

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
28th Legislative Day
Thursday, April 4, 2019

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Prayer by Pastor Justin Thacker, Praise Assembly of God, Rumford.

National Anthem by Windham Chamber Singers, Windham High School.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Donald Medd, M.D., Portland.

The Journal of Tuesday, April 2, 2019 was read and approved.

At this point, pursuant to her authority under House Rule 401.1, the Chair assigned Representative PAULHUS of Bath to Seat 106.

At this point, the Members of the House stood and joined in a moment of silence in honor of State Trooper Detective Benjamin Campbell.

Representative MOONEN of Portland assumed the Chair. The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 448)

**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO LEAD A GLOBAL EFFORT TO PREVENT
NUCLEAR WAR**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, global arsenals have over 14,000 nuclear weapons and most are far more destructive than those that killed hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in 1945; and

WHEREAS, the detonation of even a small number of these weapons anywhere in the world could have catastrophic human, environmental and economic consequences that could affect everyone on the planet; and

WHEREAS, a large-scale nuclear war would likely kill hundreds of millions of people directly and cause unimaginable environmental damage, producing conditions wherein billions of people would likely die from starvation or disease; and

WHEREAS, the United States maintains nuclear missiles on hair-trigger alert, capable of being launched within minutes after a presidential order, greatly increasing the risk of an accidental, mistaken or unauthorized launch; and

WHEREAS, the United States, as well as the United Kingdom, China, France and Russia, are obligated under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenals; and

WHEREAS, in July 2017, 122 nations approved the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which makes it illegal under international law to develop, test, produce,

manufacture or otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; and

WHEREAS, United States taxpayers spend over \$4 million every hour of every day on nuclear weapons and the planned expenditure of more than \$1.2 trillion over the next 30 years to operate and enhance the United States' nuclear arsenal will exacerbate nuclear dangers by fueling a global arms race and diverting crucial resources needed to ensure the well-being of Maine people; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Maine taxpayers averaged \$192.33 per capita, with the State collectively paying an estimated \$257 million, in federal taxes toward the cost of producing, deploying and maintaining nuclear weapons; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to call on the President of the United States and the United States Congress to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first, ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack, taking United States nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, cancelling the plan to replace the country's entire arsenal with enhanced weapons and actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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

READ.

Representative STEWART of Presque Isle **REQUESTED** a roll call on **ADOPTION**.

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 Berwick, Representative O'Connor.

Representative **O'CONNOR**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in strong opposition to this pending Resolution which says in the second to last paragraph, "RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to call on the President of the United States and the United States Congress to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first, ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack..."

It is not, I repeat, not my goal to undermine any effort there is to try and prevent nuclear war or any other type of warfare. I prefer peaceful and prosperous society with no war. War has taken members of my family since the inception of this nation, as well as my friends and many of yours. We cry together, we bleed together every day, and I pray we bond together to heal every divide.

This Resolution expresses a desire to secede from everything we as a nation of people have shed our blood, sweat, and tears for, and relinquish any position of dominance in securing and keeping world peace is not acceptable to me.

I would like to believe other nations would keep all of their promises, but history paints me skeptical. As I said, I am unwilling to acquiesce any dominance we have in insuring our security as a sovereign nation. I am secure in my knowledge there are protocols to secure the abilities to launch any nuclear attack by any one president in our Constitutional Republic of the United States of America. I will always shake a hand in mutual respect and introduction to thought, but I cannot in

good moral conscience consent to anything that weakens our ability to protect the life, liberty, and prosperity of the individuals of our nation and diminish what we have fought for and would openly pray other nations accept. Thank you.

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

Representative **STROM**: Thank you very much and I also rise in opposition to this Resolution.

A lot of what I was going to say was just said by the good Representative before me and, obviously, that one line of renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first, that is just not something I can go along with. And then below that the hair-trigger alert; there is no hair-trigger alert. I spent 20 years of my life in the United States Navy, six of those on-board Trident submarines, first the USS Rhode Island, then the USS West Virginia. And for an idea that there is some kind of hair-trigger alert -- I cannot even begin to express how many people have to agree that an order has been given and that order is lawful before any kind of launch can be done and in the amount of time it takes to do a launch, I can't really get into a lot of details about those procedures but it takes a great many people to agree to accomplish something like that. And our whole mission when we were out to sea and, doing some math, I've probably spent over two years of my life actually underneath the water on board these Trident submarines, and our whole mission, our whole goal there, is to be a deterrent, and I feel what's in front of us is basically taking that deterrent away. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lincoln, Representative Hanington.

Representative **HANINGTON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, have to express my opposition to this and I concur with the Good Representative from Berwick and the Representative from Pittsfield.

I served two deployments -- I served in two deployments, and I said back in 2003 when I was over in Kuwait and Southern Iraq, there was going to be a problem with nuclear weapons with Korea and Iran. I see this as a deterrent but also I am very disheartened to the fact that says "We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature." If certain people want to do this and put this in, exclude my name from that because I'm a part of the 129th Legislature and I totally denounce this because if we do away with this nuclear -- it's a deterrent. I mean, we don't want to annihilate another country, but we want to be able to defend our country from stupid, ignorant people that want to annihilate us. So, take my name out of the 129th Legislature in the first paragraph because I denounce this and I think it's an embarrassment, it is saying that any one of us that served in the combat theater or in any Armed Services that we are any part of this, so be it, but I want to go on record saying that I oppose this because I think it's headed down the wrong road and it's going to send a message to the rest of the states and the rest of the world that they're weak and we don't want to defend our rights. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in strong opposition to the pending motion.

The last time an atomic bomb was used in warfare was 1945. The reasons for that are pretty obvious. A nuclear strike is the last option of any American president. To suggest

otherwise is ludicrous. This resolution, for those of you that have read it, it says that nuclear missiles are on a hair-trigger alert, capable of being launched within minutes of a Presidential Order. And then it goes on to suggest accidental or mistaken launch. This line is perfectly placed to instill fear against our current President. As the Representative from Pittsfield said, this is not how our nuclear arsenal is used.

Mr. Speaker, it seems there are a steady stream of these resolutions coming before us. I would suggest that we stop wasting the people's time on these resolutions and represent the people -- and go do the work representing the people we represent. If people want to send these resolutions to the President, they can do so with letters with their names on them. I urge the Members to vote no on this Resolution. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belgrade, Representative Keschl.

Representative **KESCHL**: There's not much more I can add to what my good fellow Representatives have said. I served nearly 31 years in the military and if this resolution is to go forward and pass today, I would like my name removed as well.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lincoln, Representative Hanington.

Representative **HANINGTON**: Mr. Speaker, I already spoke once, but I'll speak again; remove my name.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Caribou, Representative DeVeau.

