

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
26th Legislative Day
Thursday, March 28, 2019

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Prayer by Pastor Joshua Lovelace, Truth Baptist Church, Jefferson.

National Anthem by Franklin County Fiddlers, Mt. Blue High School, Farmington.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Patrick Keaney, M.D., Yarmouth.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 26, 2019 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 409)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2019 AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey for the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2019 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 410)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Maine State Housing Authority, also known as MaineHousing, was established as a quasi-public housing agency charged with expanding affordable housing opportunities for the State's low-income and moderate-income families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has been helping Maine people own, rent, repair and heat their homes since 1969; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has financed 54,851 first-time homebuyer mortgages and 323 affordable apartment projects with a total of 10,697 units; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has helped 23,038 low-income families and seniors afford their rents, weatherized 15,292 homes, served an average of over 42,000 households a year with fuel assistance benefits, helped shelter the homeless and provided needed repairs to many thousands of homes, addressing problems of radon, arsenic, accessibility, lead paint and general disrepair; and

WHEREAS, through prudent investment, MaineHousing has grown to become a \$1.8 billion public purpose financial institution with its bonds rated AA+, thanks to the support of a wide network of partners including Maine's financial institutions, real estate agents, community action agencies, local homeless shelters, developers, apartment owners and managers, landlords and federal and state political leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Maine State Housing Authority and its record of success in service to the people of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine State Housing Authority.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 427)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2019 AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community problem, and finding solutions depends on recognizing that the effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse and neglect prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage them to develop strong ties to their communities; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and neglect and its prevention and become involved in the raising of children in a safe, nurturing environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2019 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, to recognize that we all have a role to play in healthy child development and a duty to help others recognize that role and to celebrate the positive things our communities do to promote healthy child development and help prevent child abuse and neglect; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Children's Trust.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Rural Health Care"
(S.P. 418) (L.D. 1350)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Ready Access to Defibrillators in Businesses and Pharmacies"

(S.P. 355) (L.D. 1169)

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

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

On motion of Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 129)
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

March 27, 2019

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

Dear Speaker Gideon:

With this letter, please accept my resignation as a State Representative in the Maine House of Representatives effective immediately.

My struggle with ongoing health issues prevents me from serving as a State Representative moving forward, and I wish for only the best representation for the great people of House District 45.

Serving as a State Representative has been one of the great honors of my life, and I will always be grateful to my friends and colleagues in the Legislature and especially the people in Cumberland and Gray for placing their confidence in me and offering me nothing but best wishes in good times and bad.

It has truly been an honor to represent the people of Cumberland and Gray and to serve in the Maine House of Representatives.

Respectfully,

S/Dale Denno

READ.

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

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I give healing thoughts to Dale Denno, who battles cancer. We're sincerely grateful for his service. He's a true public servant. In his letter of resignation, he said I want only the best representation for the people of House District 45.

Dale served with full commitment in Health and Human Services Committee. People around the State House would listen remotely and take a pause when Dale spoke because it

was worth listening to. One of his bills, LD 336, is now public law. It allows families to stay together when they receive temporary aid to needy families, a problem he identified when he was Director of the Office of Family Independence in Department of Health and Human Services. It's a real example of how Maine benefits from a citizen legislature.

Dale is a sassy, witty gentleman. I hope he can listen to this and hear that because I know he knows that and we who work with him know that. He makes a mean chocolate cake with his grandchildren and is a great pie maker. So, Dale, get better. It's in you to fight hard. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: The House Republican Caucus would like to extend our prayers to Representative Denno and it's at these times when we realize the partisanship that often takes over this building does not matter when it comes to one's personal life and that at the end, we're all individual human beings and, again, we wish him our best prayers.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Yarmouth, Representative Cooper.

