, in fact, were so far out of character for me that I've had an outpouring of support from friends near and far, who reached out to me concerned that this post may be indicative of a deeper psychological issue, or perhaps even a battle with substance abuse. I stand before you today to own each and every word, and I will not claim it was the result of a drinking problem or insist I have a screw loose to gain sympathy. I own every ugly word I wrote in a clear and sober state of mind, and I can say that with the confidence of knowing the satirical intent of what I wrote. Despite how it was screen grabbed and presented around the blogosphere as though it was something I intended literally, that doesn't change the fact that my intent, when I wrote it, was to in fact critique and criticize the increasing prevalence of this language over the past couple of years. The words were grotesque, inexcusably vulgar, terms that are too prevalent in the rhetorical lexicon of contemporary American politics. In the interest of setting the record straight, I would like to simply share exactly what happened. And further, Madam Speaker, I invite anyone, members of this body, staff, members of the public, anybody, to reach out respectfully if they have any lingering questions or concerns. I intend to do the work, to rebuild relationships that may have been damaged, and reassure folks that I am not someone who would speak like that in a literal sense.

Here's what happened. Last Tuesday, I engaged in a heated political exchange on Facebook with a childhood friend. He and I have always gotten along personally despite our differing political views, but over the past couple of years his language has gotten more and more aggressive and attack-based. When I wrote the post, it was an intentionally defiant refusal to take it on the chin one last time, a refusal to be spoken to like that. A line in the sand, where I decided to cast off the shackles of respectful political discourse, stand up for myself, and fight fire with fire, knowing that the childhood friend I was writing to directly would take it as I intended, knowing he would take it as a satirical critique of his own words, and that's

exactly how he took it. We've been in touch since this news broke, and he expressed that he fully understood where I was coming from and has no hard feelings. Regardless, as an elected official I should have critiqued his language in a more respectful way, as I typically would, rather than run the risk of this situation playing out exactly how it has. To be clear, it was a complete lapse of judgment on my part. I tried to mirror back to him his language in rhetorical tone, in an attempt to demonstrate and hyperbolize the aggressive words he uses. It was a collage of his words, and my intent was to be provocative, to give him a taste of his own medicine. My intent was for him to read his own words in the context of a differing world view so that he might recognize how hateful and foolish he sounds. I sounded like a jerk. That was my point. It was satire, which is defined as the use of irony, exaggeration, or ridicule to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices, particularly in the context of contemporary politics and other topical issues. It was provocative satire. However, I do apologize to those who are sensitive to this kind of language and were offended by it. I left the post on his Facebook wall for just a short while, just enough time to be sure he had read it. Then I deleted it, once I knew my point had been made. Unfortunately, somebody seized the opportunity to take a screen shot and share it around, to make it appear as though these are words that I typically say, things I think, values I hold. They are not. My friends know that, my family knows that, my constituents know that, and anyone who knows me knows I'm not someone who talks to or about someone in that way. I'm the last person who would ever use physical violence. People who know me know I talk more like a nerd than a tough guy. But I was also raised to stand up for myself and to never let anyone push me around. But in the future, I will do that more respectfully, and set the bad language aside. I deeply regret writing those words. I should have made my point more appropriately. The words I wrote reflect a vulgarity that permeates our political discourse, a vulgarity I should have known better than to participate in, even if my goal was to try and emulate that rhetoric to make an ironic point about its divisiveness. And finally, within the satirical interaction, I made an insinuation that is a line that should neither be crossed nor even flirted with, even when it's in the context of satire. I apologized to Mr. Trump for any insinuation to the contrary, and found the Secret Service to be courteous, professional, and sensible when I invited them to chat with me in my living room last Thursday. We spoke for about an hour or so. From that conversation, they determined that what I wrote was entirely satirical and within my First Amendment rights, and it was not a direct, or indirect, threat of any kind, to anyone. And I thanked them for their service to our country, tremendous professionals. While my satire was intended to cause my friend to reflect on his language, now that it has been spread around the country framed as a literal statement from me, over the past week I've received dozens of calls and emails from concerned folks in Maine and from around the country. Safe to say, I have struck a nerve. It has been a week of death threats against me and my family, the perpetual harassment of my employer and the impact that had on my coworkers, threats of violence, emails, and text messages so volatile that even a teaspoon of it would get me gavelled down in this chamber. Ironically, this violent language is precisely the kind of rhetoric my post was intended to call out. There's no excuse for what I satirized, if it were to be taken literally. Read literally, what I wrote would be indefensible.

