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Bob, you are truly an inspiration to all. Thank you very much. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rumford, Representative Peterson.

Representative **PETERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I won't make any bones about it, Bob McPhee is a legend in the river valley community that I call home. He is a living, breathing embodiment of the tireless work ethic that is our way of life in western Maine. He is a staple on the high school sport's scene, where he can be found on any given day at the football field, on the wrestling mat or on the baseball diamond, depending on the season, reporting diligently for the *Sun Journal* and *Rumford Falls Times*.

Growing up in the Rumford, Mexico, Dixfield area, you learned from a young age by watching Bob McPhee. We were all obligated to make our way through the world, despite the curveballs life throws at us, in the most responsible, resourceful manner possible. That's what Bob has always done, and he has inspired and galvanized a countless number of us in the process. Congratulations, my friend.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Enact a 5-point Welfare Reform Program"

(H.P. 200) (L.D. 254)

Signed:

Senators:

BRANNIGAN of Cumberland  
MARRACHÉ of Kennebec

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais  
PETERSON of Rumford  
JONES of Mount Vernon  
SANBORN of Gorham  
CAMPBELL of Newfield  
STUCKEY of Portland  
EVES of North Berwick

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-513)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:

JOY of Crystal  
LEWIN of Eliot  
STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland

Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

**READ.**

Representative PERRY of Calais moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative TARDY of Newport **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: 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. 177**

YEA - Adams, Beaudette, Beaudoin, Berry, Blanchard, Blodgett, Boland, Briggs, Bryant, Butterfield, Cain, Campbell, Carey, Casavant, Clark H, Cleary, Cohen, Connor, Crockett P, Dill, Dostie, Driscoll, Duchesne, Eaton, Eberle, Eves, Finch, Flaherty, Flemings, Gilbert, Goode, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Hill, Hinck, Hogan, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Jones, Kruger, Lajoie, Legg, Lovejoy, MacDonald, Magnan, Martin JR, Martin JL, Mazurek, McCabe, Miller, Nelson, O'Brien, Pendleton, Peoples, Percy, Perry, Peterson, Pieh, Pilon, Piotti, Pratt, Priest, Rankin, Rotundo, Sanborn, Schatz, Sirois, Smith, Stevens, Stuckey, Sutherland, Theriault, Treat, Trinward, Valentino, Van Wie, Wagner J, Wagner R, Watson, Webster, Welsh, Wheeler, Wright, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Ayotte, Beaulieu, Beck, Bickford, Browne W, Burns, Cebra, Celli, Chase, Clark T, Cornell du Houx, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett J, Curtis, Davis, Edgecomb, Fitts, Fletcher, Flood, Fossel, Gifford, Giles, Greeley, Hamper, Hanley, Harvell, Johnson, Joy, Kaenrath, Kent, Knapp, Knight, Langley, McFadden, McKane, McLeod, Millett, Nass, Nutting, Pinkham, Plummer, Prescott, Richardson D, Richardson W, Robinson, Rosen, Sarty, Saviello, Shaw, Strang Burgess, Sykes, Tardy, Thibodeau, Thomas, Tilton, Weaver, Willette.

ABSENT - Bolduc, Cushing, Lewin, Morrison, Russell, Tuttle. Yes, 85; No, 60; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

85 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow a Resort Casino in Oxford County"

(H.P. 933) (L.D. 1329)

Signed:

Senators:

SULLIVAN of York  
GOODALL of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

CORNELL du HOUS of Brunswick  
VALENTINO of Saco  
TRINWARD of Waterville  
TUTTLE of Sanford  
CAREY of Lewiston  
RUSSELL of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-511)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

PLOWMAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BEAULIEU of Auburn  
PINKHAM of Lexington Township  
FITTS of Pittsfield  
NASS of Acton

**READ.**

Representative TRINWARD of Waterville moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Trinward.

Representative **TRINWARD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I just wanted to report to everyone that we did, in Legal and Vets, pass out a resolve that our committee will be looking at casinos and racinos next session. So we will be taking all of the information and issues that were dealt with in this bill and we will be continuing it next session, and we will be looking at these next session. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to speak in opposition to the pending motion and, in so doing, indicate in general terms the intent of the Minority Report. I appreciate the comments from the good Representative from Waterville, Representative Trinward. I watched the bill that came through here a week ago that does propose to do study. I think that is a positive sign that Maine is willing to take a look at casino operations in a broader light than simply a knee-jerk reaction that has been exercised in the past.