Representative **COOPER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Dale and I sat next to each other during caucus and we became fast friends through the many mornings that we shared jokes, shared information, shared tips and so forth. He used to tell me that I was his mentor since I was a few legislatures ahead of him. But, in truth, he was my mentor. He was an amazingly knowledgeable person. I don't think most people who have served with him realized the depth of his service and the many fields in which he had become a great expert. And he brought that expertise to bear in everything he did, whether it was baking cakes or serving his district or working long hours at Health and Human Services. He was dead serious about his commitment but he was not dead serious. He was a lot of fun. He is a lot of fun. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gray, Representative Austin.

Representative **AUSTIN**: Madam Speaker, thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Representative Denno did represent a portion of my hometown of Gray so I'd like to think that we worked on issues together around some of the things that the Town of Gray was really trying to put forward for economic development. I thank him for that and I thank Dale also for being -- he's on one of the committees that I serve on, sits right by me, and I really have to give him a tremendous amount of credit for being there, being present, being engaged. I often felt that it was -- I'm sure it was a trying time and he really did a good job being there and representing not only our small piece of Gray but also the Town of Cumberland. So, on behalf of my community, I want to thank him for his input and his oversight and certainly wish him well and comfort in the days ahead. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **JORGENSEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to add my voice, too, and just say that I believe that few people in this building are as smart, thoughtful, careful, and seriously funny as Dale and I want to wish him all the best. I miss his wisdom here, I miss his sense of public service, and I'm really sorry he's no longer sitting among us. So, wishing him the best.

Subsequently, the Communication was **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 130)

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 25, 2019
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 12, MRSA, Chapter 419, §4652, we are pleased to appoint Senator David Miramant of Knox County to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Furthermore, we are appointing Representative Jay McCreight of Harpswell as a permanent proxy member of the commission, who may also attend meetings of the commission. Additionally, Representative McCreight may vote in the event of Senator Miramant's absence.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,
S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 131)

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

March 28, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Rykerson of Kittery, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 843 An Act To Clarify Parental Consent Regarding the Release of Student Information

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

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 132)

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

March 28, 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:"

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
L.D. 889 An Act To Require the Labeling of Foods Made with Nanotechnology

Criminal Justice and Public Safety
L.D. 332 An Act To Remove the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sex Crimes

Taxation
L.D. 107 An Act To Lower the Maine Individual Income Tax Incrementally to Zero

L.D. 725 An Act To Provide an Income Tax Credit To Encourage Small Business Hiring

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Bail Code"

(H.P. 1034) (L.D. 1421)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MAREAN of Hollis, PIERCE of Falmouth, TIPPING of Orono, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act Regarding Conditions in Correctional Facilities for Female Prisoners"

(H.P. 1035) (L.D. 1422)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MORALES of South Portland, O'CONNOR of Berwick.

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 Maintain the Integrity of the Department of Education by Prohibiting Its Promotion of Policies and Practices That Are Not Based on Rigorous Peer Review and Analysis, Limiting Acceptance of Private Funding in Implementing and Influencing State Policy and Retaining the Home Rule Powers to School Administrative Units"

(H.P. 1038) (L.D. 1425)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred. Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: FECTEAU of Augusta, HAGGAN of Hampden, HANDY of Lewiston, O'CONNOR of Berwick, ORDWAY of Standish, PICKETT of Dixfield, STEARNS of Guilford, TUELL of East Machias.

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.

Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs
(EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1041) (L.D. 1431)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland and
Representatives: FAY of Raymond, GRAMLICH of Old
Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, KESCHL of
Belgrade, RECKITT of South Portland, TUCKER of Brunswick,
Senator: FOLEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Environment and Public Health
by Further Reducing Toxic Chemicals in Packaging"

(H.P. 1043) (L.D. 1433)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Senator FOLEY of York and Representatives:
INGWERSEN of Arundel, SHEATS of Auburn, SKOLFIELD of
Weld, STEARNS of Guilford, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators:
MILLETT of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand Access to Head Start To Assist
Opioid-affected and Other At-risk Families"

(H.P. 1030) (L.D. 1417)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, FECTEAU of
Biddeford, HICKMAN of Winthrop, RECKITT of South Portland,
STOVER of Boothbay, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators:
CLAXTON of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act To Address Maine's Shortage of Behavioral
Health Services for Minors"

(H.P. 1031) (L.D. 1418)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DAUGHTRY
of Brunswick, GATTINE of Westbrook, McDONALD of
Stonington, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of South Portland,
TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: CLAXTON of
Androscoggin.

