

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
18th Legislative Day  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Prayer by Reverend Forrest Genthner, First Baptist Church, Livermore Falls.

National Anthem by Madeline Labonte and Sara Henderson, Spruce Mountain High School, Jay.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, March 5, 2020 was read and approved.

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At this point, the Speaker announced the presence in the Hall of the House of Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer.

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At this point, pursuant to her authority under House Rule 401.1, the Chair assigned Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer to Seat 122.

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At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Brewer, Representative O'CONNELL and he was added to the Roll Call of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 769)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2020 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 Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2020 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Define the Term 'Caucus Political Action Committee'"

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

Reports **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in the House on March 3, 2020.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-391)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Representative STEWART of Presque Isle **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Monmouth, Representative Ackley.

Representative **ACKLEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the Maine House of Representatives. I rise to oppose the motion.

Just a few minutes ago, we started today with the Pledge of Allegiance, that ends with the phrase "with liberty and justice for all." We do that every day. It's a reference to the Declaration of Independence that says that all men, all people, are created equal. When we pass legislation in this Chamber, every citizen, every voter, every legislator, everyone is equal in the eyes of the law. The problem with the Senate's version, forgive me, the other Chamber's version of this bill is the sin of omission. Where is the equality? There's some very serious unintended consequences in the seemingly innocent language in this bill.

During the work session on this bill, a defect in the definition was discovered. As written, it would reserve the privilege of forming caucus PACs to only a majority of members of an organized party in this Chamber. Interestingly enough, the largest voting bloc in the State of Maine is unenrolled. Thirty-five percent of voters who register to vote deliberately do so as unenrolled. And that choice is just as legitimate as joining a party. The freedom of association can also be the freedom not to associate.

In 2017, there were two members in this House that were unenrolled. Today, there are seven. Who knows what future Maine Legislatures will bring? Under this bill, any unenrolled members would be prohibited from organizing a caucus PAC by law. Although we could have solved this problem in work sessions, there were two objections. One, that adding unenrolled members needed a public hearing and, two, the unenrolled caucus had never had a PAC before so, hey, why start now.

On the first point, last Tuesday, this body wisely requested a public hearing of the other body by supporting a motion to send this bill back to committee. Today, it seems we're at a loggerhead. The necessity of a public hearing is being ignored by the other body. As for the second objection, Madam Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Representative will defer. The Chair will just remind the Representative, and all Representatives, please do not refer to the actions of the other body.

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

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

Representative **ACKLEY**: As for the second objection, Madam Speaker, we have a new status quo. Because under current law, any and every caucus is able to form a caucus PAC. For two weeks, there's been a caucus PAC registered with the Maine Ethics Commission formed by the House unenrolled caucus. Now, personally, I'm not a big fan of PACs. In fact, if we wanted to do away with every caucus political action committee tomorrow, we could convene the House Rules Committee and make it happen in a heartbeat. That would be something I would support. This new unenrolled caucus PAC, Madam Speaker, has a whopping \$25 in the account. It exists to raise the awareness that Maine's Independent citizens, Independent voters, and Independent legislators deserve equal treatment under the law.

So, there are currently five caucus PACs in existence; two in the other body, three in the House. For some time now in the House, we've had three caucuses in reality; the Democratic caucus, the Republican caucus and the caucus of Independents and Tribal Representatives. Since 2017, the Independents have been holding open caucuses before each session day where anyone is welcome to attend. Folks might not be aware that 43% of all Independent State Legislators in the United States come from the great State of Maine. Although we don't always speak with a consistent voice on policy matters, what unites our caucus, Madam Speaker, is our belief that we can learn from each other, that we can educate ourselves, and that we can agree to be disagreeable, forgive me; we can agree to disagree without being disagreeable. That should put the "dir" in "dirigo," Madam Speaker, and give a glimmer of hope to citizens who wish to see a future of civility in political conversations in Maine.

So, the unintended consequences of this bill would be to disqualify only the unenrolled PAC; the only one dedicated to supporting Independents. All other party PACs would remain. As we contemplate this next vote, Madam Speaker, I think each member should take a hard look at three very basic questions generated by this bill. Questions like; do we believe that in this chamber each member is equal under the law? Should unenrolled members have the same right of association as every other member of this House? Should a Legislator be penalized for being unenrolled?

