

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
44th Legislative Day
Thursday, May 25, 2017

Representative HERBIG of Belfast assumed the Chair.
The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

Prayer by Reverend Rick Stoops, First United Pentecostal Church of Augusta.

National Anthem by Renee Adams, Gardiner.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Lisa Ryan, D.O., Naples.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 573)

WHEREAS, the Downeast Correctional Facility is established in state law in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, chapter 3, subchapter 6 for the purpose of confining and rehabilitating persons who have been duly sentenced and committed to the Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, the current state budget establishes the Downeast Correctional Facility as a discrete program by making appropriations specific to that facility; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety voted on March 20, 2017 to recommend that the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 include funding for the Downeast Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, because of the scarcity of available beds in the state correctional system available to house inmates, it is essential that the Downeast Correctional Facility be funded for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 in order to ensure the safety of the public; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs shall report out, to the Senate, a bill that provides funding for the operation of the Downeast Correctional Facility for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

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

READ.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport inquired if a Quorum was present.

The Chair ordered a quorum call.

More than half of the members responding, the Chair declared a Quorum present.

Subsequently, the Joint Order was **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 370) (L.D. 526)

Report "A" (7) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-41)** in the House on April 19, 2017.

Came from the Senate with Report "C" (2) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-42) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-41)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Temporary Sign Usage"

(H.P. 165) (L.D. 209)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-111) in the House on May 4, 2017.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-111) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-141)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 184)

STATE OF MAINE

CLERK'S OFFICE

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

May 25, 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:"

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

L.D. 834 An Act To Restructure Harness Racing within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1049 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Lands to Roosevelt Conference Center Doing Business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps

Energy, Utilities and Technology

L.D. 1124 An Act To Promote the Development of Solar Energy in Maine

L.D. 1185 An Act Regarding Renewable Portfolio Standards

L.D. 1547 An Act To Establish Primary Energy Goals for the State

Health and Human Services

L.D. 560 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Department of Health and Human Services

- L.D. 1300 An Act To Require a Prescription for a Medication That Contains Certain Substances That May Be Used To Make Methamphetamine
- L.D. 1413 Resolve, Regarding Sober Living Transitional Assistance
- Insurance and Financial Services
- L.D. 502 An Act Regarding Hospital Charges and Statements
- L.D. 1164 An Act To Facilitate Small Loans in Maine
- Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
- L.D. 942 An Act To Prohibit a Prospective Employer from Asking a Prospective Hire about the Person's Compensation History until after a Job Offer Is Made
- L.D. 944 An Act To Prohibit the State from Asking a Prospective Hire about the Person's Compensation History until after a Job Offer Is Made
- L.D. 1402 An Act Regarding Payroll Deductions
- L.D. 1467 An Act To Expand Competitive Skills Scholarships and Strengthen Maine's Workforce Development Programs
- L.D. 1501 An Act To Increase Success and Promote Growth among Maine Small Businesses
- Taxation
- L.D. 291 An Act To Maintain the Income Tax Rate on Persons with Taxable Income above \$200,000
- L.D. 708 An Act To Use Taxes on Nonmedical Marijuana and Increase the Tax on Cigarettes To Partially Offset the 3% Income Tax Surcharge
- L.D. 829 An Act To Increase the Income Tax Surcharge Threshold Imposed on Households
- L.D. 851 An Act To Repeal and Subject to Referendum in 2018 the Fund To Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education and the 3 Percent Income Tax Surcharge (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 915 An Act To Lower Property Taxes
- L.D. 1230 An Act To Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Meals and Lodging
- L.D. 1245 An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Tax Expenditures
- L.D. 1265 An Act To Allow the Creation of a Local Option Sales Tax by Referendum
- L.D. 1488 An Act To Require That Landowners with Property Enrolled in the Tree Growth Tax Program Receive Timely Notice of Changes in Valuation of That Property
- L.D. 1549 An Act To Create a Tax on the Production of Electricity from Wind Resources
- L.D. 1550 An Act To Tax Sugar-sweetened Beverages To Fund Programs To Provide Resources for Veterans and Others

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 185)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

May 25, 2017

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On May 24, 2017

Donald A. Kleiner of Union for appointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §6204, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 430)

MAINE SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 23, 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, Liberty R. Ladd of Falmouth for appointment to the State Board of Education.