My failures were three-fold: first, thinking what I wrote might not be screen grabbed and used against me out of

context; second, falsely believing that everyone who might have read my post in the brief time I kept it online would understand the satirical nature of something written explicitly to critique a personal friend's vulgar language; and third, assuming that I could fight fire with fire and tamper inflammatory language by assuming the persona of a liberal doppelganger to my friend's vitriolic, self-described alt-right ideology. The path out of this dark place in American political discourse will be illuminated by light, not by more darkness. And as the President said in 2009 about using violence as a means to an end, his words, I believe, also apply to the violent language we are slowly getting desensitized to as a nation. He said, "For centuries black people in America suffered the lash of the whip as slaves and the humiliation of segregation. But it was not violence that won full and equal rights, it was a peaceful and determined insistence upon the ideals at the center of America's founding. The same story could be told by people from South Africa to South Asia, from Eastern Europe to Indonesia. It's a story with a simple truth, that violence is a dead end. That's not how moral authority is claimed, that's how it's surrendered." Men and Women of the House, violent language, even when it's used to counter violent language, is not how moral authority is claimed, that's how it's surrendered. I am sorry to those who I have offended. Just because I have a First Amendment right to say something or do something doesn't mean it's always appropriate to do so, regardless of literary intent, and I have learned this lesson. Moving forward, I pledge each day to continue to bring a firm but respectful tone and temperament to my political and professional work, and to reject the tone and temperament I used in that isolated moment in my personal life when I attempted to critique my friend's vitriolic idiolect. I pledge to continue working tirelessly on behalf of my constituents, whose outpouring of support was a sign to me that people who really know me, and who know my core values, they haven't let a single incident overshadow their perception about who I am. I won't mention names, but I have been moved to receive calls and supportive messages from colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and in fact, colleagues in all four caucuses. People who know me know I'll keep moving the needle on issues I hold dear to my heart: child poverty, taking care of seniors, getting people access to drug treatment, ensuring fewer babies are born addicted to heroin, supporting schools, teachers, and students, protecting the environment, and ensuring Maine's economy has the workers it needs to thrive. These are issues my constituents care about deeply, and I won't quit working on their behalf, nor will I change course on my objectives. Further, I will not stop expressing my point of view and advocating on behalf of those who do not have a seat at the table. But my promise to this body is that I will never let a hint of that satirical language find its way into my work in this sacred institution. I never have in the past, and I will not in the future. And finally, Men and Women of the House, I pledge to take a few deep breaths every now and then, step back on occasion, and remind myself to recognize the commonalities in our political objectives rather than concern myself with our partisan divisions. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 304)

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

June 30, 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 1147, "An Act to Modernize the Renewable Portfolio Standard."

Under Title 35-A, M.R.S. §3210(3-A), Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) has included a requirement for electricity customers to purchase increasing amounts of electricity from qualified "new renewable capacity resources" (Class I resources), starting in 2008 as a 1% requirement and ending in 2017 as a 10% requirement. LD 1147 would extend the 10% requirement through 2022.

The RPS in Maine is a subsidy paid to renewable generators that is hidden in the bills of all electric customers. I have long opposed such subsidies—especially hiding them in Maine's electric bills. In addition, this subsidy is not even meeting its intended purpose, which is to encourage new renewable electricity generation. Over the five-year period between 2011 and 2015, the Class I RPS cost ratepayers nearly \$70 million in above-market costs. Yet, over this same period, the amount of renewable generation produced in Maine decreased by approximately 8%. Therefore, Mainers spent \$70 million and received no increase in the amount of renewable generation produced in Maine.

A subsidy that costs Maine ratepayers \$70 million over five years, but fails to meet its intended purpose, is a subsidy that needs to end.

For these reasons, I return LD 1147 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.** Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Modernize the Renewable Portfolio Standard

(H.P. 810) (L.D. 1147)  
(S. "A" S-290 to C. "A" H-272)

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. 427V**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Berry, Bickford, Black, Blume, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chace, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Harvell, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence,

Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Parry, Perry, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Sherman, Simmons, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Stewart, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, White, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Campbell, Dillingham, Espling, Ginzler, Grignon, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Johansen, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Mason, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Sirocki, Stetkis, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Vachon, Wallace, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Cebra, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Marean, McLean, Turner.

Yes, 109; No, 32; Absent, 9; Excused, 1.

109 having voted in the affirmative and 32 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 308)

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

July 5, 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 481, "An Act To Promote Workforce Participation." This bill would have provided a \$400 bonus to welfare recipients for maintaining a job for just 4 months, rewarding them for something they really should be doing anyway. I understand the desire to motivate people to stay in a job, but at some point government needs to step back and let people figure it out on their own. Why do we feel compelled to have government step in and reward people for doing what they are already supposed to do?

We cannot continue to treat low-income Mainers like children, always trying to coax them to do right things. A steady job with a steady paycheck is a reward in itself that increasingly pushes a person toward greater self-reliance and self-sufficiency. I believe Mainers are capable of success without constant intrusion and prodding by State government. For these reasons, I return LD 481 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.** Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Promote Workforce Participation (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 344) (L.D. 481)  
(H. "A" H-548 to C. "A" H-326)

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. 428V**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Berry, Bickford, Black, Blume, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chace, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Haggan, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Harvell, Hawke, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Parry, Perry, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Reckitt, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Sherman, Simmons, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Stewart, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Vachon, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Winsor, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Campbell, Dillingham, Farrin, Grignon, Hanington, Hanley, Head, Johansen, Lockman, Lyford, Mason, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Prescott, Reed, Sirocki, Stetkis, Strom, Sutton, Tuell, Wallace, White.