Madam Speaker, the citizens of Maine look to us to lead the way, and liberty and justice for only some is no liberty and justice at all.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 357**

**YEA** - AustinB, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carney, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Denk, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, FecteauR, Foley, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Hickman, Hobbs, Hubbell, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, MadiganC, MartinJ, MartinR, Mastraccio, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Nadeau, O'Connell, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, PierceT, Reckitt, Schneck, Sheats, Stanley, Stover, Sylvester, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren, WhiteB, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

**NAY** - Ackley, Alley, Andrews, Arata, AustinS, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Bryant, Campbell, Corey, Curtis, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Handy, Hanington, Hanley, Harnett, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Higgins, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney,

Kryzak, Landry, Lockman, Lyford, Marean, MartinT, Mason, Maxmin, Millett, Moriarty, Morris, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Prescott, Reed, Riley, Riseman, Rudnicki, Rykerson, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Talbot Ross, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

**ABSENT** - Cebra, Costain, Daughtry, DeVeau, Roberts, Sharpe, Tipping.

Yes, 69; No, 73; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

69 having voted in the affirmative and 73 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR FAILED**.

Subsequently, Representative **ACKLEY** of Monmouth moved that the House **INSIST**.

Representative **MOONEN** of Portland requested a roll call on the motion to **INSIST**.

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 Portland.

Representative **MOONEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to clarify the position that we're in and then explain how I will be voting on this.

We in this chamber voted to send this bill back to committee. The other chamber has disagreed and has insisted on their disagreement. So, if we were to vote yes on this insistence, this bill would die between the bodies. I think that's a bad outcome because this bill came to us at the request of the Maine Ethics Commission, who felt that the law was not clear on what caucus political action committees are and that the law needed that clarity. I think it's really important that our voters understand what our campaign finance laws are, that we understand what our campaign finance laws are, and any time we can bring clarity to that, that's a good thing. And that is why I will be voting against insisting, because I think we should clarify our law and not let this bill die between the bodies. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **STEWART**: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Just to be clear on the position here, the other body can, and I know we're not supposed to be talking about the actions of the other body, but this is not the final outcome, there are other options available for folks if they sought to pursue them, one of which would, in fact, be to send it back to committee should there be a consensus around that. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair will clarify because I want to make sure that people understand what they are voting on and you have just seen a disagreement from the two corners. An insist motion and prevailing vote on the insist motion right now would mean that this bill does not continue to live beyond that vote. That is the result of a prevailing insist motion on this vote. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Schneck.

Representative **SCHNECK**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The committee put a lot of work into this. This is an ethics bill. It only defines what a political caucus is. So, I don't want this to die between the bodies, that might be where this is headed, but I hope you join me and follow my light; I will vote red.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Monmouth, Representative Ackley.

Representative **ACKLEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to my motion and it's a

very simple reminder to the members of the body here that liberty and justice for only some is no liberty or justice for all.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 358**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Andrews, Arata, AustinS, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cloutier, Corey, Curtis, Dillingham, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Higgins, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lockman, Lyford, Marean, MartinT, Mason, Maxmin, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Prescott, Reed, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Talbot Ross, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

NAY - AustinB, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Carney, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Denk, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, FecteauR, Foley, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, MadiganC, MartinJ, MartinR, Mastraccio, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, PierceT, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Schneck, Sheats, Stanley, Stover, Sylvester, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren, WhiteB, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Cebra, Costain, Daughtry, DeVeau, Roberts, Sharpe, Tipping.

Yes, 64; No, 78; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

64 having voted in the affirmative and 78 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the motion to **INSIST FAILED**.

Subsequently, Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative STEWART of Presque Isle **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth moved that the House **RECEDE**.

Representative MOONEN of Portland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE**.

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 to Recede. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 359**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Andrews, Arata, AustinS, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Corey, Curtis, Dillingham, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Evangelos, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harnett, Harrington, Head, Higgins, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lockman, Lyford, Marean, MartinT, Mason, Maxmin, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Prescott, Reed, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

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ABSENT - Cebra, Costain, Daughtry, DeVeau, Roberts, Sharpe, Tipping.