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

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 437)

MAINE SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 24, 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 insisted to its previous action whereby it accepted the Minority Ought to Pass as Amended Report from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-165) on Bill "An Act

Regarding the Construction or Placement of Decks within the Shoreland Zone" (H.P. 291) (L.D. 400), in non-concurrence.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 36)

ORDERED, that Representative Henry John Bear of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians be excused May 18 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Chad Wayne Grignon of Athens be excused May 17 for health reasons.

READ and PASSED.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

The Red Barn, a restaurant in Augusta, which has received a 2017 Restaurant Neighbor Award from the National Restaurant Association for its outstanding community service. We extend to everyone at The Red Barn our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 453)

Presented by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro. Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec, Representative DOORE of Augusta, Representative POULIOT of Augusta.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to offer my congratulations to Laura Benedict and The Red Barn Restaurant for being awarded the Restaurant Neighbor Award by the National Restaurant Association. This is an honor that's well deserved. The Red Barn is famous for its chicken baskets, clam snacks, lobster rolls, seafood chowder, and homemade whoopee pies, along with a host of other menu items, along with its friendly and helpful team of workers. But when you go by there, as I do almost every morning on the way here, you notice that the sign doesn't say anything about specials of the week or today's featured selections but rather the name of the next fundraiser that The Red Barn will be hosting. Over the years, Laura and the Red Barn have helped raise literally hundreds of thousands of dollars and it's even well over a million dollars now. For such benefits as the YMCA, Teacher Appreciation Day, Honor Flight Maine, Project Graduation for various local high schools in Eastern Maine, to name just a few. They have also helped families that have been burned out of their homes or facing serious illnesses or just plain having a hard time. People from all over the area look forward to the next charitable event at The Red Barn so

they can also participate. How many places do you know of where they have to use parking attendants at a fundraiser? Well, they do at the Red Barn. Laura's personal story of overcoming hardship, setbacks, and other obstacles is an inspiring one. Her hard work, perseverance, courage, and faith are so compelling that she's been featured in NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt and the *Boston Globe* has recently been in the town to check out what's been going on at the Red Barn. Laura's dedication to helping those in need, her willingness to use her business to make life better for others and her generosity of spirit clearly merit this achievement for this award. It is much deserved. I'd like to add, often times, here in the House when we are looking for people to support us, our views, we ask others to follow our red light. Today, I'm asking you to follow my path to the Red Barn. Thank you.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Warren.

Representative **WARREN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House, although The Red Barn is located in Augusta, the owner Laura Benedict lives in Hallowell. So, I would be remiss without standing up and congratulating her on this sentiment, but also thanking her for all of the amazing work that she does for our little league teams and all of the community groups. So, just, Laura, thank you so much.

SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Members of the House, I want to add my words to the tremendous job that they do for everyone in Central Maine. I wish we had something like that in Aroostook County. And I was not surprised this week to see that they've added because of the tremendous desire, need of parking space, they've added a new parking area to the area. So, my congratulations to them.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Pouliot.

Representative **POULIOT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem. So, next Tuesday and Wednesday I think that we were given authorization from the presiding officers to do our committee luncheons and I would like to encourage you all to consider going to The Red Barn if you haven't done your committee luncheon yet as a place to do that. They've got some tremendous outdoor seating. You can even try the Crustacean Elation which is a foot-long lobster roll that's absolutely loaded with lobster meat. I'm sure you'll all love it. So, again I would encourage you to go to the Red Barn. It's just across the river down Riverside Drive, not a far drive from here for a place to do your committee luncheon. And, thank you, Laura.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Grant.

Representative **GRANT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem and I would be remiss if I didn't thank Laura and the folks at The Red Barn, because they do so many good works, as has been mentioned for nonprofits as well in my community in Gardiner and Farmingdale. And, I don't know what some of our local groups would do without that support. So, I want to thank her and I think we are all getting hungry.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Madigan.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Laura and The Red Barn for all the good they've done in our

communities and I also recommend that you try their seafood chowder, it's amazing.

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

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

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I ask to speak on the record. I request permission to speak on the record.