ABSENT - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Cebra, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Marean, McLean, Riley, Turner.

Yes, 116; No, 24; Absent, 10; Excused, 1.

116 having voted in the affirmative and 24 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 309)

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

July 5, 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 1512, "An Act To Protect the Health and Safety of First Responders."

I want to make very clear that I think we should make laws that protect those who put their lives on the line to protect the safety of the public. That is why I was a proponent of this bill as it was introduced by the Department of Public Safety. There have been several bills introduced this session to protect first responders or victims of horrible crimes. These bills have either failed to get the required votes to reach my desk or they have been watered down to the point that they do absolutely nothing—which was the unfortunate fate of this bill. I sincerely hope that in the future, first responders find the support they deserve in the State House.

Because this bill has been amended to the point that it does nothing to protect the safety of first responders, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I return LD 1512 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.** Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Protect the Health and Safety of First Responders

(H.P. 1036) (L.D. 1512)  
(H. "A" H-547 to C. "B" H-512)

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. 429V**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Berry, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Casas, Chace, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Espling, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Fuller, Gattine, Ginzler, Golden, Grignon, Grohman, Guerin, Haggan, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Johansen, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Parker, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Sampson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Timberlake, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Winsor, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Blume, Dunphy, Frey, Gillway, Grant, Hanington, Hanley, Mastraccio, Melaragno, Rykerson, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Sylvester, Tipping, Warren, White.

ABSENT - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Cebra, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Marean, McLean, Turner.

Yes, 124; No, 17; Absent, 9; Excused, 1.

124 having voted in the affirmative and 17 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED.** Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 310)

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

July 12, 2017  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have temporarily appointed Representative Jared F. Golden of Lewiston to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs for the duration of the absence of Representative John L. Martin of Eagle Lake effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this temporary appointment.

Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 311)

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

July 13, 2017  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:  
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have rescinded the temporary appointment of Representative Jared F. Golden of Lewiston from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and I have reappointed Representative John L. Martin of Eagle Lake to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 312)

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

July 10, 2017  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:  
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have rescinded the temporary appointment of Representative Michelle Ann Dunphy of Old Town from the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development and I have reappointed Representative Donna R. Doore of Augusta to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 313)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

July 14, 2017  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:  
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have appointed Representative Joyce McCreight of Harpswell to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, replacing Representative Scott M. Hamann of South Portland, effective immediately.  
Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.  
Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 314)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

July 14, 2017  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:  
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have appointed Representative Denise A. Tepler of Topsham to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, replacing Representative Joyce McCreight of Harpswell, effective immediately.  
Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.  
Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 315)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

July 14, 2017  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:  
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have appointed Representative Aaron M. Frey of Bangor to the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation, replacing Representative Scott M. Hamann of South Portland, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.  
Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House  
**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Rate of Tax Imposed on the Rental of Living Quarters"  
(H.P. 1136) (L.D. 1645)  
Sponsored by Representative WINSOR of Norway.  
(GOVERNOR'S BILL)  
Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.  
On motion of Representative WINSOR of Norway, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**. Sent for concurrence.

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

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 42)  
**ORDERED**, that Representative Ralph Chapman of Brooksville be excused June 29 and 30; and July 1 for personal reasons.  
**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Robert A. Foley of Wells be excused June 29 and 30; and July 1 for personal reasons.  
**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Lloyd C. Herrick of Paris be excused June 27, 28 and 29 for personal reasons.  
**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Paul A. Stearns of Guilford be excused June 28 for personal reasons.  
**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Ryan Tipping of Orono be excused June 21, 22, 23, 28 and 29; and July 1 for personal reasons.  
**READ and PASSED.**

**SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR**

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

**Recognizing:**

the 11-12 Little League Softball Team of Biddeford, which won the 2017 State Little League Softball Championship. This is the team's third straight state title. Members of the team include Hannah Gosselin, Savannah Petrin Kendrick, Emilee Petrin Kendrick, Grace Tardif, Kerri Scott, Vanessa Hale, Aliya Tingley, Lexi Libby, Cheyenne Tardif, Baylor Wilkinson, Laura Perreault and Charlotte Donovan. The team is coached by Andrew Donovan. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 637)

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

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

**READ.**

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

Representative **GROHMAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House. The Biddeford Little League Softball Team sets a high standard. They've won the State Championship three years in a row. In fact, during that time, they've never lost a game at the state level. Madam Speaker, I have been here for three years. I wish I had half their winning record. All of us in Biddeford are proud of this team. In fact, all of us here are proud of them, because they are headed directly from here to the regional finals, down in Connecticut, where they will represent the State of Maine. So, we wish them the greatest good luck and continued success. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE  
Pursuant to Joint Rule 309**

From the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Allow Slot Machines or a Casino in York County"

(I.B. 1) (L.D. 719)

Received by the Clerk of the House on July 19, 2017, pursuant to Joint Rule 309.