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 Certified Registered Nurse
Anesthetists To Bill for Their Services"

(H.P. 1044) (L.D. 1434)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representative: MEYER of Eliot.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Corporate Transparency When
Taxpayer Funding Is Provided"

(H.P. 1036) (L.D. 1423)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.

Bill "An Act To Increase Protections for Land Installment
Contracts"

(H.P. 1039) (L.D. 1426)

Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DOUDERA of
Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, KESSLER of South
Portland, MORALES of South Portland, PEBWORTH of Blue
Hill, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WHITE of Waterville.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Commercial Production of
Shellfish by Allowing Municipalities To Establish Active
Municipal Shellfish Management Areas"

(H.P. 1032) (L.D. 1419)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Current
Status and Future Sustainability of Aquaculture in the State
(EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1033) (L.D. 1420)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DAUGHTRY
of Brunswick, HEPLER of Woolwich, HICKMAN of Winthrop,
McDONALD of Stonington, RECKITT of South Portland,
TUELL of East Machias, Senator: DOW of Lincoln.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax
Credit"

(H.P. 1037) (L.D. 1424)

Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor,
HEPLER of Woolwich, STEWART of Presque Isle, Senator:
CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Create Tax Equity among Renewable
Energy Investments"

(H.P. 1040) (L.D. 1430)

Sponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of
Auburn, TUCKER of Brunswick, Senators: BLACK of Franklin,
CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation To Study Transportation Funding Reform (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1045) (L.D. 1435)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Adult Use Marijuana Laws"

(H.P. 1042) (L.D. 1432)

Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 20)

ORDERED, that Representative Barbara A. Cardone of Bangor be excused March 19 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Janice E. Cooper of Yarmouth be excused March 19 for personal reasons and March 21 for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Andrew J. McLean of Gorham be excused March 19 and 21 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Shelley Rudnicki of Fairfield be excused March 7 and 12 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Stephen S. Stanley of Medway be excused March 21 for personal reasons.

READ and **PASSED**.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the Hermon High School varsity cheerleaders, who won the 2019 Class B State Championship, their third consecutive championship and the program's eighth in the last nine years. Members of the squad include Alanna Berube, Jasmine Boulter, Brooklyn Brown, Ella Campbell, Kalley Curry, Cali Cyr, Mercedes Davis, Madison Despault, Hailey Gogan, Maddy Higgins, Kristen Lusignan, Hannah Morin, Olivia Nash, Riley Perry, Alexis Raymond, Caitlin Whitehouse and Torria Wittmer; assistant coach Christina Paradis; and coach Kristie Reed. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 160)

Presented by Representative REED of Carmel.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot, Senator GUERIN of Penobscot, Representative GRIFFIN of Levant.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative REED of Carmel, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

Representative **REED**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We welcome once again for the third consecutive year the State Class B Champions, the Hermon High School Cheerleaders.

They had a near-perfect performance at the state competition this year. This is also their eighth state championship in the last nine years. Thankfully, I have been here for more than half of those. When they were here last year, I said then that they were a very young team. Well, guess what? They are still a very young team and following on the heels of this year's team is a junior high squad which one every competition that they entered this year. So, the future looms great for the Hermon Hawks.

The secret to winning championships year after year is the strong commitment to excellence and a dedication to a long-term course of action. It requires athletes who work hard, are good team players, and are able to take constructive criticism gracefully. It takes a coaching staff who are excellent teachers and good communicators and who have a passion for the sport they are coaching. This is what this team has in the two coaches who have headed up this program for the past nine years. Kristie Reed and Christina Paradis have been exemplary role models for their teams. They have been consistent in their expectations by setting the bar high each year, while instilling the belief and confidence in their squad's ability to achieve those high expectations.