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

Representative **TUELL**: Madam Speaker, I would like to welcome some folks from Washington County who made the trek down here today to see how we work, and if we work, and when we work, and what all we do when we're here. These folks made the trek from three hours away, they drove down, probably many of them left at four o'clock this morning, took a day off from their jobs at Downeast Correctional Facility to be here. And, with all of the news around Downeast Correctional Facility, I realize this may not be the time and the venue to say anything on that, but I will tell you that these men and women are incredibly hardworking, incredibly selfless, and giving a lot to our state. I think we have a lot to be thankful for what they and their community does and represents. I think we, as a body here today, said that earlier. Under the hammer, we said it earlier. And, I thank you all for doing that, and I greatly appreciate it, and I think the mantra Downeast is "One day at a time," so I will say, let's take this one day at a time and stand strong Downeast.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-112)** on Bill "An Act To Create a County Jail Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Grant Program"

(S.P. 118) (L.D. 377)

Signed:

Senator:

DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
GROHMAN of Biddeford
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
NADEAU of Winslow
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
GERRISH of Lebanon

HERRICK of Paris

MAREAN of Hollis

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-112)**.

READ.

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

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **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 PRO TEM: 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. 161

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

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

ABSENT - Brooks, Collings, Haggan, Martin R, McLean, Ordway, Pickett, Madam Speaker.

Yes, 74; No, 67; Absent, 8; Excused, 2.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 2 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-112)** 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-112)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-113)** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Certain Sexual Offenses" (S.P. 216) (L.D. 654)

Signed:
Senators:
ROSEN of Hancock
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:
WARREN of Hallowell
COREY of Windham
GROHMAN of Biddeford
HERRICK of Paris
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MAREAN of Hollis
NADEAU of Winslow
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:
Senator:
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representative:
GERRISH of Lebanon

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-113)**.

READ.
Representative WARREN of Hallowell moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

On motion of Representative FREDETTE of Newport, **TABLED** pending the motion of Representative WARREN of Hallowell to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Require the Completion of Courses of Study in Home Economics and Industrial Arts Education Prior to Graduation from High School"

(S.P. 139) (L.D. 412)

Signed:
Senator:
MAKER of Washington

Representatives:
KORNFIELD of Bangor
FARNSWORTH of Portland
FULLER of Lewiston
GINZLER of Bridgton
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
PIERCE of Falmouth
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEWART of Presque Isle
TURNER of Burlington

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-132)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senators:
LANGLEY of Hancock
MILLETT of Cumberland

Representative:
DAUGHTRY of Brunswick

Came from the Senate with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-132)**.

READ.
On motion of Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor, the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-132)** 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-132)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Provide Student Loan Debt Relief to Maine Teachers"

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

Signed:
Senators:
LANGLEY of Hancock
MAKER of Washington
MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:
KORNFIELD of Bangor
FARNSWORTH of Portland
FULLER of Lewiston
GINZLER of Bridgton
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
PIERCE of Falmouth
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEWART of Presque Isle
TURNER of Burlington

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-135)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representative:
DAUGHTRY of Brunswick

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

READ.
On motion of Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Adjust the Lifetime Limit for the Receipt of TANF Benefits"

(S.P. 12) (L.D. 33)

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York
DENNO of Cumberland
HAMANN of South Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
PARKER of South Berwick
PERRY of Calais

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-103)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin
HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

CHACE of Durham
HEAD of Bethel
MALABY of Hancock
SANDERSON of Chelsea

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

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-126)** on Bill "An Act To Support Healthy Workplaces and Healthy Families by Providing Paid Sick Leave to Certain Employees"

(S.P. 380) (L.D. 1159)

Signed:

Senator:

BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Biddeford
BATES of Westbrook
DUNPHY of Old Town
HANDY of Lewiston
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
SYLVESTER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:

VOLK of Cumberland

LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
LOCKMAN of Amherst
STETKIS of Canaan
VACHON of Scarborough

Came from the Senate with the Minority **UGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.
READ.

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

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-74)** on Bill "An Act To Recognize Local Control Regarding Food and Water Systems"

(S.P. 242) (L.D. 725)

Signed:

Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
SPEAR of South Thomaston

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

Signed:

Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

HARRINGTON of Sanford
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield

Came from the Senate with the Majority **UGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-74) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-136)**.