I cannot speak to the details of the Minority Report, but let me say it is not, if you might think it is, a clone of the bill that was voted on last November. It is a much improved, much revised version that targets on an approach that is clearly, openly competitive, has no connection to the circulation of the petition that led to the vote last November; it takes away any potential for persons underage voting or working or gambling; and it does an openly competitive award process.

One of the things I can talk about, I believe, is the fiscal note, and not withstanding Representative Trinward's comments about timing and looking at the report that will be available to us sometime in the winter, I want to stress that there is no better time than now to stimulate economic activity, both in my county and in western Maine and in the state as a whole. This proposal, with (H-511) as a fiscal note, could generate more than \$32 million to the State of Maine outside of and in addition to the economic benefits of construction activity which would occur in 2010. I've focused on economic development and transportation infrastructure with the money being budgeted, earmarked for statewide and regional activities, and I believe it is the right kind of stimulus that we desperately need, both regionally and statewide, at this time.

I do want to say that the approach is one in which for the first time we would actually be looking at income from this resort/casino being actually considered as part of an overall budgeting process, and not simply cascading in small amounts to programs that didn't require any justification for the spending. I really hope that you will give me an opportunity to talk more about the bill, reject the Majority Report at this time and give me an opportunity to explain the bill in more detail. Madam Speaker, when the vote is taken, I request a roll call.

Representative **MILLETT** of Waterford **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 Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. In 2007,

the other body and ours passed a bill favoring casinos in the State of Maine, and when it went to the second floor, it was vetoed. I want to say that for a state to have and promote gambling through lottery tickets and Megabucks and Powerball, and to say no to casinos, seems kind of hypocritical to me. Voters overwhelmingly approved a racino in Bangor, Hollywood Slots. We overwhelmingly submitted a bill in 2007 that passed this body and the other body. There is no reason why we shouldn't pass a bill again this year, and I urge you to vote no on the pending motion. 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. 178**

YEA - Adams, Beaudette, Beaudoin, Beck, Berry, Blodgett, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Butterfield, Cain, Carey, Casavant, Clark H, Cleary, Cohen, Connor, Cornell du Houx, Crafts, Crockett P, Davis, Dill, Dostie, Driscoll, Duchesne, Eberle, Eves, Finch, Flaherty, Flemings, Fossel, Goode, Hamper, Hanley, Harlow, Harvell, Haskell, Hayes, Hill, Hinck, Hogan, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Jones, Kaenrath, Kent, Knapp, Knight, Kruger, Lajoie, Lovejoy, Magnan, Martin JR, Martin JL, Mazurek, McFadden, McKane, Miller, Nelson, O'Brien, Pendleton, Peoples, Percy, Perry, Pilon, Piotti, Pratt, Priest, Rankin, Rotundo, Sanborn, Shaw, Smith, Stevens, Strang Burgess, Stuckey, Sutherland, Treat, Trinward, Valentino, Van Wie, Wagner J, Wagner R, Watson, Weaver, Webster, Welsh, Wheeler, Wright, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bickford, Blanchard, Browne W, Bryant, Burns, Campbell, Cebra, Celli, Chase, Clark T, Cotta, Cray, Curtis, Eaton, Edgecomb, Fitts, Fletcher, Flood, Gifford, Gilbert, Giles, Greeley, Johnson, Joy, Langley, Legg, MacDonald, McCabe, McLeod, Millett, Nass, Nutting, Peterson, Pieh, Pinkham, Plummer, Prescott, Richardson D, Richardson W, Robinson, Rosen, Sarty, Saviello, Schatz, Sirois, Sykes, Tardy, Theriault, Thibodeau, Thomas, Tilton, Willette.

ABSENT - Crockett J, Cushing, Lewin, Morrison, Russell, Tuttle.

Yes, 90; No, 55; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

90 having voted in the affirmative and 55 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Prevent and Treat Cancer in Maine by Implementing Critical Portions of the Comprehensive Cancer Program"

(H.P. 637) (L.D. 919)

Signed:

Senators:

PERRY of Penobscot  
BLISS of Cumberland  
NASS of York

Representatives:

WATSON of Bath  
BRYANT of Windham  
LANGLEY of Ellsworth  
FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor  
CROCKETT of Augusta