**READ.**

On motion of Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**. Sent for concurrence.

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**Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Protect Jobs and the Maine Economy by Eliminating the 3% Income Tax Surcharge Imposed on Certain Mainers and the Fund To Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education"

(H.P. 251) (L.D. 337)

Signed:

Senator:

CHENETTE of York

Representatives:

TIPPING of Orono  
COOPER of Yarmouth  
GRANT of Gardiner  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
STANLEY of Medway  
TERRY of Gorham

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-562)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

DOW of Lincoln  
CUSHING of Penobscot

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn  
HILLIARD of Belgrade  
POULIOT of Augusta  
WARD of Dedham

**READ.**

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

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Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-563)** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Homestead Exemption" (H.P. 687) (L.D. 974)

Signed:

Senator:

CHENETTE of York

Representatives:

TIPPING of Orono  
COOPER of Yarmouth  
GRANT of Gardiner  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
STANLEY of Medway  
TERRY of Gorham

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

Signed:

Senators:

DOW of Lincoln  
CUSHING of Penobscot

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn  
HILLIARD of Belgrade  
POULIOT of Augusta  
WARD of Dedham

**READ.**

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

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Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-559)** on Bill "An Act To Change the Exemption Amount under the Estate Tax"

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

Signed:

Senators:

CHENETTE of York  
CUSHING of Penobscot

Representatives:

TIPPING of Orono  
COOPER of Yarmouth  
GRANT of Gardiner  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
STANLEY of Medway  
TERRY of Gorham

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

Signed:  
Senator:  
DOW of Lincoln

Representatives:  
BICKFORD of Auburn  
HILLIARD of Belgrade  
WARD of Dedham

**READ.**

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

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Six Members of the Committee on **TAXATION** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-560)** on Bill "An Act To Reduce the Burden of Tobacco-related Illness by Increasing Revenue from the Cigarette Tax for Use for Tobacco Cessation" (H.P. 673) (L.D. 945)

Signed:  
Senator:  
CHENETTE of York

Representatives:  
TIPPING of Orono  
GRANT of Gardiner  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
TERRY of Gorham  
WARD of Dedham

Five Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:  
Senators:  
DOW of Lincoln  
CUSHING of Penobscot

Representatives:  
BICKFORD of Auburn  
HILLIARD of Belgrade  
STANLEY of Medway

Two Members of the same Committee report in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-561)** on same Bill.

Signed:  
Representatives:  
COOPER of Yarmouth  
POULIOT of Augusta

**READ.**

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of any Report and later today assigned.

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

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, the following item was **REMOVED** from the Special Study Table:  
Joint Study Order, To Establish the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine

(S.P. 592)

Which was **TABLED** on June 23, 2017 by the same Representative pending **PASSAGE**.

Representative HERBIG of Belfast **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-564)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

The Joint Order was **PASSED as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-564)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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**SENATE PAPERS**  
**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Protect Firefighters by Establishing a Prohibition on the Sale and Distribution of New Upholstered Furniture Containing Certain Flame-retardant Chemicals (H.P. 138) (L.D. 182)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 8, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-215)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-215) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-338)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Amend Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities and for Residential Care Facilities (S.P. 178) (L.D. 517)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 25, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-91)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-91) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-321)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Certain Sexual Offenses (S.P. 216) (L.D. 654)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 7, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-113)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-113) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-320)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Ensure Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine

(S.P. 307) (L.D. 952)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 30, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-106)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-106) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-331)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To End Homelessness by Expanding Housing Support Services

(H.P. 683) (L.D. 970)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 30, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-209)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-209) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-330)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Restore Public Health Nursing Services

(S.P. 362) (L.D. 1108)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 9, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-155)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-155) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-329)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, Providing for the Official Observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine

(H.P. 806) (L.D. 1143)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 12, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-453)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-453) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-323)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Reduce Youth Access to Tobacco Products

(S.P. 391) (L.D. 1170)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 27, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-146) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-306)** thereto)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-146) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-306)** thereto **AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-325)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, To Increase the Affordability of Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

(S.P. 426) (L.D. 1263)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on May 30, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-109)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-109) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-327)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act Regarding MaineCare Coverage for Telehealth Services

(S.P. 515) (L.D. 1485)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 9, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-205)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-205) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-328)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Create an Aquaculture License

(H.P. 1044) (L.D. 1520)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 5, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-288)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-288) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-324)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act Regarding Retail Marijuana Testing Facilities (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1132) (L.D. 1641)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 23, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-326)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker GIDEON of Freeport moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

Representative FREDETTE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. If I could just pose a question through the Chair.