Congratulations to the coaches, the captains, and all the team members for another great year. Thank you for joining us in the House this morning and thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

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

Recognizing:

the Winthrop High School Boys Basketball Team, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 164)

Presented by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Hickman.

Representative **HICKMAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I rise as a proud parent; well, sort of. I adopt my children. It was the Winthrop boys basketball team's second state championship game appearance in three years and the way it ended was so different than how the previous two had; in 2017 with a loss to George Stevens in the same game, in the same building, and in 2018 with the loss to Hall-Dale in the C South final.

In order to be successful, you have to fail, said Coach Todd MacArthur, and we have failed. But we've failed before and the best thing about this group of men is that they kept those battle scars in their mind and they used it as motivation. The objective was set, but that wasn't enough. The Ramblers had the drive to win but they also needed a blueprint. We all wanted a gold ball, MacArthur continued, that was the goal.

But everyone has goals. If you don't have a plan, then they're meaningless, and we talked about how we were going to achieve it, and achieve it, they did, Madam Speaker. They got the ending they wanted. They got the gold ball.

In the championship game, Cam Wood scored 16 points, Cam Hachey added 12, and the Ramblers won the Class C championship, defeating Houlton 61-49 Saturday night, March the 2nd, at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. Sam Figueroa added nine points and Jared McLaughlin had seven for the Ramblers (21-1), who led 38-36 after three quarters and then got two big 3-pointers from Nate LeBlanc and one from Hachey to extend their lead. It was the 15th consecutive win for Coach Todd MacArthur's Ramblers, who claimed the program's fifth state championship.

Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House, please join me in congratulating captains Jevin Smith, Jackson Ladd, and Cam Wood, team members Gavin Perkins, Gavin Brill, Bradley Bourne, Cameron Hachey, Ryan Baird, Andrew Frost, Sam Lattin, Beau Brooks, Nate Leblanc, Sam Figueroa, Jared McLaughlin, Hanna Caprara, Rowan Goebel-Bain head coach Todd MacArthur, and coaches John Baehr and Lonny Steeves on their well-deserved championship victory. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Recognizing:

Betsy Parsons, of South Portland, who retired after teaching in Portland public schools for 30 years. Ms. Parsons has been a leader in supporting the education of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, helping to found in 1996 the southern Maine chapter of the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network in order to make schools safe for students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 165)

Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland. Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland, Representative RECKITT of South Portland, Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MORALES of South Portland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay Harbor, Representative Stover.

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

The **SPEAKER:** The Representative from Boothbay has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Seeing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **STOVER:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Men and Women of the House, I am pleased today to honor the Boothbay Region High School Seahawks, the girls basketball team, who received -- who were the Class C regional champions this year in an undefeated season that also brought home that gold ball to our high school after 35 years. We're very proud of them, with their coach, Brian Blethen. I recognize Haley Abbott, Abigail Little, Journey

Bennett, Emilie Crocker, Glory Blethen, Ashley Abbott, Josey Smith, Madison Faulkingham, Alexis Davison, Madison Barter, Faith Blethen, Chloe Arsenault, Jaelyn Crocker, Kylie Brown, Sydney Welch, and Emma Brewer. Thank you.

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 Freedom of Access Training for Public Officials"

(H.P. 1029) (L.D. 1416)

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.

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

Change of Committee

Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, To Extend the Down East Sunrise Trail from Ayers Junction to Calais

(S.P. 282) (L.D. 992)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve and accompanying papers were **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)** on Bill "An Act To Secure the Future of the Frances Perkins Homestead"

(S.P. 58) (L.D. 246)

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFIELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senator:
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:
DRINKWATER of Milford
FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

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-15)**.

READ.

Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor 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**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Alfred, Representative Sampson.

Representative **SAMPSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to share a brief overview about the Frances Perkins Homestead.

There were two sisters who inherited their grandmother's farm in 1927. One of the sisters became politically famous. Her name is Frances Perkins. The other, Ethel, was apparently not interested.