READ.

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

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-133)** on Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Adopt Bus Traffic Ordinances" (S.P. 206) (L.D. 591)

Signed:
Senators:

MIRAMANT of Knox
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

McLEAN of Gorham
AUSTIN of Skowhegan
BRYANT of Windham
CEBRA of Naples
GILLWAY of Searsport
GRANT of Gardiner
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
SCHNECK of Bangor
SHEATS of Auburn

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

Signed:
Senator:

COLLINS of York

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-133)**.
READ.

Representative GRANT of Gardiner moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.
On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending her motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program Requirements for New Rental Vehicles First Registered in Maine" (S.P. 416) (L.D. 1225)

Signed:
Senators:

COLLINS of York
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

McLEAN of Gorham
AUSTIN of Skowhegan
BRYANT of Windham
GILLWAY of Searsport
GRANT of Gardiner
PERKINS of Oakland
SCHNECK of Bangor

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

Signed:

Senator:

MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
PARRY of Arundel
SHEATS of Auburn

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

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-137)** on Bill "An Act Regarding Transfers of Liquor between Licensed Manufacturers' Facilities" (S.P. 194) (L.D. 579)

Signed:
Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
CARPENTER of Aroostook
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
CASÁS of Rockport
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HICKMAN of Winthrop
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor
WHITE of Washburn

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-138)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representatives:

DILLINGHAM of Oxford
HANINGTON of Lincoln

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-137)**.
READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-137)** 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-137)** in concurrence.

Eleven Members of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** report in Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions"

(S.P. 140) (L.D. 413)

Signed:

Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
CARPENTER of Aroostook
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
DILLINGHAM of Oxford
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor
WHITE of Washburn

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-77)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

CASÁS of Rockport

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-78)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

HICKMAN of Winthrop

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

READ.

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

Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass.**

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 162

YEA - Alley, Austin B, Austin S, Babbidge, Battle, Bickford, Black, Blume, Bradstreet, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Cebra, Chace, Corey, Craig, DeChant, Denno, Dillingham, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grignon, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Johansen, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Monaghan, Nadeau, O'Connor, Parker, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Sampson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Schneck, Seavey, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Terry, Theriault,

Timberlake, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, White, Winsor, Wood.

NAY - Ackley, Bailey, Bates, Beebe-Center, Berry, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, Farnsworth, Fuller, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Hickman, Hymanson, Melaragno, Moonen, O'Neil, Rykerson, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Tipping, Zeigler.

ABSENT - Brooks, Haggan, Martin R, McLean, Ordway, Pickett, Madam Speaker.

Yes, 112; No, 30; Absent, 7; Excused, 2.

112 having voted in the affirmative and 30 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 2 excused, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding Funding for Children's Behavioral Health Day Treatment"

(H.P. 199) (L.D. 266)

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York
CHACE of Durham
DENNO of Cumberland
HEAD of Bethel
PERRY of Calais
SANDERSON of Chelsea

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-259)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

HAMANN of South Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
MALABY of Hancock
PARKER of South Berwick

READ.

Representative HYMANSON of York moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

Representative **HYMANSON:** Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a carveout bill for a wonderful school in Scarborough and I wanted to tell you about this because although I'm on the Ought Not to Pass side, because I don't like carveouts, this is a canary in the mine bill for me because this is a story about the behavioral rate study that has just been done by Burns & Associates, an organization in Arizona. It was a vigorous study, we heard a lot about it in HHS. The Department was under no pressure to reduce rates, only to make them right, and we had them say that many, many times. Nonetheless, even though the study was rigorous and extensive and expensive, it misjudged certain circumstances that are unique to our big rural state which has troubles finding a workforce. So, this bill is a carveout, it was a plea from a highly successful and necessary school in Scarborough that will have trouble

making ends meet, and although I voted on the Ought Not to Pass side because I don't like the idea of carveouts, they really are a canary in the mine. So, I ask you to support this motion but ask you also to think about the emails you get from your constituents regarding this rate study. Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Vachon.