The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.  
Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I understand that the Committee has been doing some work on this bill, and I guess I'm not quite sure of the posture of the bill, where it's at, and what this actually...when we're receding and concurring, what are we receding and concurring on? If I could ask someone from the Committee to maybe provide us with that answer?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette has posed a question through the Chair. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Madam Chair. This bill, 1641, is the testing bill from the MLI Committee. When it was drafted, the bill that preceded it, 243, had not yet been enacted into law, so they had to draft the bill without language from 243. When 243 became enacted and signed into law by the Chief Executive, we did minor changes to the language so it would reflect that change and be consistent with 243, which is the Speaker's bill from the beginning of the session. It also had a larger fiscal note, but when 243 was enacted and signed by the Executive, then that money became available to be used in 1641, part of it, most of it, and there still remains a smaller fiscal note to this bill. So, it's really a minor drafting change, and then lowering of a fiscal note to this bill. Thank you.

Subsequently, the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 563)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

July 3, 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 1567, "An Act To Amend the Archives and Records Management Law."

This bill, which was submitted by the Secretary of State, attempts to modernize the archives and records manage statute and the Archives Advisory Board. For decades the Governor has appointed members of the Archives Advisory Board. The bill eliminates the Governor's discretion to select and appoint board members and allows the Secretary of State to appoint members to the board.

This is simply another attempt to strip away the Governor's appointment power.

For these reasons, I return LD 1567 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The accompanying item An Act To Amend the Archives and Records Management Law

(S.P. 549) (L.D. 1567)  
(C. "A" S-285)

In Senate, July 20, 2017, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

22 voted in favor and 9 against, and 22 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

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

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I had an opportunity to read the Chief Executive's veto letter in regards to this and I find it persuasive. I'll be voting to sustain the Chief Executive's veto. 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. 430V**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Berry, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Sherman, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney M, Lyford, Malaby, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Cebra, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Lockman, Marean, McLean, Perkins, Turner.

Yes, 77; No, 60; Absent, 13; Excused, 1.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, with 13 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 560)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

June 29, 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 586, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund."

This bill will place significant burdens on the Bureau of Public Lands (BPL) and will create uncertainty for logging contractors with the state. Maine's public lands are certified as well-managed by two independent, third-party forest certification standards. Our BPL managers are dedicated public servants who carry out their responsibilities in a professional manner every day they show up to work. This bill sends a message to these hard-working people that they are not doing a good job. I strongly disagree with this assumption, and that is why I am vetoing this bill.

There are many sections of this bill I would like to address. The requirement to complete a forest inventory every five years is unnecessary. BPL completed a forest inventory in 2016 that verified BPL's harvest targets.

My primary concern in this bill is the attempt by the Legislature to micromanage and curtail BPL's road-building efforts without any good reason. The bureau recently changed the way it contracts out logging services. The new system of contracting for logging services has been a net benefit to the state and is more transparent to the public compared to road-building costs that were hidden in lower stumpage price payments to the bureau. The new system brings in more revenue, which pays for everything else that Maine people like about our public lands, such as trails, accessibility and campsites. If no roads are built, then there will be less revenue for the state to pay for these important things.

LD 586 also taps into the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund to create an educational grant program for forestry and logging training. While I support the logging industry, it is not appropriate to take funds from public lands to pay for it. The Legislature just recently allocated money to create a new logger-training program in the community college system. Since that program is just getting started, we should wait to see if it is working before we spend more money.

Studying areas of insufficient access is unnecessary; BPL already addresses these issues when a problem arises. The bureau is also working to consolidate its ownerships that are held in common with others. This creates more land that the public can enjoy.

The bill directs BPL to develop a list of recreational infrastructure and ADA projects and provide it to its oversight committee for review. This duplicates work already done by BPL to gather public input and address issues locally as resources permit. This bill substitutes the committee's judgement over that of the local public who use the public lands. BPL listens to the people in the field every day, and this bill will replace this policy with a centralized process that requires people to travel long distances to Augusta to make their case to the committee. In addition, the appropriation in this bill will not be enough to do the work properly.

Finally, the bill directs the BPL to review its bid process. This is duplicative and unnecessary; the bureau has already worked out the contracting process with the Bureau of Purchases. There is nothing to gain from another review.

The uncertainty and red tape that is in this bill will have negative impacts on BPL's ability to properly manage public lands. We need to let the experts at the bureau continue their careful stewardship of our precious natural resources without the micromanagement of legislative committees.

For these reasons, I return LD 586 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The accompanying item An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 201) (L.D. 586)

(H. "A" H-517 to C. "A" S-202)

In Senate, July 20, 2017, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

29 voted in favor and 2 against, and 29 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Timberlake.