Representative **DeVEAU**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise in strong opposition to this resolve.

As a Member who has served this country in the Armed Forces, I do not support this. I have served in Korea and twice in Iraq. The comment that a hair-trigger -- is a hare-brained comment that is made by an uneducated individual or individuals. There is no such thing as the hair-trigger for this and that is just made by somebody who doesn't understand the system of the military or the process that's in place.

I ask -- no, I demand that my name be taken off of this. I do not support this and will not support this. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair will remind all Members not to impugn the character of other members.

The Chair reminded all members that it was inappropriate to question the character of other members of the House.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the proud husband of a Navy Lieutenant Commander, I would also ask that my name is removed.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orrington, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise to expect my name to be taken off this resolution as well.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis.

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a former Airman, at 19 years old, handling nuclear weapons myself, being trained to do that, I would expect that my name would be removed from this and, you know, if this Resolution was to pass as it stands, I don't believe it's right for anybody in this House to impose their opinions and include our names on them, especially those of us that are veterans. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Plymouth, Representative Costain.

Representative **COSTAIN**: Thank you, sir. I stand today as a veteran of the Air Force. I would like to have my name removed, as well.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Weld, Representative Skolfield.

Representative **SKOLFIELD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I respectfully request my name be removed from this Resolution. Thank you.

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

Representative **HAGGAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like my name removed, respectfully, thank you.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Berwick, Representative O'Connor.

Representative **O'CONNOR**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for rising a second time. I would suggest that everyone who votes no on this should have their name removed. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Stewart.

Representative **STEWART**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The previous Representative -- I echo her comments and would request the same thing of the House Republican Caucus. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oakland, Representative Perkins.

Representative **PERKINS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a veteran of the United States Air Force, I ask that my name be removed also. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot, Representative Hutchins.

Representative **HUTCHINS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in opposition to this and would like my name also removed from it, if it should pass.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Beals, Representative Alley.

Representative **ALLEY**: I would have my name removed as well.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a daughter of an Army veteran, I request my name to be removed from this Resolution as well.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bethel, Representative Head.

Representative **HEAD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like my name removed. My dad served, my son served, and I'm a member of the American Legion and I think it would be very disrespectful. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dover-Foxcroft, Representative Higgins.

Representative **HIGGINS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a veteran, I request my name be removed from it as well.

Representative **FECTEAU** of Biddeford moved that the Joint Resolution be **TABLED** until later in today's session pending **ADOPTION**.

Representative **STEWART** of Presque Isle **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **TABLE** the Joint Resolution until later in today's session pending **ADOPTION**.

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 to Table the Joint Resolution until later in today's session pending Adoption. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 32

YEA - Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carney, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Daughtry, Dodge, Doudera, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau R, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, Landry, Madigan C, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Nadeau, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pebworth, Peoples, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce T, Pluecker, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Roberts-Lovell, Rykerson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Stanley, Stover, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Verow, Warren, White B, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Ackley, Andrews, Arata, Austin S, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Corey, Costain, DeVeau, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Faulkingham, Fecteau J, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Higgins, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Lyford, Mason, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Prescott, Reed, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, White D.

ABSENT - Curtis, Denk, Dillingham, Doore, Dunphy, Foley, Lockman, Marean, Martin T, Pickett.

Yes, 86; No, 53; Absent, 10; Excused, 1.

86 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Joint Resolution was **TABLED** until later in today's session pending **ADOPTION** and later today assigned. (Roll Call Ordered)

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to the Department of Health and Human Services To Support Free Health Clinics in the State"

(H.P. 144) (L.D. 181)

(C. "A" H-11)

Majority (8) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on March 26, 2019.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (5) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-11)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Representative **FARNSWORTH** of Portland moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: : The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Stewart.

Representative **STEWART**: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would urge my colleagues to reject this motion and move to a subsequent motion after this. I would request a roll call on this motion and I would request that you follow my light.

The Same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Berwick, Representative O'Connor.

Representative **O'CONNOR**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in objection to this

motion. This body soundly rejected this proposal last week, yet the Senate despite that, chose to override our wise choice.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Member will defer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Fecteau, and inquires as to his Point of Order.

Representative **FECTEAU**: I believe we cannot speak to the actions of the other body.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford asked the Chair if the remarks of Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick were inappropriate to the pending question.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Member is correct. The Chair will remind all Members that it is out of order to refer to actions of the other body.

The Chair advised all members that it is inappropriate to refer to the potential action of the office of the executive or the other body in order to influence the vote of the House.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Member may proceed.

Representative **O'CONNOR**: Thank you. If you refer to our calendar, you will see what has transpired. This has a \$100,000 fiscal note for four years in a row which will likely sit on the table in Appropriations for funding with many other bills that I believe are far more deserving than this. Thank you. I hope you reject it.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 33

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carney, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Daughtry, Dodge, Doudera, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau R, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Hobbs, Hubbell, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, Landry, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Nadeau, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Roberts-Lovell, Rykerson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Stover, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Ackley, Andrews, Arata, Austin B, Austin S, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Corey, Costain, DeVeau, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Faulkingham, Fay, Fecteau J, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Higgins, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Lyford, Madigan C, Mason, Mastraccio, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Peoples, Perkins, Pierce T, Prescott, Reed, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Theriault, Tuell, Verow, Wadsworth, White B, White D.

ABSENT - Curtis, Denk, Dillingham, Doore, Dunphy, Foley, Lockman, Marean, Martin T, Pickett.

Yes, 76; No, 63; Absent, 10; Excused, 1.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 139)

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the third of April in the year two thousand and nineteen.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

**State of Maine
Office of the Secretary of State
April 3, 2019**

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, in accordance with the provisions of the proclamation issued by the Governor on February 7, 2019, calling for a Special Election to be held on April 2, 2019, to elect a State Representative in District 52 and having tabulated the returns of the votes cast;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS: In accordance with Title 21-A MRSA Section 711, having tabulated the total number of state ballots cast, the number of voters participating in this election is 1,474; and that Sean C. Paulhus of Bath, having received a plurality of the votes cast, appears to have been elected a State Representative in the 129th Legislature in District 52:

Paulhus, Sean C. 975
Sener, Kenneth D. 491

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast at the Special Election, as reported to me on the return from the municipality of Bath.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

Received by the Governor on April 3, 2019

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 140)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

April 3, 2019

To Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House, in the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section 1, hereby certify that the following is the name and residence of the Representative-elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on April 3, 2019:

DISTRICT 52 Sean C. Paulhus, Bath

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this third day of April in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 141)

