

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
16th Legislative Day
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Prayer by Pastor Bill Thomas, Birch Harbor Baptist Church.

National Anthem by Elizabeth, Elijah and Benjamin Thomas, Birch Harbor.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, February 27, 2020 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 762)

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WORKING IN MAINE'S LOBSTER INDUSTRY

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the Second Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as follows:

WHEREAS, the men and women who work in the Maine lobster industry are constantly at risk of injury and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the safety of these workers must be the primary concern of all government agencies that regulate the ocean; and

WHEREAS, the Maine lobster industry has made many changes to help protect the right whale; and

WHEREAS, no right whales have been killed by Maine lobster gear and deaths in 2019 were predominantly by ship strikes in Canadian waters or in one instance due to Canadian fishing gear entanglements; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has stated that right whales likely are not traveling in the waters in which Maine lobster fishing occurs; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to modify the existing Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will not save any right whales in Maine waters but will put the lives of workers in the Maine lobster industry at great risk; and

WHEREAS, the lobster industry is one of Maine's core traditional natural resource industries and has employed generations of Maine's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the lobster industry contributes \$1.5 billion to Maine's economy and entire communities depend upon the work that the lobster industry provides; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration take the lives of the men and women of the Maine lobster industry into account in the agency's decision making and understand that the agency's proposed changes to the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan will not save one right whale in Maine waters but will put many human lives in danger; 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, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to Dr. Neil Jacobs, acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 359)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**
February 27, 2020

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House of Representatives
129th Legislature
State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy Utilities and Technology from its review and evaluation of the Office of the Public Advocate under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Office of the Public Advocate is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Mark W. Lawrence

Senate Chair

S/Representative Seth A. Berry

House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 360)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

February 27, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

The Honorable Sarah Gideon

Speaker of the House of Representatives

129th Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary from its review and evaluation of the Office of the Attorney General under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Office of the Attorney General is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Mike Carpenter

Senate Chair

S/Representative Donna Bailey

House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 356)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

March 3, 2020

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:
on February 27, 2020

The Honorable William Schneider of Durham and Dennis Marble of Hampden for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title I MRSA §1002, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

on February 28, 2020

Thomas J. Zuke of Saco for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §1964-A, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Miles Unobsky Theeman of Bangor, Robert D. Somerville of Fort Lauderdale, FL and Captain Wendy L. Morrison of Dickinson, TX for reappointment to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Paul Mercer of Penobscot and Wayne Allen Norton of Gorham for appointment to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Ashley A. Porter of Cutler for appointment as Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

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

March 3, 2020
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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Pierce of Falmouth, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 720 An Act Regarding Maine's Adult Use Marijuana Law

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 358)
STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

March 3, 2020

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"

Labor and Housing

L.D. 1250 An Act To Prohibit Sexual Harassment as a Subject Matter of Mandatory Arbitration in Employment Contracts

L.D. 1976 An Act To Help Retain School Bus Drivers

L.D. 2015 An Act To Provide for Leave from Work for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking

Transportation

L.D. 1034 An Act To Provide Revenue To Fix and Rebuild Maine's Transportation Infrastructure
L.D. 1987 Resolve, To Exempt Truck Drivers Transporting Live Lobsters from Certain Hours-of-service Restrictions

Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 1432 An Act To Improve the Adult Use Marijuana Laws

L.D. 1444 An Act To Make the Distance to Schools for Marijuana Establishments Consistent with the Liquor Laws

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 357)
STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

The Following Communication: (S.C. 964)

**THE MAINE SENATE
129TH LEGISLATURE**

February 27, 2020
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Gideon:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 129th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, Anna Perna of Holden for reappointment to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Support Farmland Preservation by Allowing the Siting of Solar Energy Installations on Land Enrolled in the Farm and Open Space Tax Law Program"

(H.P. 1517) (L.D. 2127)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, HICKMAN of Winthrop, PIERCE of Falmouth, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

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

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Representative HICKMAN for the **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 348: On Farm Raising, Slaughter and Processing of Less Than 1,000 Ready-to-Cook Whole Poultry Carcasses, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1518) (L.D. 2128)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Office of the Treasurer of State

Representative MARTIN for the **Office of the Treasurer of State** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 104: Certain Payments Not Immediate, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Office of the Treasurer of State (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1521) (L.D. 2132)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Caden Frost, of Standish, a sophomore at Bonny Eagle High School and a member of the wrestling team, who won the Class A State Championship in the 106-pound Weight Class for 2020 and finished second in the Class A finals in 2019 as a freshman. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 869)

Presented by Representative MAREAN of Hollis.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative BLIER of Buxton, Representative ORDWAY of Standish.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MAREAN of Hollis, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

Colby Frost, of Standish, a junior at Bonny Eagle High School and a member of the wrestling team, who won the Class A State Championship in the 126-pound Weight Class for 2020, won the Class A State Championship in 2019 and finished second in the State Finals as a freshman in 2018. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 870)

Presented by Representative MAREAN of Hollis.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative BLIER of Buxton, Representative ORDWAY of Standish.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MAREAN of Hollis, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hollis, Representative Marean.