Representative **TIMBERLAKE**: I'm sorry, Madam Speaker. Sometimes the buttons on these new mics are hard to find. I would hope that we sustain the Chief Executive's veto on this. There's been a lot of discussion going around this, and I think that this needs to go back and have some work on it. The Committee did try to do their job the best they could with what they had to work with. The Governor has assured us, the Chief Executive has assured us that he's going to try to maintain the \$2.5 million in the fund, and we'll continue to do the good work that the Department has done. So, please sustain this bill. 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. 431V**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Berry, Black, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Hanington, Harlow, Harvell, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Pickett, Pierce T, Pouliot, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson,

Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Sherman, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Stewart, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Wadsworth, Warren, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Bradstreet, Campbell, Chace, Craig, Espling, Foley, Fredette, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Johansen, Malaby, Mason, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Stetkis, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Vachon, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Cebra, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Lockman, Marean, McLean, Perkins, Turner.

Yes, 97; No, 40; Absent, 13; Excused, 1.

97 having voted in the affirmative and 40 voted in the negative, with 13 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Detectives in the Office of the Attorney General

(H.P. 68) (L.D. 100)

(C. "A" H-174)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 23, 2017.

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

The House voted to **INSIST**.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Opt Out of Federal Daylight Saving Time and To Ask the United States Secretary of Transportation To Place the State in the Atlantic Time Zone

(H.P. 159) (L.D. 203)

(C. "A" H-76)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 11, 2017.

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

The House voted to **INSIST**.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, To Alleviate Hunger in Rural Maine in Areas of High Unemployment

(S.P. 352) (L.D. 1070)

(C. "A" S-107)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on May 30, 2017.

Came from the Senate **FAILING** of **FINAL PASSAGE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

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

**ENACTORS  
Emergency Measure**

An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act Regarding Retail Marijuana Testing Facilities

(H.P. 1132) (L.D. 1641)

(S. "A" S-326)

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

Representative HERBIG of Belfast **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**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Timberlake.

Representative **TIMBERLAKE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have grave concerns that if we pass this bill as enacted, sending it to the Department of Ag to do the legalized testing and so forth, that this might not go the way that we really want it to, because I don't think at this point in time they're equipped or ready to do it; and it's not that I'm against the bill, because I'm not. But I am against where they're sending it. I think it should have gone to BABLO. I don't think people listened to the Chief Executive Officer when he was promoting that he didn't want it to go to Ag, Ag had asked not to have it sent to Ag. So I'm really concerned about what we're doing and the posture that we could be putting this into at this point in time. And I know there's some hard feelings and strong emotions with this bill, but there are strong emotions on the other side of it, too, that the Department of Ag, at this point in time, is not equipped nor ready nor able at this time to do what this bill is asking them to do. So, I would ask that we step back and take a look at maybe moving this to where it belongs, which is over to BABLO to do the testing. They're already equipped to do it in the alcohol. So, I guess ask you a question, Madam Speaker, how we get that done? Because I'm not trying to kill the bill, I'm trying to make the bill survive, and I think that if we send it this way the potential for a veto is high, and the potential for failure of this bill in being put back in time is high, and so, I'm looking to find a solution to the problem and not create a problem. So, I'm looking for advice as to how we can maybe...because if we vote on it, I believe it's going to get not a warm response from the Chief Executive. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair would answer the Representative from Turner, I believe that was a rhetorical question, that the Chair is unable to give specific advice in that manner. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to clarify a little bit about this bill. This is a testing bill for marijuana. It's a safety bill. It came out of Committee 17-0. The Agricultural Department does have jurisdiction to help draft the language around the specifics of the bill, and DAFS will be responsible for issuing the licenses. It's a co-venture. It's a little different than we're used to, I understand that. We're in a little bit of a different arena with marijuana. It is drafted in conjunction with 243, written with the same language that the Chief Executive did sign and put into law. There's funding in there that DAFS can give to the Department of Agriculture to get this process started. The reason it's important to get it started now is, we need testing facilities to be online for when we do go live and are able to sell marijuana, because the worst thing that we could have happen in this industry is to have people growing marijuana, wanting to sell it legally to people,

for us to collect those revenues, but then to have testing bottlenecked up and not able to say that the product is a good product. So the people then will be left with product that they've grown with their investment, and good people might just let that die away and hold onto it, others might divert it to an illicit market, which we don't want to do. This is about public safety. We worked hard to work with DAFS and the Department of Agriculture. We've reached out several times. I think we can make this work, but it's important that it get going now, and it really is about our public safety. So I hope that that alleviates some of the concern that might be in the room, and I hope you will follow my light. Thank you.

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

Representative BICKFORD: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I appreciate the comments from my good friend from Falmouth, and I want to just add that Agriculture is not the only place that is going to be certifying and registering these testing facilities. If you look under the summary it says, "be certified by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, be accredited pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025...by a third-party accrediting body, or be certified, registered or accredited by an organization approved by the Department of Agriculture." And I just want to add, if you don't like marijuana, that's even more reason for us to pass this bill so we can get these testing facilities underway.