Yes, 65; No, 77; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

65 having voted in the affirmative and 77 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE FAILED**.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 360**

YEA - Alley, AustinB, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Carney, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Denk, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, FecteauR, Foley, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, MadiganC, MartinJ, MartinR, Mastraccio, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, PierceT, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Schneck, Sheats, Stanley, Stearns, Stover, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren, WhiteB, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

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ABSENT - Cebra, Costain, Daughtry, DeVeau, Roberts, Sharpe, Tipping.

Yes, 82; No, 60; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Thursday, March 5, 2020, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to Food

(H.P. 583) (L.D. 795)

(C. "A" H-430; H. "A" H-541)

- **CARRIED OVER** to any special or regular sessions, or both, of the 129th Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1322 on June 20, 2019.

TABLED - June 17, 2019 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland. PENDING - **FINAL PASSAGE**.

On motion of Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the RESOLUTION 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 **House Amendment "A" (H-541)** was **ADOPTED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **House Amendment "A" (H-541)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "B" (H-675)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand in opposition to the pending motion. As well-being as this thought may be, we're creating a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. We have food sovereignty in the State of Maine and what we found out in 2017 when we passed that law was that we were jeopardizing our custom slaughterhouses here in the State of Maine.

On the consent calendar today we have another bill, LD 1889, that is also trying to help protect food that is produced, meat that's mislabeled, in the State and making sure that that food can be consumed instead of being destroyed, as what has happened with a farmer this year. The pending motion offers the ability to save seeds and use them and barter them and exchange them. A lot of our seed companies here in the State of Maine have some issues with that language because trading seeds starts becoming a currency and these are products that are patented and our seed companies have an issue with this. The Farm Bureau came out in favor of some language that this amendment does not cover. The language they were in favor of included the right to save seeds but not the right to exchange or barter. To grow, raise, harvest, produce, and consume the food of their own choosing for their nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and wellbeing, as long as an individual does not commit trespass, theft, poaching, or other abuses of private property rights, public lands or natural resources in the harvesting of production of food.

For myself, personally, I applaud the effort that is attempted to be done with this bill, but it is a constitutional amendment, it does require two-thirds of both bodies in order

for this to occur, plus a vote of the people. Changing our constitution should never be taken lightly. The issues that I see with this that could go forward are immense. I would be more than happy to have had this be something that we put into statute rather than a constitutional amendment because we could easily fix statute if we were going to lose our custom slaughterhouses again.

So, I encourage people to please follow my light and let us revisit this maybe with some statutory language instead of constitutional language. Thank you.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "B" (H-675)** was **ADOPTED**.

Representative KINNEY of Knox **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-430) and House Amendment "B" (H-675)**.

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 Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee "A" (H-430) and House Amendment "B" (H-675). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 361**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, AustinB, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carney, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Denk, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Faulkingham, Fay, FecteauJ, FecteauR, Foley, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, Landry, MadiganC, Marean, MartinJ, MartinR, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, PierceT, Pluecker, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Rykerson, Schneck, Sheats, Skolfield, Stanley, Stover, Strom, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren, WhiteB, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, AustinS, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Curtis, Dillingham, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Higgins, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Lockman, Lyford, MartinT, Mason, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Prescott, Reed, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Swallow, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Costain, Daughtry, DeVeau, Roberts, Sharpe, Tipping.

Yes, 93; No, 49; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

93 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the RESOLUTION was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-430) and House Amendment "B" (H-675)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 364)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND  
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

March 5, 2020

The Honorable Troy 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the Board of Dental Practice under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Board of Dental Practice is operating within its statutory authority.

As a result of our review, the committee has also voted to report out a bill pursuant to 3 MRSA §955, sub-§4 in order to consider legislation to authorize the board, in consultation with interested parties, to review its licensing laws and rules and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later than February 15, 2021. It is the committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to committee for additional consideration before being reported out to the full Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Heather B. Sanborn

Senate Chair

S/Representative Denise A. Tepler

House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the Board of Licensure in Medicine under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Board of Licensure in Medicine is operating within its statutory authority.