Representative **MAREAN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm pleased to stand today on behalf of the House Delegation of

the Bonny Eagle High School to recognize the Frost family and the Bonny Eagle team of wrestlers.

The wrestlers here with us today all qualified and participated in the state finals in Sanford in February. Although they all didn't win state titles, they did participate and saw two of their teammates win state championships. The two state champs are both brothers and they have seen plenty of action on the mats and have earned respect from those across the State. But this is only half the story of the Frost brothers, for they number four; four brothers, and two of them are twins. The Frost boys, as they are known, have a reputation on the wrestling scene and a headline by their opponents when they're coming to town as a Frost warning when they're scheduled to meet the opposition. The boys have great support from their parents, who are also with us today, and parental support and guidance is one of the key ingredients to a team success.

Three of the Frost boys are wrestlers and one is an assistant coach and who was also a wrestler when he was in high school. The four Frost brothers, starting with the oldest, are Caleb, the assistant coach, then Colby, a junior, and then the twins, Caden and Cam, both sophomores. Our state champs today are Caden and Colby. Caden's wrestling stats are 76 wins, six losses. He finished second in the State last year as a freshman and went on this year as a sophomore in the 106-pound weight class to win a state Class A championship in his class. Colby's wrestling stats; 113 wins, nine losses. He finished second in the state as a freshman in 2018 and then in 2019 he won a state Class A championship as a sophomore in the 120-pound class and went on in 2020 to win another Class A title in 126-pound class as a junior. Colby got his 100th win this year at the Skowhegan Invitational, where the Bonny Eagle Scots team also won first place in that event.

Congratulations to Caden and Colby on your state titles. And I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate the coaches on their work for this team, Coach Josh Lund, Coach Greg Gonyea and Coach Caleb Frost. We're all very proud of you. And the latest update on the Frost boys is this past weekend they qualified to participate in the New England Finals coming up this weekend in Methuen, Massachusetts. Last weekend, Colby had a win, as did Caden, and Cam finished third. They will be going to Methuen, Massachusetts this weekend, so there is another Frost warning for this weekend. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Standish, Representative Ordway.

Representative **ORDWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, my Colleagues in the House. I just want to rise and add my congratulations to the Frost brothers. And I know it seems like we say Bonny Eagle a lot here between the Good Representative from Buxton and Hollis and myself; get used to it.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Refer to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Pursuant to Joint Order

Representative HICKMAN for the **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry** on Bill "An Act Relating To Food, Food Additives or Food Products

Containing Hemp or Cannabidiol Derived from Hemp" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1519) (L.D. 2129)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** pursuant to Joint Order 2020, H.P. 1502.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Sent for concurrence.

Refer to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Pursuant to Resolve

Representative NADEAU for the **Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** on Bill "An Act To Fund Maine's Recreational Trails"

(H.P. 1520) (L.D. 2130)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 35, section 1.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

Sent for concurrence.

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

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

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate Direct Retail Competition for the Supply of Electricity to Residential Consumers"

(S.P. 664) (L.D. 1917)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
MIRAMANT of Knox
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CAIAZZO of Scarborough
DOUDERA of Camden
FOSTER of Dexter
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
HANLEY of Pittston
RILEY of Jay
RYKERSON of Kittery

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-406)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

KESSLER of South Portland

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

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regulating Employee Benefit Excess Insurance"

(S.P. 185) (L.D. 598)

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN, H. of Cumberland
FOLEY of York
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
BLIER of Buxton
BRENNAN of Portland
FOLEY of Biddeford
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro
SWALLOW of Houlton

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-404)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BROOKS of Lewiston
MELARAGNO of Auburn

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

On motion of Representative TEPLER of Topsham, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-403)** on Bill "An Act To Update the Maine Insurance Code"

(S.P. 596) (L.D. 1764)

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN, H. of Cumberland
FOLEY of York
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
BLIER of Buxton
BRENNAN of Portland
BROOKS of Lewiston
FOLEY of Biddeford
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MELARAGNO of Auburn

PRESCOTT of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representatives:

MORRIS of Turner
SWALLOW of Houlton

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-403)**.