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

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 432**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chace, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Doore, Duchesne, Espling, Farnsworth, Fay, Foley, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Golden, Grant, Grignon, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Harvell, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Connor, O'Neil, Parker, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Schneck, Sheats, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Warren, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Dillingham, Farrin, Fredette, Ginzler, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Johansen, Kinney M, Lyford, Mason, Ordway, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Reed, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Campbell, Cebra, Dunphy, Fecteau, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Lockman, Marean, McLean, Sherman, Sylvester, Turner.

Yes, 101; No, 32; Absent, 17; Excused, 1.

101 having voted in the affirmative and 32 voted in the negative, with 17 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, Providing for the Official Observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine

(H.P. 806) (L.D. 1143)

(S. "A" S-323 to C. "A" H-453)

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. 117 voted in favor of the same and 4 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Acts**

An Act To Amend Principles of Reimbursement for Residential Care Facilities

(S.P. 178) (L.D. 517)

(S. "A" S-321 to C. "A" S-91)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Certain Sexual Offenses

(S.P. 216) (L.D. 654)

(S. "A" S-320 to C. "A" S-113)

An Act To Ensure Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine

(S.P. 307) (L.D. 952)

(S. "A" S-331 to C. "A" S-106)

An Act To End Homelessness by Expanding Housing Support Services

(H.P. 683) (L.D. 970)

(S. "A" S-330 to C. "A" H-209)

An Act To Reduce Youth Access to Tobacco Products

(S.P. 391) (L.D. 1170)

(S. "B" S-306 to C. "A" S-146; S. "A" S-325)

An Act Regarding MaineCare Coverage for Telehealth Services

(S.P. 515) (L.D. 1485)

(S. "A" S-328 to C. "A" S-205)

An Act To Create an Aquaculture License

(H.P. 1044) (L.D. 1520)

(S. "A" S-324 to C. "A" H-288)

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

**Resolves**

Resolve, To Increase the Affordability of Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

(S.P. 426) (L.D. 1263)

(S. "A" S-327 to C. "A" S-109)

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

An Act To Protect Firefighters by Establishing a Prohibition on the Sale and Distribution of New Upholstered Furniture Containing Certain Flame-retardant Chemicals

(H.P. 138) (L.D. 182)  
(S. "B" S-338 to C. "A" H-215)

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. 433**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chace, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fay, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grignon, Grohman, Guerin, Haggan, Hamann, Handy, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Connor, O'Neil, Parker, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Simmons, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, White, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Espling, Johansen, Sirocki, Sutton, Winsor.

ABSENT - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Campbell, Cebra, Dunphy, Fecteau, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Lockman, Marean, McLean, Ordway, Sherman, Sylvester, Turner.

Yes, 127; No, 5; Absent, 18; Excused, 1.

127 having voted in the affirmative and 5 voted in the negative, with 18 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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An Act To Restore Public Health Nursing Services

(S.P. 362) (L.D. 1108)  
(S. "A" S-329 to C. "A" S-155)

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

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to remind everyone about this bill to support our public health nurses, and just what public health

nurses do. They respond to disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies. They work with postpartum mothers and babies, especially drug-affected babies. They work as school nurses in rural schools who don't have the funds to hire their own. And they respond to outbreaks like the flu, H1N1, which may now be H7N9 which is in China, and TB outbreaks. This bill requires the Department to hire the 48 nurses that are in the budget now, and we do have those nursing positions, in the budget now, and the funds must be used to hire these public health nurses. So we have the positions and we need to use this smart, well-trained, knowledgeable workforce to continually improve our health systems. I'm on the board of a seacoast area hospital, which is a for-profit corporate hospital, and we work constantly to improve health care by engaging our professionals. Well, these are our professionals in public health, and we need their strength to protect the health of the public, just as the police and fire department protect the public in other ways. So, I urge you to support this going forward to enactment. Thank you.

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

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I will also remind this body in regards to this underlying bill and how we voted on this in a prior vote. I will be voting against the pending motion, and ask you to follow my light.

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. 434**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Doore, Duchesne, Farnsworth, Fay, Foley, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Ordway, Parker, Perry, Pierce T, Pouliot, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Ward, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Fredette, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney M, Lyford, Malaby, Mason, O'Connor, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Simmons, Sirocki, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Campbell, Cebra, Dunphy, Fecteau, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Lockman, Marean, McLean, Sherman, Sylvester, Turner.

Yes, 82; No, 51; Absent, 17; Excused, 1.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 51 voted in the negative, with 17 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**  
**Non-Concurrent Matter**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each Congressional District (H.P. 32) (L.D. 31) (C. "A" H-503)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 16, 2017.  
Came from the Senate **FAILING** of **FINAL PASSAGE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker GIDEON of Freeport moved that the House **INSIST**.