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

April 3, 2019
The Honorable Rob 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 Sean C. Paulhus of Bath to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife replacing Representative Stanley P. Zeigler of Montville, 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. 142)
**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 3, 2019
The 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 Ryan Fecteau of Biddeford to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, replacing former Representative Dale Denno, 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.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 137)
**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 4, 2019
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:"

- Energy, Utilities and Technology
L.D. 743 An Act To Create Local Options in E-9-1-1 Protocol Mandates
L.D. 980 An Act To Amend Provisions of the Maine Energy Cost Reduction Act Regarding Assessments on Ratepayers

- Veterans and Legal Affairs
L.D. 501 An Act To Provide Funding for the Homeless Veterans Center in Caribou
L.D. 631 An Act To Fund the Operations of the Tick Identification Laboratory in the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory
L.D. 1020 An Act to Modify the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in Certain Municipalities
L.D. 1068 An Act To Increase the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Permitted in Municipalities with 10,000 to 20,000 Residents

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 138)
**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 4, 2019
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Mastraccio of Sanford, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:

- L.D. 1303 An Act To Establish the State Board of Dental Hygiene
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Health and Human Services has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Sanborn of Cumberland, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"
L.D. 266 An Act To Eliminate the 2-year Limit on MaineCare Coverage for Approved Drugs for Opioid Use Disorder

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Protect the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund"

(H.P. 1095) (L.D. 1496)
Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, JORGENSEN of Portland, PIERCE of Falmouth.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Guardianship over Detainees under 18 Years of Age Regarding Mental Health Care"

(H.P. 1081) (L.D. 1479)

Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Create an At-risk Persons Program in Maine"

(H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1485)

Sponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth.
Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, JOHANSEN of Monticello, MORALES of South Portland, PICKETT of Dixfield, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Reform Drug Sentencing Laws"

(H.P. 1094) (L.D. 1492)

Sponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, MADIGAN of Waterville, MELARAGNO of Auburn, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of South Portland, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, WOODSOME of York.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Recognize High-performing, Efficient School Districts with Regard to the System Administration Allocation" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1096) (L.D. 1497)

Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BLUME of York, HYMANSON of York, MEYER of Eliot, RYKERSON of Kittery.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a System Using the Permit for Disposition of Human Remains To Track the Burial of Cremated Remains in a Public Cemetery"

(H.P. 1086) (L.D. 1484)

Sponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and Representative: HANDY of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Supports for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism in Crisis"

(H.P. 1088) (L.D. 1486)

Sponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, CUDDY of Winterport, HANDY of Lewiston, HICKMAN of Winthrop, INGWERSEN of Arundel, PERRY of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Marijuana Laws To Correct Inconsistencies in Recently Enacted Laws" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1097) (L.D. 1505)

Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates To Be Issued Complimentary Licenses To Hunt, Trap and Fish"

(H.P. 1090) (L.D. 1488)

Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DRINKWATER of Milford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FOSTER of Dexter, HANINGTON of Lincoln.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Big Moose Mountain Regional Development Authority" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1083) (L.D. 1481)

Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Facilitate the Creation of a Strategic Economic Plan (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1098) (L.D. 1506)

Sponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, STEWART of Presque Isle, Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HERBIG of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, POULIOT of Kennebec.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Disposition of Funds Presumed Abandoned in a Lawyer's Trust Account"

(H.P. 1085) (L.D. 1483)

Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Representative: HARNETT of Gardiner.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Tribal-State Collaboration in the Enforcement of Child Support"

(H.P. 1092) (L.D. 1490)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Bill "An Act Relating to Amateur Radio Service"
(H.P. 1099) (L.D. 1507)

Sponsored by Representative DeVEAU of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.
Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Modify Retirement Plans for Fire Investigators and Sergeants"
(H.P. 1082) (L.D. 1480)

Sponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, KESCHL of Belgrade, MORRIS of Turner, NADEAU of Winslow, THERIAULT of China, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code To Ensure It Is Consistent with Current Standards and Applies to Small Municipalities"
(H.P. 1101) (L.D. 1509)

Sponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CUDDY of Winterport, FECTIONEAU of Biddeford, HARNETT of Gardiner, INGWERSEN of Arundel, KESSLER of South Portland.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested.
On motion of Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Work Tax Credit"
(H.P. 1093) (L.D. 1491)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, RILEY of Jay, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TIPPING of Orono.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Blueberry Tax"
(H.P. 1084) (L.D. 1482)

Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DUNPHY of Old Town, GATTINE of Westbrook, JORGENSEN of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, PEOPLES of Westbrook, WARREN of Hallowell.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.
On motion of Representative TIPPING of Orono, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Respect the Will of Maine Voters by Funding Education at 55 Percent"
(H.P. 1100) (L.D. 1508)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.
Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.
On motion of Representative TIPPING of Orono, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates from Vehicle Registration Fees"
(H.P. 1089) (L.D. 1487)

Sponsored by Representative FECTIONEAU of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DRINKWATER of Milford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FOSTER of Dexter, HANINGTON of Lincoln, STROM of Pittsfield.

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

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Election of Senators
(H.P. 1091) (L.D. 1489)

Sponsored by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LOCKMAN of Bradley, LYFORD of Eddington, STEARNS of Guilford.

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

The Resolution was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Education**

Representative KORNFIELD for the **Department of Education** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1080) (L.D. 1478)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Health and Human Services

Representative HYMANSON for the **Department of Health and Human Services** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97: Private Non-Medical Institution Services and Appendices B, C, D, E and F, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1510)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 21)

ORDERED, that Representative Richard M. Cebra of Naples be excused February 11 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kristen Sarah Cloutier of Lewiston be excused March 28 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Danny Edward Costain of Plymouth be excused March 28 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative John DeVeau of Caribou be excused March 19 and 26 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham of Winter Harbor be excused March 14 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Haggan of Hampden be excused February 11, March 14 and 19 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Frances M. Head of Bethel be excused March 26 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Theodore Joseph Kryzak, Jr. of Acton be excused March 26 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Donald G. Marean of Hollis be excused March 21 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Genevieve McDonald of Stonington be excused March 19 and 21 for personal reasons and March 26 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Joel R. Stetkis of Canaan be excused March 28 for personal reasons.

READ and **PASSED**.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Aislynn Laurel Savage, of China, who recently saved the life of her mother and her own life and was recognized by China Volunteer Fire and Rescue for her lifesaving actions. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 194)

Presented by Representative THERIAULT of China.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative THERIAULT of China, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from China, Representative Theriault.

Representative **THERIAULT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is an honor and a great privilege to be here today to recognize Aislynn Savage.

