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### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Resolve, to Clarify the Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities

(H.P. 347) (L.D. 437)

(C. "A" H-633)

TABLED - June 4, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.

### PENDING - FINAL PASSAGE.

Representative ETNIER of Harpswell moved that the Resolve and all accompanying papers be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harpswell, Representative Etnier.

Representative **ETNIER**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The purpose of moving Indefinite Postponement is because the crux of this bill was included in the Part I Budget and is no longer needed. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Resolve and all accompanying papers were INDEFINITELY POSTPONED and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Adjust the Cap on Direct-care Staff Costs for Residential Care Facilities

(H.P. 853) (L.D. 1125) (C. "A" H-622)

TABLED - June 4, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.

### PENDING - FINAL PASSAGE.

Subsequently, the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

An Act to Amend the Maine Health Data Organization Laws (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 395) (L.D. 1310)

(H. "A" H-643 to C. "A" S-290)

TABLED – June 4, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.

### PENDING - PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED.

On motion of Representative FULLER of Manchester, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House RECONSIDERED its action whereby the Bill was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were SUSPENDED for the purpose of FURTHER RECONSIDERATION.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House RECONSIDERED its action whereby Committee Amendment "A" (S-290) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-643) thereto was ADOPTED.

The same Representative presented **House Amendment** "C" (H-685) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-290) which was READ by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Manchester, Representative Fuller.

Representative **FULLER**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This amendment just simply removes the emergency clause. Thank you.

House Amendment "C" (H-685) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-290) was ADOPTED.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-290) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-643) and House Amendment "C" (H-685) thereto was ADOPTED.

The Bill was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-290) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-643) and House Amendment "C" (H-685) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE and sent for concurrence.

JOINT ORDER - Relative to Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting out a bill

(S.P. 54)

- In Senate, READ and PASSED.

TABLED – January 23, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.

PENDING - PASSAGE in concurrence.

Subsequently, the Joint Order was **PASSED** in concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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:

# PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act Providing Funding for the Office of the State Fire Marshall and to Increase Certain Fire Inspection Fees" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1368) (L.D. 1825)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PEAVEY of Woolwich, Senator: O'GARA of Cumberland.

Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE suggested.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its FIRST READING WITHOUT REFERENCE to a committee.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Povich.

Representative **POVICH**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This bill may look awfully familiar to you and it should be, because we debated it once or twice and we passed it on to the other body. It was signed into law by the Chief Executive and oops, the good Representative from Kennebunk noticed a fatal flaw to this bill. It was a bill of a financial nature, which had been introduced by the other body, which is expressly prohibited by our Constitution of the State of Maine. What we have done is to reintroduce this with a good and hearty sponsorship from this body and nothing else has changed in this bill. I wish that this body would give it the same approval that it did last time. Thank you.