As a result of our review, the committee has also voted to report out a bill pursuant to 3 MRSA §955, sub-§4 in order to consider legislation to authorize the board, in consultation with interested parties, to review its licensing laws and rules and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later

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Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the State Board of Nursing under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the State Board of Nursing is operating within its statutory authority.

As a result of our review, the committee has also voted to report out a bill pursuant to 3 MRSA §955, sub-§4 in order to consider legislation to authorize the board, in consultation with interested parties, to review its licensing laws and rules and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later than February 15, 2021. It is the committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to committee for additional consideration before being reported out to the full Legislature.

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Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the Board

of Osteopathic Licensure under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35. The committee finds that the Board of Osteopathic Licensure is operating within its statutory authority.

As a result of our review, the committee has also voted to report out a bill pursuant to 3 MRSA §955, sub-§4 in order to consider legislation to authorize the board, in consultation with interested parties, to review its licensing laws and rules and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later than February 15, 2021. It is the committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to committee for additional consideration before being reported out to the full Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Heather B. Sanborn  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Denise A. Tepler  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 368)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND  
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

March 5, 2020

The Honorable Troy 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the State Board of Optometry under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the State Board of Optometry is operating within its statutory authority.

As a result of our review, the committee has also voted to report out a bill pursuant to 3 MRSA §955, sub-§4 in order to consider legislation to authorize the board, in consultation with interested parties, to review its licensing laws and rules and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later than February 15, 2021. It is the committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to committee for additional consideration before being reported out to the full Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Heather B. Sanborn  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Denise A. Tepler  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 369)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,  
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

March 3, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to its review of the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers, as required by the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers presented its Government Evaluation Act Report to the Committee on January 21, 2020. The Committee reviewed the report with the Board that same day.

The Committee unanimously finds that the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Erin Herbig  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Matthea Daughtry  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 370)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

February 27, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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 Taxation from its review and evaluation of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the agency by letter dated April 9, 2019 of its intent to conduct a review. The agency submitted its program evaluation report on October 23, 2019 and presented their report to the committee on January 14, 2020.

The committee has reviewed the report and finds that Maine Revenue Services is operating, within its statutory authority. The Taxation Committee continues to review the functions of Maine Revenue Services and may have future recommendations for changes.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Benjamin Chipman  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Ryan Tipping  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 371)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

February 27, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate  
The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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 Taxation from its review and evaluation of the State Board of Property Tax Review under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the agency by letter dated April 9, 2019 of its intent to conduct a review. The agency submitted its program evaluation report on November 1, 2019 and presented its report to the committee on January 30, 2020.

The committee has reviewed the report and unanimously finds that the Board is operating within its statutory authority.

S/Senator Benjamin Chipman

Senate Chair

S/Representative Ryan Tipping

House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 372)

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

March 10, 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 Committee has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Judiciary

L.D. 1380 An Act To Transfer the Violations Bureau from the Courts to the Office of the Secretary of State

L.D. 1670 An Act To Limit the Dissemination of Juvenile Records

L.D. 1759 An Act Regarding the Electronic Data and Court Records Filed in the Electronic Case Management System of the Supreme Judicial Court

L.D. 1897 An Act To Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes

L.D. 1960 An Act To Protect Communications between Bargaining Agents and Bargaining Unit Members

L.D. 2041 An Act To Allow Access to and Ensure the Confidentiality of Records of Child Advocacy Centers

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 373)

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

March 10, 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 March 6, 2020

Roger K. Berle of Falmouth and Robert L. Meyers of Bath for reappointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5 MRSA §6204, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Catherine Robbins-Halsted of Searsmont for appointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5 MRSA §6204, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Vaughan J. Woodruff of Pittsfield and Adria Horn of Pittston for appointment to the Maine State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 1009)

**MAINE SENATE  
129th LEGISLATURE**

March 5, 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 nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry:

- John Jemison of Orono for reappointment, to the Board of Pesticides Control.
- William Gilmore of Kingfield for reappointment, to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.
- Colon Durrell of Farmington for reappointment, to the Maine Milk Commission.