On February 23rd at 9:47 in the morning, Aislynn and her mother, Laura, were traveling to Waterboro along Route 137 in China. Laura had an unfortunate medical emergency and passed out behind the wheel. Aislynn, noticing that her mother was in trouble, grabbed the steering wheel and guided the vehicle off the road into the snowbank while avoiding oncoming traffic and away from the trees. It is truly amazing to me that someone of her age has the wherewithal to navigate the vehicle to a stop without causing an accident. The outcome of this episode could've been much worse and I am very thankful that Aislynn jumped into action the way she did. She is a very special person and deserves every bit of recognition she receives. I invited Aislynn here today to show her my appreciation for her heroics. I know she probably doesn't think what she did was a big deal, but it really is a big deal. It is my hope that we can all rise and give her an ovation to commend her for what she did. Aislynn is a true hero. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to recognize her today. Thank you.

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

Recognizing:

the Central Maine Community College Women's Basketball Team, of Auburn, which won the United States Collegiate Athletic Association Division 2 National Championship. This is the team's second championship victory in three years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 195)

Presented by Representative ORDDWAY of Standish.

Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative SHEATS of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ORDDWAY of Standish, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Standish, Representative Orddway.

Representative **ORDDWAY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my Colleagues in the House. I rise today to congratulate these women on an extraordinary season, bringing home to Maine a national title.

It is always something that came to mind to me that as we celebrate our sports team, my beloved Red Sox, we often say we did it, like we helped Big Papi swing the bat. But today I want to invite you, all the Members of this body, to feel like

you are a member of the team. This support that we here give to the Community College System makes days like this possible. So, today, we recognize this big accomplishment for these women, I can't tell you how proud we are at the college and throughout the state. They just did an awesome job. So we say congratulations, ladies, and hit 'em with the Hein.

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

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's amazing how focused these women are, not only in playing at their highest level and achieving their second national championship in three years, but also in their focus to each of their specific studies.

I want to recognize a couple of these women, Eraleena Gethers-Hairston from Auburn, who will be joining the United States Army upon graduation. Another young woman I met this morning, I want to recognize from my neighboring town of Poland, Brooke Reynolds. Brooke will be playing professional basketball in Australia upon graduation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

In Memory of:

Clayton Larrabee, of Knox. Mr. Larrabee was a noted supporter of the Town of Knox, donating land for ball fields and a horse show arena. He was a supporter of the Knox Booster Club and the Knox Historical Society and worked on the town's bicentennial party. He was instrumental in restoring the Knox schoolhouse and offered horse-drawn carriage and sleigh rides at the Christmas tree lighting celebration. Mr. Larrabee will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 192)

Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox. Cosponsored by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative KINNEY of Knox, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is hard for me. Clayton was a wonderful member of our community -- I thought I was going to be able to do this. All right, I think if I read, I'll be all right.

Last week, the small town of Knox and RSU-3 lost a valuable member of our community. Clayton was beloved by all he came in contact with over his lifetime. He donated his land for our children to be able to play sports; everything from baseball, tee-ball, softball, football, and soccer where my son still plays on those fields today. He also donated a parcel of land for a horse show arena, where my daughter gets to run on her 1100-pound horse and control that thing around barrels. Professional barrel-racers even come and perform on that -- in that arena today. It's an amazing thing and it's right next door to his house. He would be able to sit in his living room and watch these children play and he absolutely loved that.

The year we opened our sugar house in 2005, we had our big Maine Maple Sunday celebration. He brought his draft horses down and gave rides to all of our visitors who wanted to take a ride around the area, which on our little dirt road it was really quite a sight to have these massive draft horses come

and bring our visitors around. He absolutely loved horses, almost as much as he loved the youth, the children of our area, to the point that because of his construction business he was able to help those of us when our horses passed from the earth, to be able to properly give them a burial. He would come to our farm and help us properly bury those animals when their time came to leave us.

We've suffered a huge loss. I stood last -- in February to -- in recognition of our town's 200th birthday which we are having a celebration in July -- or June, June, I believe, and Clayton was a big proponent of getting that whole celebration going. He absolutely loved the town, he was born in the area and never left until last week. The funeral over the weekend was a packed house and we will miss Clayton terribly in our area, and I thank you.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from China, Representative Theriault.

Representative **THERIAULT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't prepare any words for this because I didn't know it was on the calendar, but he was my second cousin, so we invited people from the family to come today so I guess I am the family of recognition. And he was a very huge piece of that community. He actually assisted me in building my golf course, he had a construction company and we utilized a lot of his resources. He was loved by all in the family and I went to the service the other day and it was amazing how many people showed up that, you know, just people from all over the community came and he was a big, big piece of that community and lived not very far down the road from Representative Kinney and she knows him very, very well, and we're all going to miss him very much, and I thank you for the opportunity to speak. Thank you.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary Pursuant to Statute

Representative BAILEY for the **Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions"

(H.P. 1103) (L.D. 1511)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent for concurrence.

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-24)** on Bill "An Act To Raise Juror Pay to \$50 per Day"

(S.P. 91) (L.D. 279)

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook

BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

- BAILEY of Saco
- BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
- EVANGELOS of Friendship
- RECKITT of South Portland
- HARNETT of Gardiner
- TALBOT ROSS of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-25)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

- CARDONE of Bangor
- BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
- HAGGAN of Hampden

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-24)**.

READ.

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

Representative STEWART of Presque Isle **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 Hampden, Representative Haggan.

Representative **HAGGAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Mileage is provided to our jurors. I agree that \$15 is not enough per day for a juror. There are 38,000 hours of jury duty per year. I believe that \$50 is too drastic a jump. Jury duty is a civic duty we all have been brought up to accept as something a good citizen is willing to do. Thank you.

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

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I also rise today in opposition to the pending motion. Statements that the Good Representative from Hampden, Representative Haggan made, expressed my thoughts as well and I thank you.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair will remind all Members that you cannot refer to other Members by their name. Please use their town. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Stewart.

Representative **STEWART**: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In regards to Committee Amendment "B" -- sorry, Committee Amendment "A", this is a motion that would increase the current pay from \$15 a day to \$50 a day, but it is also my understanding that there's a fiscal note of about \$2 million. I'm of the mind that if we want to actually see an increase in this, that's not one that is just sort of on paper and it's going to be going through the motions in the building, but it's one that actually going to be taking effect out in the real world, we should reject this motion because there will be a significant fiscal note attached to it, one that in my opinion will be far too much to achieve in this current situation given the

other things that are happening in this building and the current status of the budget this fiscal year. So, again, I would encourage us to try to take a more realistic approach to this, one that's more temperate and a little bit more reasonable and one that I think we can actually get across the finish line this session, and I would request that you follow my light. Thank you very much.