READ.

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

The same Representative **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**: 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. 350

YEA - Ackley, Alley, AustinB, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Campbell, Cardone, Cebra, Cloutier, Cooper, Corey, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Curtis, Daughtry, Denk, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, FecteauJ, FecteauR, Foley, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, Landry, MadiganC, MartinJ, MartinR, MartinT, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Moonen, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, Ordway, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, PierceT, Pluecker, Prescott, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Rykerson, Schneck, Sheats, Skolfield, Stanley, Stewart, Stover, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Wadsworth, Warren, WhiteB, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, AustinS, Bradstreet, DeVeau, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Faulkingham, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Lockman, Lyford, Mason, Morris, O'Connor, Perkins, Pickett, Reed, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stetkis, Strom, Swallow, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Carney, Collings, Costain, Dillingham, Haggan, Harrington, Marean, McDonald, O'Neil, Roberts, Sharpe, Stearns.

Yes, 101; No, 35; Absent, 12; Excused, 1.

101 having voted in the affirmative and 35 voted in the negative, with 12 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-403)** 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-403)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-401)** on Bill "An Act To Facilitate Dental Treatment for Children"

(S.P. 677) (L.D. 1975)

Signed:
Senators:

SANBORN, H. of Cumberland
FOLEY of York
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
BLIER of Buxton
BRENNAN of Portland
BROOKS of Lewiston
FOLEY of Biddeford
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MELARAGNO of Auburn
PRESCOTT of Waterboro
SWALLOW of Houlton

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-402)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representative:

MORRIS of Turner

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-401)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-401)** 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-401)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-397)** on Bill "An Act To Improve the Reporting of Grassroots Lobbying"

(S.P. 640) (L.D. 1868)

Signed:
Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
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
STROM of Pittsfield

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

Signed:
Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

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-397)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-397)** 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-397)** in concurrence.

Seven Members of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-391)** on Bill "An Act To Define the Term 'Caucus Political Action Committee'"

(S.P. 654) (L.D. 1902)

Signed:
Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:

SCHNECK of Bangor
COOPER of Yarmouth
HANINGTON of Lincoln
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
McCREIGHT of Harpswell

Four Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
DOLLOFF of Rumford
STROM of Pittsfield

Two Members of the same Committee report in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-392)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

ACKLEY of Monmouth
HICKMAN of Winthrop

Came from the Senate with Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-391)**.

Representative SCHNECK moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth moved that the Bill and all accompanying papers be **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Representative MOONEN of Portland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **COMMIT** the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

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 Presque Isle, Representative Stewart.

Representative **STEWART**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Sorry, my light was on but I hit it late so I think it may have been overseen. Anyway, I request that members follow my light as I think we were referring to committee at this point to try to find some common ground on this three-way report. It would make more sense at this time. Thank you.

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

Representative **SCHNECK**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This change came to our committee at the very last minute, at the very end of the committee process, during language review. We were ready to move this bill down here. It makes a lot of serious changes to the bill. In my mind, Murphy's Law and the Law of Unintended Consequences also can happen here. This is not something that requires minimum legislative scrutiny; it requires normal legislative scrutiny. And to put these changes into a lightning round of committee work at this point in time is neglecting the major work that needs to be done on this amendment. I will ask you to follow my light and vote against this motion.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Tepler.

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, can you explain to me and the Chamber what will happen to this bill at this point if we recommit it? Does it go back to the Senate?

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair will answer in the affirmative, that if the House were to vote to recommit to this bill to committee, then we would be in nonconcurrency with the other body and that means it would be sent back to the other body for consideration of the same question. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Monmouth, Representative Ackley.

Representative **ACKLEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this bill, the suggestions made at the very end of the hearings on this bill were critiqued and it was pointed out that the major concern was some of the changes in this bill had not yet had a public hearing. The purpose for sending it back to the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee is simply to fulfill the wishes of those who are opposed or have concerns about the last-minute changes to this bill. So, we're simply following exactly what was requested so that this bill can be considered in its entirety.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harrison, Representative Riseman.

Representative **RISEMAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak in favor of referring this bill back to committee.