This being a Constitutional Amendment, and a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 101 voted in favor of the same and 5 against, and accordingly the House voted to **INSIST**.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**  
**Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-333)** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Multiple General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities" (S.P. 543) (L.D. 1552)

Signed:

Senators:

- HAMPER of Oxford
- BREEN of Cumberland
- KATZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

- GATTINE of Westbrook
- FREY of Bangor
- HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
- JORGENSEN of Portland
- MARTIN of Eagle Lake
- SEAVEY of Kennebunkport
- TEPLER of Topsham
- TIMBERLAKE of Turner
- WINSOR of Norway

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-334)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

- SIROCKI of Scarborough

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-333)**.

**READ.**

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

Representative HERBIG of Belfast **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. 435**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chace, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Espling, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fay, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grignon, Grohman, Guerin, Haggan, Hamann, Handy, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Parker, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Simmons, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Stewart, Strom, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, White, Winsor, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Johansen, Reed, Sirocki, Stetkis, Sutton.

ABSENT - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Campbell, Cebra, Chapman, Dunphy, Fecteau, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Lockman, Marean, McLean, Sherman, Sylvester, Turner.

Yes, 127; No, 5; Absent, 18; Excused, 1.

127 having voted in the affirmative and 5 voted in the negative, with 18 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-333)** 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-333)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Assist in the Commercialization of Maine Products and Services" (S.P. 568) (L.D. 1613)

Signed:

Senators:

- HAMPER of Oxford
- BREEN of Cumberland
- KATZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook  
FREY of Bangor  
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor  
JORGENSEN of Portland  
MARTIN of Eagle Lake  
TEPLER of Topsham

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

Signed:

Representatives:

SEAVEY of Kennebunkport  
SIROCKI of Scarborough  
TIMBERLAKE of Turner  
WINSOR of Norway

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-335) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-339)** thereto.

**READ.**

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

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

The same Representative **REQUESTED** that the Clerk **READ** the Committee Report.

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

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. 436**

**YEA** - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, Denno, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Farnsworth, Fay, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Pierce T, Pouliot, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

**NAY** - Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Chace, Corey, Craig, DeChant, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney M, Lyford, Malaby, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

**ABSENT** - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Campbell, Cebra, Chapman, Dunphy, Fecteau, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Lockman, Marean, McLean, Sherman, Sylvester, Turner.

Yes, 74; No, 58; Absent, 18; Excused, 1.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 18 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-339)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor moved that **Senate Amendment "A" (S-339)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)** be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bar Harbor, Representative Hubbell.

Representative **HUBBELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to be clear that I'm generally in agreement with the Floor Amendment to the Committee Amendment that comes to us from the other body, which ensures the competitive process but also to ensure the best value in return to the state. If this motion is successful, I intend, subsequently, to offer an alternate amendment, which adds some more specificity to the requirements in the bill section related to commercialization and job creation in the biomedical research sector.

Subsequently, **Senate Amendment "A" (S-339)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED** **House Amendment "A" (H-565)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)** as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-565)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

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

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED** as Amended by **Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)** as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-565)** thereto and later today assigned.

Seven Members of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-336)** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding for a Program of Student Debt Cancellation and Refinancing"

(S.P. 384) (L.D. 1163)

Signed:

Senator:

BREEN of Cumberland

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook  
FREY of Bangor  
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor  
JORGENSEN of Portland  
MARTIN of Eagle Lake  
TEPLER of Topsham

Five Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

SEAVEY of Kennebunkport  
SIROCKI of Scarborough  
TIMBERLAKE of Turner  
WINSOR of Norway

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-337)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

KATZ of Kennebec

Came from the Senate with Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-336)**.

**READ.**

Representative GATTINE of Westbrook moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

Representative HERBIG of Belfast **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

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

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** that the Clerk **READ** the Committee Report.

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

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 437**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Doore, Duchesne, Farnsworth, Fay, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Pierce T, Pouliot, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney M, Lyford, Malaby, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Austin S, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Campbell, Cebra, Chapman, Dunphy, Fecteau, Gerrish, Harrington, Kinney J, Lockman, Marean, McLean, Sherman, Sylvester, Turner.

Yes, 74; No, 58; Absent, 18; Excused, 1.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 18 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-336)** 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**.

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-336)** and later today assigned.

**SENATE PAPERS**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Align State Relocation Assistance with That of the Federal Government

(H.P. 915) (L.D. 1318)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 16, 2017. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-112)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-112) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-319)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 600)

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business or consider objections of the Governor.

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

**READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

**ENACTORS**

**Bond Issue**

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities and Upgrade Municipal Culverts

(S.P. 543) (L.D. 1552)

(C. "A" S-333)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 110 voted in favor of the same and 4 against, and accordingly the Bond Issue was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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



**Acts**

An Act To Align State Relocation Assistance with That of the Federal Government and Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Laws

(H.P. 915) (L.D. 1318)  
(C. "A" H-112; S. "A" S-319)

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

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On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, the House adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business or consider objections of the Governor, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 600) and in honor and lasting tribute to Marilyn B. Neal, of New Sharon; Minnie M. Payson, of Belfast; and Delma F. Paul, of Belfast.