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. 34

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Carney, Cebra, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Daughtry, Dodge, Doudera, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau R, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Kessler, Kornfield, Madigan C, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Nadeau, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pebworth, Peoples, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Roberts-Lovell, Rykerson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Stover, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Warren, White B, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin S, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cardone, Corey, Costain, DeVeau, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Faulkingham, Fecteau J, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Jorgensen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lyford, Mason, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pluecker, Prescott, Reed, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Theriault, Verow, Wadsworth, White D.

ABSENT - Curtis, Denk, Dillingham, Doore, Dunphy, Foley, Higgins, Lockman, Marean, Martin T, Pickett.

Yes, 82; No, 56; Absent, 11; Excused, 1.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 56 voted in the negative, with 11 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-24)** 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-24)** in concurrence.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-21)** on Bill "An Act To Change Municipal Campaign Contribution Limits"

(S.P. 224) (L.D. 780)

Signed:

Senators:

- LUCHINI of Hancock
- CYRWAY of Kennebec
- HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:

SCHNECK of Bangor
ACKLEY of Monmouth
COOPER of Yarmouth
DOLLOFF of Rumford
HANINGTON of Lincoln
HICKMAN of Winthrop
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
McCREIGHT of Harpswell

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
STROM of Pittsfield

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-21)**.

READ.

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

Representative STROM of Pittsfield **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 Pittsfield, Representative Strom.

Representative **STROM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion for a very basic reason. Those of us in this body that when we run for office, we're all, if we're traditionally funded, we play by the same rules and we're allowed to raise the same amount of money from any one giving donor, but that's because our districts are all -- basically we have the same number of constituents. But this bill is about local municipal races and it is very different for a person running for office in a city like Portland compared to a small town like I live in in Pittsfield, so I don't think we should be limiting the people running for those offices to the same rules as each other when they have a huge difference in the number of constituents that they are running to represent. Thank you.

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. 35

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carney, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Daughtry, Dodge, Dolloff, Doudera, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau R, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Hanington, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, Landry, Madigan C, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Nadeau, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pebworth, Peoples, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce T, Pluecker, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Roberts-Lovell, Rykerson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Skolfield, Stanley, Stover, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Verow, Warren, White B, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin S, Babine, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Corey, Costain, DeVeau, Drinkwater, Faulkingham, Fecteau J, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Lyford, Mason, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Prescott, Reed, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, White D.

ABSENT - Curtis, Denk, Dillingham, Doore, Dunphy, Foley, Lockman, Marean, Martin T, Pickett.

Yes, 90; No, 49; Absent, 10; Excused, 1.

90 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, with 10 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-21)** 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-21)** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: We are experiencing technical difficulties with the Wi-Fi. If any Member is using a hotspot, please turn it off.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 459)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAINE'S REALTORS

WHEREAS, the Maine Association of REALTORS® has more than 4,500 members actively involved in the business of real estate and it has approximately 450 affiliate members, including lenders, appraisers, title companies, building inspectors, surveyors and insurance providers; and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit association provides each member with an equal voice and representation in the real estate profession, serving members in all 16 Maine counties and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, real estate transactions stimulate Maine's economy and include not only the money spent and reinvested in the sale price of a property but all those services and expenditures that occur in relation to a property transaction, both for a buyer and a seller; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics, it is estimated that one job is generated for every 2 home sales, each home sale contributes about \$72,760 to the economy and the real estate industry accounts for 18.4% of the gross state product; and

WHEREAS, the real estate market in Maine is strong, as evidenced by the number of home sales increasing by more than 1.6% to 20,923 homes sold in 2018 with a value of nearly \$5,400,000,000; and

WHEREAS, real estate ownership is an investment in the future and one of the best ways to build financial security through equity accumulation and for many in Maine their home represents their life savings; and

WHEREAS, expanding home ownership will strengthen our State and its families and communities, enhance our economy and create jobs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to recognize the Maine Association of REALTORS® and its members for their positive contributions to and the significant role they play in the lives of Maine citizens and their communities and that their service and dedication to this State are a tribute to those values and principles that we all hold dear; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Association of REALTORS® and Maine's 13 local association REALTOR® boards and councils.

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

READ.

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

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Women and Men of the House, I rise today to commemorate the contributions that realtors make to our state.

Realtors provide a critical stimulus to Maine's economy. With every new home purchase comes investment in local contractors, architects, movers, furniture, LL Bean boots, the list goes on and on. Moreover, realtors bring new Mainers into our workforce and they serve as some of our state's best ambassadors. Each day, realtors in every corner of our state welcome potential home buyers to Maine. They showcase the vibrancy of our communities, the strength of our economy and the quality of our schools and housing stock. And they ensure that new Mainers feel welcome in our state. Most important, Maine realtors do the little things that help people in times of great stress. Their job is about much more than just making a living. The Maine Association of REALTORS® is Maine's largest professional trade association, representing nearly 4,000 real estate professionals engaged in all aspects of the real estate business.

I am proud to be a realtor myself and today you will notice some of my fellow Members joining us in the chamber and in the Hall of Flags. I'd encourage you to stop by and say hi to them. They're important professionals who do so much for our state. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Make Clean Election Filing Deadlines Consistent for All Candidates"

(H.P. 652) (L.D. 878)

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:

SCHNECK of Bangor
ANDREWS of Paris
COOPER of Yarmouth
DOLLOFF of Rumford
HANINGTON of Lincoln

HICKMAN of Winthrop
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
STROM of Pittsfield

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-53)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

ACKLEY of Monmouth

READ.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 59) (L.D. 247) Bill "An Act To Increase the Amount of Time School Counselors and Social Workers Spend Providing Students Direct and Indirect Counseling" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)**

(S.P. 66) (L.D. 254) Bill "An Act To Clarify Liquor Label Approval and Registration Requirements" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-27)**

(S.P. 77) (L.D. 265) Bill "An Act To Increase Opportunities for Hunters, Anglers and Sporting Camps by Extending the Seasons on Upland Game" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-26)**

(S.P. 106) (L.D. 365) Bill "An Act To Allow Flexible Business Hours for Certain Agency Liquor Stores" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-22)**

(H.P. 596) (L.D. 822) Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Motor Fuel Containing More than 10% Ethanol" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 71) (L.D. 85) Bill "An Act To Establish a Sales Tax Exemption and an Income Tax Deduction for the Purchase of Firearm Safety Devices" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-59)**

(H.P. 210) (L.D. 286) Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Feminine Hygiene Products" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-58)**

(H.P. 284) (L.D. 375) Bill "An Act To Promote the Forest Products Industry in School Construction and Renovation Involving Heating Systems" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)**

(H.P. 333) (L.D. 424) Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Baling Twine, Net and Wrapping for Hay" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-57)**

(H.P. 483) (L.D. 662) Bill "An Act To Count Study Abroad toward Secondary School Credit" Committee on

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-54)

(H.P. 531) (L.D. 726) Bill "An Act To Make Sales to Area Agencies on Aging Tax-exempt" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-56)**

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

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

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Town of York Planning Board and the Town of York Appeals Board

(H.P. 76) (L.D. 90)
(C. "A" H-36)

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 Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker Pro Tem and sent to the Senate.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 455)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 10:00 in the Morning.