Representative **VACHON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to thank the good Representative from York for her very, very kind words, and I would like to just state for the record that the Executive Director of the school is a constituent of mine in Scarborough. The school is in New Gloucester. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-260)** on Bill "An Act To Close the Gap in Children's Health Care Coverage in Maine" (H.P. 264) (L.D. 358)

Signed:
Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York
DENNO of Cumberland
HAMANN of South Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
PARKER of South Berwick
PERRY of Calais

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

Signed:
Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin
HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

CHACE of Durham
HEAD of Bethel
MALABY of Hancock
SANDERSON of Chelsea

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Prenatal Drug and Alcohol Exposure" (H.P. 1072) (L.D. 1556)

Signed:
Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York

DENNO of Cumberland
HAMANN of South Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
PARKER of South Berwick
PERRY of Calais

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-261)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

CHACE of Durham
HEAD of Bethel
MALABY of Hancock
SANDERSON of Chelsea

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-254)** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Populations" (H.P. 709) (L.D. 1008)

Signed:
Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
SPEAR of South Thomaston

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

Signed:
Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

HARRINGTON of Sanford
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield

READ.

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

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-256)** on Bill "An Act To Repeal the Laws Establishing the Cumberland County Recreation Center and To Transfer Authority to Cumberland County"

(H.P. 805) (L.D. 1142)

Signed:
Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESCHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
GRIGNON of Athens
HARRINGTON of Sanford
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
PICKETT of Dixfield
SPEAR of South Thomaston

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

Signed:
Representative:

ORDWAY of Standish

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-256)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED.**

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-256)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Allowing Certificate of Approval Holders and Manufacturers or Suppliers of Spirits To Offer Mail-in Rebates"

(H.P. 714) (L.D. 1013)

Signed:
Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
CARPENTER of Aroostook
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
DILLINGHAM of Oxford
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor
WHITE of Washburn

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

Signed:
Representatives:

CASÁS of Rockport
HICKMAN of Winthrop

READ.

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

Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston **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 PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Hickman.

Representative **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem. Women and Men of the House, I rise to oppose this pending motion. There is overwhelming evidence that alcoholism and its attendant societal ills might in fact be the biggest public health crisis that we face in Maine today. We had an extended debate the other day about nips on the side of the road. Those nips are on the side of the road because people are drinking them and driving. And so, I cannot support a bill that would promote increased consumption of alcohol in bulk purchase by families. I couldn't support it in committee; I cannot support it here on the floor of the House. And so, I ask anyone who feels the same way to please join me and vote red. Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM:** 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. 163

YEA - Alley, Austin S, Battle, Berry, Bickford, Black, Campbell, Cardone, Cebra, Chace, Collings, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Dillingham, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grignon, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Johansen, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Connor, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Simmons, Sirocki, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, White, Winsor, Wood.

NAY - Ackley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Beebe-Center, Blume, Bradstreet, Bryant, Casas, Chapman, Cooper, Farnsworth, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Hickman, Hymanson, Melaragno, O'Neil, Parker, Reckitt, Riley, Sherman, Skolfield, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Terry, Tucker, Wallace, Zeigler.

ABSENT - Brooks, Haggan, Martin R, McLean, Ordway, Pickett, Madam Speaker.

Yes, 111; No, 31; Absent, 7; Excused, 2.

111 having voted in the affirmative and 31 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 2 excused, and accordingly

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-266)** on Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Adjust Times of Operation for Establishments That Serve Alcohol"

(H.P. 781) (L.D. 1107)

Signed:

Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
CARPENTER of Aroostook
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

CASÁS of Rockport
DILLINGHAM of Oxford
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln
WHITE of Washburn

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

Signed:

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
HICKMAN of Winthrop
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-267)** on Bill "An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Automatically Register Nonregistered Persons Who Are Qualified To Vote through Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles"

(H.P. 854) (L.D. 1232)

Signed:

Senator:

CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
CASÁS of Rockport
HICKMAN of Winthrop
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor

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

Signed:

Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

DILLINGHAM of Oxford
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln
WHITE of Washburn

READ.

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

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **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 PRO TEM**: 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. 164

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, 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, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Picchiotti, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler.

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

ABSENT - Brooks, Haggan, Martin R, McLean, Ordway, Pickett, Madam Speaker.