Frances Perkins was born in Boston and raised in Massachusetts. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1902. When she could, she would travel to Maine to vacation and visit her grandmother during the months of August, sometimes going into September. That is the extent of her Maine involvement. She never lived here. This bill requests that state funds of \$250,000 would be used to help with the purchase of this property. It's also asking that it be managed by the Historic Preservation Commission, which does not deal with real estate. They never purchase real estate.

For starters, this homestead was never the childhood home of Frances Perkins. She has never been a Maine resident. Why are we considering using state funds to perpetuate a myth? I ask that you please vote Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 25

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carney, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Denk, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau R, Foley, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Landry, Madigan C, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Morales, Nadeau, O'Neil, Pebworth, Peoples, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce T, Pluecker, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Rykerson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Stanley, Stover, Sylvester, Talbot Ross,

Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Verow, White B, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin S, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Corey, Curtis, DeVeau, Dillingham, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Faulkingham, Fecteau J, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Higgins, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kessler, Kinney, Kryzak, Lockman, Lyford, Marean, Martin T, Mason, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Pickett, Prescott, Reed, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, White D.

ABSENT - Cloutier, Costain, Daughtry, Devin, Doore, Moonen, Perkins, Roberts-Lovell, Stetkis, Warren.

Yes, 83; No, 56; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 56 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)** 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-15)** in concurrence.

Nine Members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** report in Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Provide Campground Owners Immunity from Liability for the Inherent Risks of Camping"

(S.P. 153) (L.D. 488)

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook
BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

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

Three Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-18)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

CURTIS of Madison
DeVEAU of Caribou
HAGGAN of Hampden

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

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

On motion of Representative BAILEY of Saco, Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Signed:
Representative:
ACKLEY of Monmouth

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Unanticipated State Aid for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education"

(H.P. 199) (L.D. 236)

Signed:
Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
DRINKWATER of Milford
FARNSWORTH of Portland
FECTEAU of Augusta
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed:
Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Residency Requirements for Legislative Candidates" (H.P. 81) (L.D. 95)

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-40)** on same Bill.

READ.

Representative SCHNECK of Bangor moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

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

Representative **HIGGINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I appreciate the opportunity to have a few moments here to talk about this particular bill.

This bill is about clarifying residency requirements for candidates and elected officials here --

The SPEAKER: The Representative will defer. A reminder to Members of the House to please take your conversations outside. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **HIGGINS**: I'm reminded that 200 years ago one of my natives who grew up in Charleston, Daniel Wilkins, went to the Convention of the Maine State Constitution and I would guess that the issue of residency was a pretty simple issue at that time. The general intent of the Constitution is that one would reside in the -- maintain residency in the district in which they represent.

This bill talks about ensuring that one lived and represented where they maintained a primary residence. I want to give you an example using my own situation. I live in Piscataquis County and I have two homes there. I'm not sure why, but I do have two homes there. And they're in two legislative districts. So in District 120, which I represent, I also maintain a homestead exemption and when you file a homestead exemption, you have to indicate on the form it's your primary residence. I think most people would understand that primary residence is where you live and you can define it any way you want. I also have a home in District 119. And here's the situation; I could very easily, according to the findings that the testimony on this particular bill with the Secretary of State's office, I could very easily change my voting residence to 119 and still maintain my homestead exemption, which is where I've declared my primary residence, in a different district.

I think that voters expect those who are candidates and those of us are here, we would actually maintain a primary residence in the district in which we live. I ask for your -- I ask that today you do not support the pending motion. I think it's important that we maintain transparency and maintain the integrity of our institution. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 26

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Austin B, Austin S, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Bradstreet, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Campbell, Cardone, Carney, Cebra, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Curtis, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doudera, Drinkwater, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Faulkingham, Fay, Fecteau

J, Fecteau R, Foley, Gattine, Gramlich, Griffin, Grignon, Grohoski, Haggan, Hall, Handy, Hanington, Hanley, Harnett, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Hickman, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Javner, Jorgensen, Keschl, Kinney, Kornfield, Landry, Lockman, Lyford, Madigan C, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Mastraccio, Matlack, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Morris, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Pebworth, Peoples, Perry A, Perry J, Pickett, Pierce T, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Rykerson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Skolfield, Stanley, Stewart, Stover, Strom, Swallow, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Verow, White B, White D, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Ackley, Corey, DeVeau, Evangelos, Foster, Higgins, Hutchins, Johansen, Kessler, Kryzak, Marean, Maxmin, McCreia, Nadeau, Pluecker, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stearns, Sylvester, Wadsworth.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Cloutier, Costain, Daughtry, Denk, Devin, Doore, Moonen, Perkins, Roberts-Lovell, Stetkis, Warren.