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
Emergency Measure

An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine

(H.P. 129) (L.D. 147)
(C. "A" H-43)

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

Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford **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 PRO TEM: 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. 36

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Andrews, Arata, Austin B, Austin S, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Bradstreet, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Campbell, Cardone, Carney, Cebra, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Costain, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Daughtry, DeVeau, Dodge, Dolloff, Doudera, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Faulkingham, Fay, Fecteau J, Fecteau R, Foster, Gattine, Gramlich, Griffin, Grignon, Grohoski, Haggan, Hall, Handy, Hanington, Hanley, Harnett, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hutchins, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Javner, Johansen, Jorgensen, Keschl, Kessler, Kinney, Kornfield, Kryzak, Landry, Lyford, Madigan C, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Moonen, Morales, Morris, Nadeau, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Paulhus, Peabworth, Peoples, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce T, Pluecker, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Riseman, Roberts-Lovell, Rudnicki, Rykerson, Sampson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Stover, Strom, Swallow, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Verow, Wadsworth, Warren, White B, White D, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - None.

ABSENT - Curtis, Denk, Dillingham, Doore, Dunphy, Foley, Lockman, Marean, Martin T, Pickett.

Yes, 139; No, 0; Absent, 10; Excused, 1.

139 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker Pro Tem and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

(H.P. 207) (L.D. 283)

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. 130 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 Enhance the Senior Volunteer Benefit Program
(H.P. 59) (L.D. 62)

An Act To Enhance Participation on the State Board of Education

(H.P. 139) (L.D. 176)
(C. "A" H-29)

An Act To Protect Water Quality by Standardizing the Law Concerning Septic Inspection in the Shoreland Zone

(H.P. 179) (L.D. 216)

An Act To Increase the Safety of Home Buyers Concerning Chimney Inspections

(H.P. 192) (L.D. 229)
(C. "A" H-44)

An Act To Help Older Adults Age in Place through Comprehensive Planning

(H.P. 225) (L.D. 301)
(C. "A" H-31)

An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission

(S.P. 128) (L.D. 450)
(C. "A" S-19)

An Act Regarding the Providing of Human Food Waste to Swine Producers

(S.P. 162) (L.D. 497)
(C. "A" S-17)

An Act To Provide Architects, Engineers and Certain Other Professionals Immunity from Civil Liability When Volunteering for Evaluating Damage from Disasters

(H.P. 363) (L.D. 506)
(C. "A" H-34)

An Act To Improve Shoreland Zoning Rules and Enforcement To Support Municipalities

(H.P. 406) (L.D. 562)
(C. "A" H-38)

An Act To Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities

(H.P. 453) (L.D. 625)
(C. "A" H-32)

An Act To Change the Harassment Prevention Training Required for Legislators, Legislative Staff and Lobbyists

(H.P. 599) (L.D. 825)
(C. "A" H-30)

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, To Facilitate the Protection of Public Health through Increased Subsurface Wastewater Inspections

(H.P. 400) (L.D. 543)
(C. "A" H-37)

Resolve, To Establish a Background Check Consolidation Commission

(H.P. 436) (L.D. 592)
(C. "A" H-35)

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.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Tuesday, April 12, 2019, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE REPORT - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)** - Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Aid Certain Veterans' Organizations"

(H.P. 180) (L.D. 217)

TABLED - March 28, 2019 (Till Later Today) by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT**.

Subsequently, the Unanimous Committee Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)** 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**.

Representative SYLVESTER of Portland **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-61)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LD 217 was passed out of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee a unanimous Ought to Pass. It's a bill to help veterans' organizations on islands in remote posts so that they have a lounge that serves members and it allows them to invite the community into the lounge legally. And so what it does is, you know, for a remote place like an island, our Legion, our, you know, our veterans' posts, these are the things that bind the community together. They struggle to survive and so this bill, the community worked -- or the committee worked with all stakeholders in order to find a unanimous Ought to Pass. It was on the consent calendar, at the last minute the Attorney General had a question about smoking, they wanted to fix the language, this amendment fixes that language to make it clear that when the public is in the building there shall be no smoking, and that's what this does, and I appreciate your patience.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-61)** was **ADOPTED**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)** and **House Amendment "A" (H-61)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (6) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-49)** - Minority (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-50)** - Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Certain Disposable Food Service Containers"

(H.P. 213) (L.D. 289)

TABLED - April 2, 2019 (Till Later Today) by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Subsequently, Representative TUCKER of Brunswick moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative STEWART of Presque Isle **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 Orrington, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This is an interesting issue. We are banning Styrofoam cups, plates, bowls, platters, and trays from food establishments. The circular that was brought to our attention as it came across our desks today had some interesting comments. I'd like to address the somewhat misleading absolutes.

In red, plastic foam can't be recycled in Maine. If you break that down, can't be recycled is an untruth. There is a machine called a densifier that's created by Dart, which is the

manufacturer of these Styrofoam products, that is available to anyone who would like to purchase one with a grant for \$50,000 to pay for it.

It said that these can't be recycled; well, yes, they can. It's also said that these food containers are contaminated, but in the densifier process, it's cleansed so it can be used, it's cleaned, cubed, and can be reused in things such as moldings. This product also can be burned in the waste to energy facilities and it's welcomed in those facilities. It speaks of alternatives. Yes, there are alternatives. They're made out of palm leaves for bowls and plates or paper cups, better to use a paper cup than a Styrofoam cup. Well, unless you know how it's made. In order to keep things hot, you have to line that paper with plastic. We hear about this product breaking down and floating in the oceans, but if you have a paper cup lined in plastic, it sinks, all in its own shape, and becomes more of a problem. Styrofoams use less product in manufacturing, it creates a smaller Eco footprint, and there's less volume in trash.

Something that was discussed and might be able to be looked at soon in the future if this item is defeated, is a study to look at all plastics, a taskforce to study all plastics. We've got a plastic problem, but rather than banning them, why don't we talk about how to reuse them, talk about how to recycle them. This is a very narrow ban, which is, for many small businesses and consumers, a problem. This will affect your food carts, the seasonal businesses, takeout establishments, churches.