In my opinion, this bill does not sufficiently address our need to fully represent the needs of the entire constituency we serve. According to sources, there are 828,000 registered voters in Maine and of that number approximately 300,000, or over 35%, are unenrolled in a party. Three hundred thousand constituents we need to remember are there and want to participate. They include equal amounts of left- and right-leaning values as well as those who have for personal reasons not enrolled in an organized party. Unfortunately, these people feel the process purposely excludes them. We need to do more as government to encourage involvement by all, especially the unenrolled. The unenrolled, also known as independents, we need to encourage more involvement to create a stronger democracy, and it will be stronger. Let's ensure the process works for all by referring this bill back to a committee for further review. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Commit the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 351

YEA - Ackley, Andrews, Arata, AustinB, AustinS, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Bradstreet, Brooks, Cardone, Cebra, Cloutier, Crockett, Cuddy, Curtis, Daughtry, Dillingham, Dodge, Doudera, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, FecteauR, Foley, Gramlich, Griffin, Grohoski, Hall, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Higgins, Hutchins, Ingwersen, Javner, Johansen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kryzak, Landry, Lyford, MadiganC, Mason, Matlack, Maxmin, Meyer, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pickett, Pluecker, Prescott, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Rykerson, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stewart, Stover, Swallow, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Terry, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, Warren, WhiteB, Zeigler.

NAY - Alley, Babbidge, Babine, Blier, Blume, Brennan, Bryant, Caiazza, Campbell, Cooper, Corey, Craven, Denk, Dolloff, Doore, Dunphy, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gattine, Grignon, Hanington, Hanley, Head, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Keschl, Kinney, Kornfield, Lockman, Marean, MartinJ, MartinR, MartinT, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Millett, Moonen, Nadeau, Paulhus, Perkins, PierceT, Reed, Rudnicki, Schneck, Sheats, Stetkis, Strom, Tepler, Tipping, Tucker, WhiteD, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Carney, Collings, Costain, DeVeau, Haggan, Harrington, McDonald, O'Neil, Roberts, Sharpe, Stearns.
Yes, 80; No, 57; Absent, 11; Excused, 1.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 57 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-701)** on Bill "An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 141) (L.D. 178)

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

KORNFIELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
DRINKWATER of Milford
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Signed:

Representative:

RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-701)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-701)** 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. 205) (L.D. 689) Bill "An Act Regarding Temporary Signs Related to an Event That Are Placed in the Public Right-of-way" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-393)**

(S.P. 539) (L.D. 1662) Bill "An Act To Save Lives by Establishing the Low Barrier Opioid Treatment Response Program" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-398)**

(S.P. 604) (L.D. 1788) Bill "An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-395)**

(S.P. 638) (L.D. 1866) Bill "An Act To Increase the Automatic Draft Authority for Licensed Insurance Producers" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND**

FINANCIAL SERVICES reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-399)**

(S.P. 642) (L.D. 1870) Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-394)**

(S.P. 712) (L.D. 2022) Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Capital Improvements and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-396)**

(S.P. 715) (L.D. 2025) Bill "An Act To Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel To Provide Treatment within Their Scope of Practice in a Hospital Setting with the Permission of the Hospital" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-400)**

(S.P. 732) (L.D. 2062) Bill "An Act To Amend the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board Laws Regarding Registered Equipment" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-390)**

(H.P. 1463) (L.D. 2059) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Provision for Care of Infants after Birth" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 136) (L.D. 173) Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Development and Critical Communications for Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investment in High-speed Internet" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-698)**

(H.P. 1360) (L.D. 1906) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Composition of the Shellfish Advisory Council" Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-697)**

(H.P. 1401) (L.D. 1957) Bill "An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-704)**

(H.P. 1445) (L.D. 2035) Bill "An Act To Modify Teacher Certification Expiration Dates for Teachers Who Use Family Medical Leave" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-703)**

(H.P. 1450) (L.D. 2039) Bill "An Act To Provide for Judicial Review in Compliance with the Federal Legislation Known as the Family First Prevention Services Act" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-700)**

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

There being no objection, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **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.

(H.P. 1291) (L.D. 1813) Resolve, To Ensure Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-702)**

On motion of Representative LOCKMAN of Bradley, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was **READ**.

Representative LOCKMAN of Bradley **REQUESTED** a roll call on **ACCEPTANCE** of the **Unanimous 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 Bradley, Representative Lockman.