Yes, 74; No, 68; Absent, 7; Excused, 2.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 68 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 2 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-267)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-267)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-268)** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting

(H.P. 962) (L.D. 1383)

Signed:

Senator:

CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
CASÁS of Rockport
HICKMAN of Winthrop
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor

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

Signed:

Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

DILLINGHAM of Oxford
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln
WHITE of Washburn

READ.

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

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report** and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Require Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates To Disclose Their Federal Income Tax Returns"

(H.P. 980) (L.D. 1422)

Signed:

Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
DILLINGHAM of Oxford
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln
WHITE of Washburn

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-269)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:

CASÁS of Rockport
HICKMAN of Winthrop
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor

READ.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 888) (L.D. 1275) Bill "An Act To Amend and Remove the Need for Periodic Update of the Laws Governing the Validation of Title Defects" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 126) (L.D. 170) Bill "An Act To Allow and Recognize a Legal Name Change upon Marriage" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-274)**

(H.P. 149) (L.D. 193) Bill "An Act To Protect Individual Retirement Accounts from Creditor Collection" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-275)**

(H.P. 802) (L.D. 1139) Bill "An Act To Clarify Certain Right-of-way Limitations" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-276)**

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

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Allow Corrections Officers To Administer Naloxone

(H.P. 238) (L.D. 324)
(C. "A" H-191)

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

On motion of Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and later today assigned.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29, Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

(H.P. 977) (L.D. 1419)

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 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker Pro Tem and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Improve Attendance at Public Elementary Schools

(S.P. 44) (L.D. 96)
(C. "A" S-28)

An Act To Amend Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities and for Residential Care Facilities

(S.P. 178) (L.D. 517)
(C. "A" S-91)

An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Nonprofit Organizations Supporting Veterans

(H.P. 562) (L.D. 782)
(C. "A" H-193)

An Act To Reduce Youth Cancer Risk

(S.P. 289) (L.D. 889)

An Act Regarding the Taxation of Certain Nonprofit Organizations

(S.P. 334) (L.D. 1027)

An Act To Provide a Definition of "Primary Residence" for Purposes of Property Tax Abatements Based on Hardship or Poverty

(S.P. 401) (L.D. 1180)

An Act Regarding the Maine Clean Election Fund

(H.P. 846) (L.D. 1210)
(C. "A" H-185)

An Act To Repeal the Income Tax on Pick-up Contributions Paid to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and To Clarify the Taxation of Pick-up Contributions Distributed in the Form of a Rollover

(H.P. 870) (L.D. 1247)
(C. "A" H-194)

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

Resolves

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

(H.P. 979) (L.D. 1421)
(C. "A" H-195)

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Bill "An Act To Address the Policies Relating to Substance Use in the Workplace"

(S.P. 413) (L.D. 1222)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on April 11, 2017.

- In Senate, Senate **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - April 25, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

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

An Act To Allow Stepparents To Sign the Application for a Driver's License for a Minor

(S.P. 332) (L.D. 1025)

- In Senate, **VETO NOT SUSTAINED**.

TABLED - May 23, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - **RECONSIDERATION** (Returned by the Governor without his approval).

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Grant.

Representative **GRANT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, as a member of the Transportation Committee, I just wanted to advise the House that though this was a unanimous Committee Report and I feel that the Transportation Committee did do its due diligence, understanding that this is for an application for a driver's license and not the driver's license itself. There have been objections raised by other members of the Judiciary Committee for example. And so, I wanted to reassure you that we had done our due diligence but there are some folks who object and I do understand those objections. And so, if you feel that you have those objections, I didn't want you to feel that you are insulting the committee's work. Thank you, Madam.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Glenburn, Representative Guerin.

Representative **GUERIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I did just want to mention my opinion and the opinion of some other members of the Judiciary Committee that although there are many wonderful stepparents that would never overrule the biological parent's wishes, in some cases, in broken homes, there are stepparents that can create divisive issues related to the children. And so, I would be supporting sustaining this veto.

Subsequently, 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 PRO TEM**: 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. 165V

YEA - Ackley, Austin B, Bates, Berry, Blume, Chapman, DeChant, Dillingham, Fuller, Gillway, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Harrington, Kumiega, Mastraccio, Nadeau, Sanderson, Schneck, Sheats, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Theriault, Zeigler.