As mentioned in this circular, there are communities that are already banning them. I believe it's a local control issue. It's already happening. So the state doesn't have to ban. But the biggest problem here is our culture. I may be old, but I remember baskets on downtown streets poles called litter baskets. It had a little bug on it and as kids we knew that litter was not good. Rather than banning a product, why don't we talk about not throwing it away? We aren't working on the problem here, we're just addressing a feel-good issue. The problem here and the root of that problem is our culture. We're a throw-away culture. Why don't we do that rather than banning products? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Montville, Representative Zeigler.

Representative **ZEIGLER**: Mr. Speaker, Fellow Legislators, I rise to support LD 289, a bill to prohibit the use of certain food containers made of polystyrene.

It has been suggested that we are being premature in replacing this packaging with other material and that we need more studies. With other material that -- excuse me, although I agree that there should be more studies looking at plastic that are environmentally harmful, in this case the information is already conclusive that polystyrene needs to be replaced. Polystyrene cannot be economically recycled or reused. I talked to Mr. Roche, who heads ecomaine, and he said that he does not even like to use it to burn for fuel because of the fact of its weight, it is not economically -- to be able to transport it costs more than what they receive in burning the energy, this polystyrene. If we can't burn it and we can't recycle it because no one is using those -- the machinery to condense it, it ends up in the landfill, and because of the fact that it is mostly air, it uses more space than regular plastic that is not extruded.

Polystyrene has been shown to be carcinogenic and a neurotoxin, especially when it's in proximity of grease or heat. Polystyrene is made of petrol chemicals which are not found in Maine but, rather, imported. Presently, wood products are being used as a substitute at just a few cents point difference. If we vote to prohibit polystyrene, we would be aiding an

emaciate industry using a resource that Maine is struggling to support.

Maine-grown industrial hemp could be another option for the insulating values of its tight cellulose structure. Henry Ford built an automobile out of hemp, so it shouldn't be too difficult to build a takeout container for a hamburger. Already in Waterville, they are producing a product that will substitute for polystyrene as takeout. That's a Maine industry.

When polystyrene enters the water system, it breaks down into small pieces. These pieces then become part of the aquatic food chain. There's proof that these microplastics affect the reproductive rate of fish and stunt the growth of shellfish. Why would we threaten a huge part of the Maine economy to use a product that is not native to Maine?

And, lastly, we have a tourist economy. To have polystyrene trash littering our lake and ocean beaches makes absolutely no sense. New York City, Tacoma, Seattle, Washington DC, Freeport, Maine, Portland, Maine, and 16 other Maine towns along with Nantucket, Minneapolis, Los Angeles County, San Diego, Charleston and San Francisco have all banned polystyrene. As we speak, there is a bill in the Maryland State House to prohibit the use of polystyrene containers and the European Union is also discussing the issue. If we pass this bill, we will be the first of many states doing this. We are charged with protecting the environment and the health of our state. They're our goal.

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

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in support of LD 289, "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Certain Disposable Food Service Containers". You've heard about the detrimental effects of this plastic and I don't need to repeat them again. But, today, as a long-time owner of a business and a former member of the hospitality industry, I'd like to speak to this bill from a business perspective.

Firstly, this bill provides plenty of lead time for businesses in Maine to get themselves ready for implementation. When passed, the law does not go into effect until January 1, 2021. Second, the bill provides uniformity for businesses that have more than one location. More than a dozen Maine towns, including my own, have already banned foam food containers in their communities and many businesses are already complying with this measure. A state law will help businesses by making uniform what's already happening in various towns across our state. This bill encourages and recognizes that there are biodegradable, environmentally friendly alternatives to polystyrene that are cost effective and easily obtainable. And, finally, this bill helps Maine businesses retain and keep customers. Maine consumers want to know that the businesses they patronize have our precious Maine environment in mind. So, for all these reasons, I urge you to vote to support LD 289 and vote Ought to Pass. Thank you.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orrington, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Sorry to rise a second time. Like I mentioned earlier, these absolute words used; can't -- again, I'll just go back to the one in red, can't be recycled. Yes, it can, in Maine, not yet, but to use can't be burned; I represent a district with a waste to energy facility and they welcome it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise in opposition to the bill.

It's been suggested that it's not cost effective to transport this for fuel, but then what becomes of it? Does it stay where it's at? It's already being transported, so why not transport it to a facility to use it for energy?

Secondly, it's been suggested that there are products to replace the polystyrene. That's great. Why don't we wait for them to come out and they'll replace the polystyrene on their own? We don't need to move ahead with this.

The third thing I would like to bring up is right now we're going through a plastic bag issue, a one-use paper -- plastic bag. What precipitated that issue? It was a premature rush to go away from paper bags. It caused this huge problem. Now what are we trying to do? Go back to paper bags. So, it's not wise to rush ahead on these things. The first time you hear them, they may sound like a good idea, but we should use patience and it's not a good time to move forward with this. I would say Ought Not to Pass on this. Thank you.

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. 37

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Carney, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Daughtry, Dodge, Doudera, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau R, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, Landry, Madigan C, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCreia, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Nadeau, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pebworth, Peoples, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce T, Pluecker, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Roberts-Lovell, Rykerson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Stover, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Verow, Warren, White B, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin S, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Corey, Costain, DeVeau, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Faulkingham, Fecteau J, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Lyford, Mason, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Prescott, Reed, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Tuell, Wadsworth, White D.

ABSENT - Curtis, Denk, Dillingham, Doore, Dunphy, Foley, Lockman, Marean, Martin T, Pickett, Theriault.

Yes, 87; No, 51; Absent, 11; Excused, 1.

87 having voted in the affirmative and 51 voted in the negative, with 11 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" (H-49)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative **TUCKER** of Brunswick **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-55)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-49)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **TUCKER**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber, this is a friendly, technical Floor Amendment. It does not change the substance or the coverage of this --

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Member will defer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford, and inquires as to his Point of Order.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Would the Representative please direct his comments to the Speaker?

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative **BICKFORD** of Auburn asked the Chair to remind Representative **TUCKER** of Brunswick to address the Speaker and not turn to the rest of the House.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair will remind all Members to direct their comments to the Speaker.

The Chair reminded all Representatives to address their comments toward the Speaker.

Representative **TUCKER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will address you directly.

This floor amendment will change some wording. The committee bill as amended uses the term food establishment to define what the scope of the prohibition was under Title 38. A concern was recently raised that this term, food establishment, is also used by the Department of Agriculture in Title 22. The concern was that it would be a confusion of terms because in Title 22, there's a special word for food establishments, like food stores and eating establishments like restaurants. Therefore, we change the word food establishment as defining the scope of this restriction to covered establishment. So, now we're using that word but it doesn't change the substance or the coverage of this bill one bit.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belgrade, Representative Keschl.