Yes, 116; No, 21; Absent, 12; Excused, 0.

116 having voted in the affirmative and 21 voted in the negative, with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each State Senatorial District

(H.P. 283) (L.D. 374)

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-41)** on same RESOLUTION.

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
DOLLOFF of Rumford
STROM of Pittsfield

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-42) on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting

(H.P. 447) (L.D. 619)

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:

SCHNECK of Bangor
ACKLEY of Monmouth
COOPER of Yarmouth
HICKMAN of Winthrop
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
McCREIGHT of Harpswell

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

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
DOLLOFF of Rumford
HANINGTON of Lincoln
STROM of Pittsfield

READ.

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

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Schneck.

Representative **SCHNECK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise in support of the pending motion.

True early voting, where the voter actually completes a ballot and puts it into the ballot box or tabulating machine on the day that they vote early, is an excellent method of reducing the backlog town and city clerks face caused by an ever-growing use of absentee and in-person absentee voting. As a matter of convenience, after the long waits to vote in this last election, I can only imagine that large numbers of voters will be considering participating by absentee or in-person absentee voting next time. In Bangor, for instance, on election day massive lines of voters four across circled the floor of the Cross Center. Many stood in line for more than an hour waiting to vote. This was a serious problem for many elderly and disabled voters.

The high volume of absentee voting is one of the biggest issues facing our local election officials. The numbers of absentee voters are growing in ever-increasing numbers each cycle, in some municipalities as many as 60% of ballots cast. Without early voting, these numbers are sure to rise.

Handling absentee, in-person absentee ballots is time-consuming, inefficient, and expensive. First, the clerk must enter the absentee ballot information into the central voter registration system so that the voter is designated as having voted by absentee ballot. According to the Secretary of State's office, final processing of absentee ballots requires at least two election officials to review the envelopes one by one and takes the following steps for each voter. They have to check the notes of the clerk to be sure that the ballot is okay to cast, they

have to check the name of the voter on the absentee voter list and/or the incoming voter list, they slice open the envelope, remove the ballots, and they have to keep them folded. Then they have to separate the state ballot from local ballots and place the folded ballots into a holding bin until there are enough ballots to provide anonymity for the voters. Then they take a batch of folded ballots to the tabulator, unfold them, and insert them one by one into the tabulator. Hand-counted ballots, on the other hand, are placed one by one into the opening of the ballot box.

In November of 2009, the Secretary of State's office ran an early voting pilot program in nine communities. At the time, it was hailed as a complete success. Nearly 13,000 citizens participated. Ninety-three percent of these voters completed a survey. Of this group, 98% said they would like to have early voting in future elections. The League of Women Voters puts it this way; early voting reduces congestion on election day, it helps eliminate long lines at the polls, it reduces pressure on election officials, it provides an important convenience to many voters, and it contributes to a more secure and orderly process for the conduct of elections.

True early voting will save towns and cities time and money. It's time to offer this constitutional amendment to the voters of our state to improve this process for the good of all. I hope you will agree with me that it's the right thing to do. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **STROM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in opposition to the pending motion, basically because we already have in-person absentee voting for a month before the election as it is now, and by early voting the only difference is how you physically cast your ballot when you go into your town office or wherever it is you're voting. But the one difference there will be will be the cost that this will put on our local municipalities as they will have to hire poll workers and others for however long the early voting lasts. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to pose a question through the Chair, please.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you. The previous speaker, chair of the committee, actually spoke to the process and value of what is being proposed going out for a vote. I just would like clarification that this is actually just hearing it from, from looking at the summary, it says that this is about proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to allow the legislature to then authorize a process by which municipalities may conduct early voting. So, this is actually asking for the amendment to the Constitution and not so much -- there's no definition about what would be included in that process. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Oxford has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who is able to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Strom.