NAY - Alley, Austin S, Babbidge, Bailey, Battle, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Casas, Cebra, Chace, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, Denno, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Johansen, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Lawrence, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Mason, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, O'Connor, O'Neil, Parker, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanborn, Seavey, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Tepler, Terry, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Brooks, Haggan, Martin R, McLean, Ordway, Perry, Pickett, Madam Speaker.

Yes, 27; No, 114; Absent, 8; Excused, 2.

27 having voted in the affirmative and 114 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 2 excused, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

Bill "An Act To Provide Emergency Repair Funding for the Restoration of the Official State Vessel, the Schooner Bowdoin" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 37) (L.D. 89)

(C. "A" S-101)

- In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-101)**.

TABLED - May 23, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**.

On motion of Representative GATTINE of Westbrook, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (S-101)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-286) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-101)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dedham, Representative Ward.

Representative **WARD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this bill. The vessels that the Maine Maritime Academy owns and maintains in its training fleet matter tremendously to the success and safety of their students. And their ships and other vessels are no different than a shore-side classroom or industry or laboratory. One, in particular, and the matron of their fleet is the *Bowdoin*, and she began making her mark in history almost 100 years ago when she was built by the Hodgdon brothers in East Boothbay, Maine, in 1921, and launched for Artic exploration, but being 96 years old, she is showing her age and she needs our help. The work that LD 89 would fund is

critical and necessary in order for the *Bowdoin* to continue to operate as a training platform for students pursuing a BS Degree, Bachelor of Science Degree at the Academy, the credentials necessary for vessel operations under the appropriate U.S. Coast Guard license. Now, her rich history, including the years she spent in service during World War II, led to her designation as the official vessel of the State of Maine in 1988 and her recognition as a National Historical Landmark in 1989. The Maine Maritime Academy has maintained this historic vessel and it belongs to us, the people of the State of Maine. And they've done so, they've maintained it for 25 years, primarily through student tuition and private donations, while the State of Maine contributed very little to repairs or maintenance. Now the Academy needs our help. The Majority Report cut in half the original request of this bill and now we have an obligation to our flagship Maritime Academy and our students. Perhaps this was why this bill was passed in committee as amended, strong bipartisan vote. Madam Speaker, if you look at the facade of our gallery, you'll see our official state seal and it optimizes what it means to be from Maine and one of the two figures on that seal is a sailor. Our past and our future is intertwined with the sea. Let's reaffirm that future by keeping our official state sailing vessel afloat for future generations of future Mainers and Maine Maritime Academy students and their mariners. Support our Academy, support our students and vote Ought to Pass on this motion. Thank you.

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

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. And I agree with the good Representative's comments in regards to the important role that Maine Maritime plays and the history of this particular vessel. Unfortunately, what we have is a spending problem in Maine. I think yesterday we were well over a billion dollars in terms of approved spending and we have other bills out there that are calling for hundreds of millions of dollars of increased spending. And what that does is create a challenge. And the challenge means, is that we can't do any strategic investments as to what are those priorities in the State of Maine that should be taken care of, because we have these other issues out there that are all competing for those same dollars. And so, unfortunately, I can't support this because of the insatiable thirst for spending dollars where, quite frankly, I think they are not strategically needed, and I will have to oppose this motion and I request a roll call.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT House Amendment "A" (H-286) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-101)**.

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

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brooksville, Representative Chapman.

Representative **CHAPMAN**: Thank you, Madam Chair Pro Tem. I just wanted to comment that the schooner *Bowdoin* is actually a teaching tool, that is to say it's used by students in learning the skills at the Maine Maritime Academy, and so the reason for this coming to us outside of the normal budgetary needs of the Maine Maritime Academy is that this represents repair of what was hidden damage to the vessel when it was undergoing some regular repair work. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Sirocki.

Representative **SIROCKI**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just think the members here might be interested to know that this is a repeat bill. The Maine Maritime Academy did not submit this request in their prioritized list. We have several budgetary requests from Maine Maritime Academy to repair other things at the Academy and a baseline increase, and this was not among their list of priorities. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brooksville, Representative Chapman.