Representative **LOCKMAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the bill before us has a very appealing title; Resolve to Ensure Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments. Who could possibly be opposed to safe schools? But, as is often the case when a bill has a motherhood and apple pie title, the content of the bill may bear little or no resemblance to the appealing title. We should always pay close attention to the actual text.

This Resolve purports to be about ensuring safe learning environments for LGBTQ students and teachers. In fact, the very first whereas of the Resolve refers to concerns about the safety of LGBTQ students. But the so-called working group that would be convened is directed to make recommendations for hiring and recruiting practices that favor teachers who identify as LGBTQ, and nobody really knows what that means in practice since there is no definition of LGBTQ. Quoting now from the bill; for the purposes of this Resolve, LGBTQ includes, but is not limited to, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual, close-quote. The so-called working group mandated by the Resolve will be stacked in favor of such hiring preferences, with representatives of legal and advocacy organizations that support LGBTQ interests in addition to union bosses, lobbyists, and bureaucrats, as well as representatives of various and sundry stakeholder groups that feed off state government.

Given the makeup of the working group and the explicit directive in the Resolve before us, it's not hard to imagine what sort of legislation the working group will suggest when it reports back to the Education Committee. In any case, local school districts don't need any more heavy-handed mandates from Augusta. Teachers and administrators are responsible for making sure all students have a safe learning environment. If faculty and staff are unable or unwilling to fulfill this basic responsibility, they should be fired and replaced with people who will get the job done. I'm confident our local elected school boards, are up to the task. They don't need any more Augusta-based working groups telling them who to hire and, frankly, they're fed up with the incessant meddling by busybodies and bureaucrats at the Department of Education. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair will remind Representatives that when discussing a bill, impugning the character of the rest of the body with the intention of the bill or members of the Legislature at large is prohibited. The Chair did choose not to interrupt the Representative during his speech today.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Fecteau.

Representative **FECTEAU**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just like in committee, I rise in support of the bill in front of us.

To understand why, I would like to give a short history of the Education Committee.

Last year, the Education Committee established the School and Safety Center, which was a bill presented by the Representative from Windham. It was to be a large tent that focused on the physical security and school safety. The safety portion speaks to things like bullying, inclusion and a trauma-informed classroom. Trauma-informed practices was another bill supported last session unanimously by the committee. For some reason, a letter to the department and a January 2020 report had changed the entire purpose of the School Safety Center and the role of two new and capable hires in the Department of Education. It was my caucus's task to call this out, right the ship, and use bills like LD 1813 to prop up the School Safety Center tent.

I think it's important to have all of the security and safety resources in one place. Due to some of our efforts to advocate for the center, a report on February 15th of this year showed that the School Safety Center had been established and its original intent was underway. This bill, LD 1813, is one or two stakes in the overall Safety Center tent. I make no apologies for my support for all students in the State of Maine and I spoke passionately about that during the committee. I support all students, regardless of the color of their skin, things like sex, religion, or national origin, a person's identification in the LGBTQ community, or even their philosophical objections. The facts are, as confirmed by the department School Safety Center representative or new hire, all minority groups are the fiercer targets of bullying, more likely to be high risk and experience poverty, etcetera, etcetera, in higher rates. They are looking into many strategies to support security and safety of all students.

We've been too many years since Columbine and too many years into cyberbullying to delay these strategies any longer. If you care to read through the 700+ pages of the 2019 Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey, like I have begun, it will show that for high school alone in the State of Maine, 2.8 responded that they were gay or lesbian, 9.6% of students responded that they were bisexual, 4.4% of students responded that they weren't even sure of their sexual identification or orientation, and 1.6% responded that they were transgender. Gay and lesbian students are nearly four times more likely to experience housing instability. Gay, lesbian, and bisexual students are twice as likely to feel unsafe at school. Gay, lesbian, and bisexual students are twice as likely to be threatened with a weapon at school. In nearly every category, these students are responding to high-risk behavior when compared to other groups. This represents thousands of our Maine students, not outliers; thousands.

I teach students across all kinds of minority groups every day in our schools, except when I'm here, that is, including those a part of the LGBTQ community. It is perfectly reasonable to be both inclusive and rigorous in the classroom. You must look no further than the Augusta school department or Maranacook Community High School, where I teach. This bill is one piece of a much larger task to provide security and safety in our schools. For me, personally and personally alone, it is impossible to be the party of Lincoln in one breath and then not work towards equal treatment for all minority groups in the next breath. I won't allow my students or my constituents to be defamed, bullied, or threatened with injury for no reason other than they might be LGBTQ. I make no apologies for supporting all students in the classroom. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from New Gloucester, Representative Arata.