Representative **STROM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. That is correct; this is just changing the Constitution so the

Legislature could come back in the future and then submit legislation for early voting.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 27

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Carney, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Denk, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau R, Foley, 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, Morales, Nadeau, O'Neil, Pebworth, Peoples, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce T, Pluecker, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Rykerson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Stanley, 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, Curtis, DeVeau, Dillingham, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Faulkingham, Fecteau J, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Higgins, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Lockman, Lyford, Marean, Martin T, Mason, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Pickett, Prescott, Reed, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, White D.

ABSENT - Cloutier, Costain, Daughtry, Doore, Moonen, Perkins, Roberts-Lovell, Stetkis.

Yes, 85; No, 55; Absent, 8; Excused, 1.

85 having voted in the affirmative and 55 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolution was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-42)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules, the Resolution was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-42)** 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:

(H.P. 207) (L.D. 283) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 129) (L.D. 147) Bill "An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43)**

(H.P. 192) (L.D. 229) Bill "An Act To Increase the Safety of Home Buyers Concerning Chimney Inspections" Committee

on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-44)**

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

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

(H.P. 180) (L.D. 217) Bill "An Act To Aid Certain Veterans' Organizations" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)**

On motion of Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Unanimous Committee Report was **READ**.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Permit a Veterans Organization To Lease Its Facility to an Organization That Is Registered To Operate Beano or Bingo Games without Obtaining a Commercial Beano Hall Permit

(H.P. 113) (L.D. 131)
(C. "A" H-16)

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. 129 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Resolve Tie Votes by the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee

(H.P. 377) (L.D. 520)
(C. "A" H-27)

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. 126 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Require Notification of Proposed Rate Increases for Long-term Care Policies

(H.P. 6) (L.D. 5)
(C. "A" H-25)

An Act To Improve the Record Keeping of Utilities and the Public Utilities Commission

(S.P. 21) (L.D. 68)
(C. "A" S-12)

An Act To Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs

(S.P. 23) (L.D. 70)
(C. "A" S-10)

An Act To Protect Earned Pay

(S.P. 28) (L.D. 75)
(C. "A" S-11)

An Act To Amend Educator Evaluation Requirements

(H.P. 78) (L.D. 92)
(C. "A" H-18)

An Act To Require an Annual Report on the Activities of the Maine Child Welfare Advisory Panel

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 192)
(C. "A" H-21)

An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Federally Mandated Major Substantive Rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act

(H.P. 209) (L.D. 285)

An Act Regarding Responsibility for the Duplicative or Incorrect Payment of Health Insurance Claims

(H.P. 215) (L.D. 291)
(C. "A" H-17)

An Act To Exempt School Buses from Snow Tire Restrictions

(H.P. 276) (L.D. 350)
(C. "A" H-24)

An Act To Require the State To Fund Teacher Retirement

(H.P. 336) (L.D. 427)
(C. "A" H-20)

An Act To Reduce Childhood Exposure to Harmful Ultraviolet Radiation by Allowing Students To Use Sunscreen in Schools

(S.P. 119) (L.D. 441)
(C. "A" S-14)

An Act To Strengthen the Qualifications for County Sheriffs

(S.P. 134) (L.D. 456)
(C. "A" S-13)

An Act Regarding the Use of Interchangeable Biological Products

(H.P. 480) (L.D. 659)

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Town of Madison's Department of Electric Works

(S.P. 207) (L.D. 694)

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

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 438)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 10:00 in the Morning.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Fund 50 Percent of Public Preschool Programs"

(S.P. 440) (L.D. 1428)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Fund Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment"

(S.P. 441) (L.D. 1429)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Legislative Expense Reimbursement"

(S.P. 439) (L.D. 1427)

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

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

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

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the House adjourned at 11:24 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2019, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 438).