Representative **KESCHL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just I'd like to pose a question to anyone that would care to answer.

The **SPEAKER**: The Member may proceed.

Representative **KESCHL**: If this is -- if the use of these Styrofoam containers is bad, why would we exempt anyone from using them?

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Representative from Belgrade, Representative Keschl, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who cares to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orrington, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Might I ask a question of the definition -- or clarity of the word covered? I don't understand that -- covered in what form?

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Representative from Orrington, Representative Campbell, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who cares to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis.

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question through the Chair. I guess I'm wondering, what is the difference between one organization's trash and another use of that same trash; how is that trash any less destructive to our environment, if that's what we're after?

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who cares to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Tucker.

Representative **TUCKER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason for using the term covered establishment means covered under the new section that restricts the use of polystyrene as expanded in foam. It just means that within that section, covered establishment means a food establishment, an eating establishment, and a number of other listed entities.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-55) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-49)** was **ADOPTED**.
Committee Amendment "A" (H-49) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-55) 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**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-49) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-55)** thereto and sent for concurrence.

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Reform Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard"

(S.P. 457) (L.D. 1494)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine False Claims Act"

(S.P. 465) (L.D. 1503)

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board"

(S.P. 461) (L.D. 1499)

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers from Unfair Practices Related to Pharmacy Benefits Management"

(S.P. 466) (L.D. 1504)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Expand Access to the Workforce through Apprenticeships"

(S.P. 464) (L.D. 1502)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Workers' Compensation Protection for Injured Workers Whose Employers Have Wrongfully Not Secured Workers' Compensation Insurance"

(S.P. 462) (L.D. 1500)

Bill "An Act To Change the Law Governing Occupational Disease Claims under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"

(S.P. 463) (L.D. 1501)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Equity for Commercial Vehicles on Roads and Bridges in Maine"

(S.P. 460) (L.D. 1498)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Exempt Cribbage and Other Card Games from Licensing and Regulation When Conducted by Certain Organizations"

(S.P. 456) (L.D. 1493)

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

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 454)
JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXPRESS THE STATE'S OPPOSITION TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S REVISED SUPPLEMENTAL COST FINDING FOR THE MERCURY AND AIR TOXICS STANDARDS

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States as follows:

WHEREAS, under the United States Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency finalized the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards to protect air quality and promote public health by reducing emissions of hazardous air pollutants from coal-fired and oil-fired power plants; and

WHEREAS, coal-fired power plants represent the largest source of mercury in the United States and were responsible for nearly half of all mercury emissions in 2015; and

WHEREAS, mercury, once released into the environment, can become methylmercury, which accumulates in living tissue and causes serious health effects, including neurological and reproductive disorders in humans and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, coal-fired and oil-fired power plants emit significant amounts of toxic metal particles, including arsenic, beryllium, chromium, cadmium, lead and nickel; and

WHEREAS, coal-fired and oil-fired power plants emit large amounts of acid gases and organic pollutants that are listed as hazardous air pollutants under the United States Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, mercury levels in Maine fish, loons and eagles are among the highest in North America, leading to a statewide advisory regarding mercury and fish consumption that has remained in effect since 1994; and

WHEREAS, our communities, businesses and industries depend on clean air and a healthy environment for the benefit of current and future residents, property owners and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in Maine, commercial fishing contributed over \$500 million to the State's economy in 2017; and

WHEREAS, pollution from coal-fired and oil-fired power plants threatens the quality of life and the livelihoods of Maine citizens, important Maine industries, such as commercial and recreational fishing and tourism, and small businesses that rely on a clean and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, hazardous pollution from coal-fired and oil-fired power plants can travel significant distances and across state borders; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency reports that between December 2014 and April 2016, the deadline to achieve compliance with the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, coal-fired power plants in the United States made investments in control technologies and other related changes for over 112 gigawatts of capacity; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency states that the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards have already reduced mercury emissions from the power sector by 86%, acid gases by 96% and toxic metals by 81% and protected public health and the environment accordingly; and

WHEREAS, controlling and reducing emissions of all air pollutants from coal-fired and oil-fired power plants, including pollutants not directly regulated by the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards but nevertheless reduced by the controls installed to implement the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, is providing improvements in the quality of the air and environment, to the benefit of Maine citizens; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency issued a proposed revised Supplemental Cost Finding for the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards on December 27, 2018 that puts the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, this resolution must be initiated before the 60-day period expires following publication of the proposal in the Federal Register in order that opposition to the proposal may be communicated to the United States Environmental Protection Agency forthwith; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to respectfully request that the President of the United States direct the United States Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw the revised Supplemental Cost Finding for the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Donald John Trump, President of the United States, to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Andrew Wheeler, and to the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, William Wehrum.

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

READ.

On motion of Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

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

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Friendship, Representative Evangelos.

Representative **EVANGELOS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and permission to address the House on the record, please?

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Representative from Friendship, Representative Evangelos, has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record. And the Chair will remind the House that the House is in order.

Representative **EVANGELOS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Men and Women of the House, 51 years ago today, Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. That was a tremendous loss for our nation. Many of you may be unaware that on December 8, 1999, a court in Memphis ruled unanimously 12 to nothing that we hadn't been told the truth about that death and that James Earl Ray, the accused assassin, was not the person who shot and that there were some pretty dark forces responsible for it.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, something happened on Dr. King Day, January 21st of this year, that was not reported in the American media, but 60 very important people in our country wrote a petition to the United States government asking for an investigation into the deaths of John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Dr. King, and Malcolm X. Amongst the signatories to that document were Robert Kennedy, Jr., Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, members of the King family, Daniel Ellsberg, who wrote the Pentagon Papers, a man named Ray McGovern who did the president's daily briefing for the Central Intelligence Agency for eight years, and many, many others. Not one American newspaper reported these facts to us, but it is a fact that on January 21st, the United States government was petitioned to investigate the deaths of those four individuals because we never got a criminal investigation on any of them. We got commissions. Thank you for letting me speak, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **PAULHUS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to first say, as this is my first time standing as the Representative for the City of Bath, what an honor it is to be a member of this body.

As some of you may know, I used to work in the State House as a chamber staff in this body, as a Sergeant-at-Arms of the other body, so I understand the responsibilities of the staff, of what members go through, and it is a great honor to be here today to represent the people of Bath and to be among you today, and tomorrow, and the rest of the session. Thank you.

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

On motion of Representative PAULHUS of Bath, the House adjourned at 12:28 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 9, 2019, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 455) and in honor and lasting tribute to Bessie M. House of Bryant Pond, Clayton Larrabee, of Knox, and Maine State Police Detective Ben Campbell.