Representative **ARATA:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The concerns brought forward by this bill are already addressed by the Maine Human Rights Act. Also, the commissioners of our various departments are already overburdened by the large number of working groups required by the 129th Legislature. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Daughtry.

Representative **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wanted to speak up because this is my bill.

I just want to start with saying that I think we can all agree here that all children deserve a safe and inclusive school environment where they can focus on learning and they're not frightened or concerned about their very identity. We're talking about supporting children so that they can focus on what they should be doing, which is enjoying learning and doing as much as they can at school to further their education.

This bill came out of the Education Committee with a unanimous report. It creates a working group that was actually encouraged and asked for by the Department of Education. This is something that is not already being covered by the Maine Human Rights Commission or Maine Human Rights Act or by the Safety Group. This is something more. And unlike what the Good Representative from Bradley said, it does not create a preference for hiring for staff who are LGBTQ. Instead, it creates practices to help schools make sure that they're being inclusive, that they are following the Equal Employment Hiring Act. This is something we need to do. Just think about the fact there's a statistic that I saw that eight in 10 LGBTQ students are verbally harassed at school during their time and four in 10 are physically harassed. As long as that statistic exists, I don't see how we can't do everything to make sure that all children are safe in their learning environments. So, I urge you to please follow my light, please support this bill, it's one of those wonderful, incredible moments where the committee worked with the Department of Education and everyone unanimously agreed this is something that we need. It is not a mandate, it's a research for our teachers, for our schools and, most importantly, for our students.

So, I urge you to follow my lead and let's take a strong vote for Maine's children today.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Sylvester.

Representative **SYLVESTER:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Good Representative from Amherst spoke today saying that it would not be difficult to imagine what the legislation would be in LD 1813 and, in fact, one of the things that I am most interested in is what those recommendations will be.

I did not grow up LGBTQ and I cannot speak to the life and experiences of those students. I grew up poor, I grew up hungry at times. The teachers who reached out to me in large part were those who had experienced poverty like I had. I was bullied, I had fights because I did not have clothes like everybody else. And it was important for me to have those teachers who lived my experience to say that there's another place to be and in large part I am here today because of those teachers.

Now, in order to take care of all our students, in order to be certain that teachers have all the tools they need, I urge this body to protect all students. Because when this body asks our

constituents of all ages to add their voice to government, then government is doing exactly what it should be doing. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 352

YEA - Ackley, Alley, AustinB, AustinS, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Campbell, Cardone, Cebra, Cloutier, Cooper, Corey, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Curtis, Daughtry, Denk, DeVeau, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Doudera, Drinkwater, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Faulkingham, Fay, FecteauJ, FecteauR, Foley, Foster, Gattine, Gramlich, Griffin, Grignon, Grohoski, Hall, Handy, Hanington, Harnett, Head, Hepler, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Javner, Jorgensen, Keschl, Kessler, Kinney, Kornfield, Kryzak, Landry, MadiganC, Marean, MartinJ, MartinR, MartinT, Mason, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Moonen, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Paulhus, Peabworth, Perkins, PerryA, PerryJ, Pickett, PierceT, Pluecker, Prescott, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Rudnicki, Rykerson, Sampson, Schneck, Sheats, Skolfield, Stanley, Stetkis, Stewart, Stover, Strom, Swallow, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Wadsworth, Warren, WhiteB, WhiteD, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Bradstreet, Hanley, Hutchins, Johansen, Lockman, Lyford, Reed.

ABSENT - Carney, Collings, Costain, Haggan, Harrington, McDonald, Roberts, Sharpe, Stearns.

Yes, 130; No, 9; Absent, 9; Excused, 1.

130 having voted in the affirmative and 9 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the **Unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-702)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-702)** and sent for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Amend the Qualifications for the State Nuclear Safety Inspector

(S.P. 724) (L.D. 2051)

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.

An Act To Create the Cabinet on Aging
(H.P. 1235) (L.D. 1733)
(C. "A" H-682)

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

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, was **SET ASIDE**.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Refer to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs Pursuant to Resolve

Report of the **Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs** on Bill "An Act To Correct Errors, Inconsistencies and Conflicts in and To Revise the State's Liquor Laws"

(S.P. 766) (L.D. 2131)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 15, section 3.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill and accompanying papers were **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford, the House adjourned at 11:44 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 5, 2020, in honor and lasting tribute to Glen A. Gisel Sr., of Raymond.