Representative **CHAPMAN**: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem, and I apologize for rising a second time but an added piece of information for why this is a repeat bill: There was a little misunderstanding that occurred during the last session and it had to do with what next year means. The phrase "next year" by people in academia means the next academic year starting in September, and it was misinterpreted by members on the committee in the last session to mean the next calendar year and that's what got it tripped up last session. Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem.

On motion of Representative **BATTLE** of South Portland, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** of **House Amendment "A" (H-286) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-101)** and later today assigned. (Roll Call Ordered)

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 170) (L.D. 214)

(C. "A" H-187)

TABLED - May 23, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative **FREDETTE** of Newport.

PENDING - FINAL PASSAGE. (Roll Call Ordered)

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: A roll call having been previously ordered, the pending question before the House is Final Passage. 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. 166

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

NAY - Lockman, Sirocki.

ABSENT - Brooks, Fredette, Haggan, Martin R, McLean, Ordway, Perry, Pickett, Rykerson, Madam Speaker.

Yes, 137; No, 2; Absent, 10; Excused, 2.

137 having voted in the affirmative and 2 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent and 2 excused, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker Pro Tem and sent to the Senate.

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

Reference was made to Bill "An Act To Allow Fees To Be Charged for Wild Game Dinners"

(S.P. 202) (L.D. 587)

In reference to the action of the House on May 24, 2017 whereby it Insisted and Joined in a Committee of Conference, the Chair appointed the following members on the part of the House as Conferees:

Representative **DUCHESNE** of Hudson

Representative **HARLOW** of Portland

Representative **NADEAU** of Winslow

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 572)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate adjourns Thursday, May 25, 2017 it does so until Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 10:00 in the morning and when the House adjourns Thursday, May 25, it does so until Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 9:30 in the morning.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 186)

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

May 25, 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 (H), I appoint Representative Erin D. Herbig of Belfast to serve as Speaker Pro Tem to convene the House on May 25, 2017.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Norridgewock, Representative Farrin, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **FARRIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem. I promise I did not touch the button before, but this time I did want to rise and I just want to make a mention to all my Colleagues and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, please remember, you know, from our founding revolution to today's war on terror, nearly 1 million men and women in our armed forces has sacrificed their lives while defending America in time of war. The number of our fallen heroes are not just statistics, they are real people, with real families, who lived in real communities. And this Monday, we best honor their sacrifice by remembering their families, who have lost so much. Long after the battlefield guns have been silenced and the bombs stop exploding, the children of our fallen warriors will be missing a parent. Spouses will be without their partners and parents will continue to grieve their heroic sons and daughters that died way too early. Nobody can replace these fallen heroes, especially in the eyes of their families, but we can assure them that their loved ones' sacrifice will not be forgotten. Americans must remember that freedom isn't free. In fact, it's only possible because of our fallen heroes have paid its high price, a price paid which enables us to enjoy the ceremonies and observances in towns across our great state this coming Monday. So, as we gather on Memorial Day, let us not forget what this day means. It's not about lakes, picnics, or parades; it's a day for all of us to remember. It's a day for us to remember the promise President Lincoln made "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan." Remember our fallen heroes once a year is not enough. The widows, widowers, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and children remember every day. The empty seat at the dinner table, the smaller gathering on Thanksgiving, and the voice of a loved one heard only as a distant memory in one's mind are constant reminders that they are really gone. Memorial Day is our day, and our opportunity, to give them our thanks. So, as a veteran, don't thank me on Memorial Day, you see that day we honor all veterans in November. On Armed Forces Day, we honor the less than one percent among us who continue to serve. It is on Memorial Day we honor and pay homage to a very special group of Americans, those who went to defend our freedoms and our way of life, and in doing so lost their own. On Memorial Day, we honor and thank those who never returned, those who gave the last full measure. So please, take a few moments on Monday wherever you find yourselves across this great state and our communities and thank those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

On motion of Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock, the House adjourned at 12:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 30, 2017, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 572) and in honor and lasting tribute to our fallen veterans.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Collings, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **COLLINGS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem. For the record, had I been present at the beginning of the session I would have voted on the prevailing side of Divided Report 6-1, LD 377. Thank you.

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