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 Protect Maine Residents from Stalking and Unauthorized Surveillance by Use of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle"

(H.P. 1533) (L.D. 2144)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

Cosponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland, Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, McLEAN of Gorham, MOONEN of Portland, PICKETT of Dixfield, TERRY of Gorham, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

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

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 Require Reporting of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, PFAS, in Products and of Discharges of Firefighting Foam Containing PFAS"

(H.P. 1536) (L.D. 2147)

Sponsored by Representative INGWERSEN of Arundel. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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 Regarding Travel Insurance in the Maine Insurance Code"

(H.P. 1532) (L.D. 2143)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

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

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.

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

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1531) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, BABBIDGE of Kennebec, BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY

of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLUME of York, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENK of Kennebec, DODGE of Belfast, DOORE of Augusta, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Augusta, FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GRIFFIN of Levant, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HANDY of Lewiston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HEPLER of Woolwich, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HOBBS of Wells, JORGENSEN of Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, KORNFIELD of Bangor, LANDRY of Farmington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, McLEAN of Gorham, MEYER of Eliot, MOONEN of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERRY of Calais, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, RISEMAN of Harrison, RYKERSON of Kittery, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHEATS of Auburn, STANLEY of Medway, STEWART of Presque Isle, STOVER of Boothbay, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, TIPPING of Orono, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DILL of Penobscot, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HERBIG of Waldo, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2020 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH**

WHEREAS, social workers have paved the way for change by enhancing the well-being of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped lead the nation's struggle for social justice and continue to advocate for positive social change and, more than the members of any other profession, social workers recognize that more must be done to address the persistent social problems that plague the State; and

WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community and understand that individuals and communities together can bring about change; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the rights of the disadvantaged and oppressed; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for children's rights to a safe environment and a good education; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights; and

WHEREAS, social workers work to ensure good care is provided to older adults; and

WHEREAS, social workers help provide community support for veterans and their families after their service; and

WHEREAS, social workers strive to improve access to mental health treatment and health care services in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, social workers effect change and put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through legislative, regulatory and social policy efforts; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take



this opportunity to recognize March 2020 as Social Work Month; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the University of Maine, Orono, School of Social Work; the University of Maine, Presque Isle, College of Professional Programs and Education, Social Work; the University of Southern Maine, School of Social Work; the University of New England, School of Social Work; and St. Joseph's College, Social Work program.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Orchard Beach.

Representative **GRAMLICH:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I rise today in honor and support of National Professional Social Work Month.

The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and meet the basic and complex needs of all people, with a particular focus on those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. Social work continues to be one of the fastest-growing professions in the nation. You can find social workers literally everywhere in our society. Chances are that you each know a social worker, present company included, and have had a social worker touch your lives as we are in federal, state and local government pushing for legislation and regulations to improve the quality of life. In fact, I am pleased to share that we have five social workers in this legislative body alone. We are the only profession that works to have a positive impact on the lives of individuals while simultaneously working to effect systemic change.

The services of social workers are needed now more than ever in Maine, as the Nation and Maine grapples with issues such as income inequality, the opioid epidemic, the climate crisis and our continued struggle for equal rights for all.

During Social Work Month, we hope that you will take time to learn more about our profession and the support of social workers by improving the lives of individuals and families in our society. To that end, we are welcoming to the State House tomorrow students from across our five schools of social work in the State of Maine. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our future social workers to learn firsthand about the critically important work we all do on behalf of the people of Maine. I hope you will join me in welcoming these students here tomorrow and, as a note, we will be having a mock session here in the Chamber and we look forward to working with you all. Thank you very much.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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On motion of Representative CUDDY of Winterport, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1522) (Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, DOORE of Augusta, HEPLER of Woolwich, RYKERSON of Kittery, SYLVESTER of Portland, TUCKER of Brunswick, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York)

**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE FIRST STRIKE OVER WORKING CONDITIONS IN WHAT WOULD BECOME THE UNITED STATES**

WHEREAS, Richmond Island, Maine, a small 226-acre island off the coast of Cape Elizabeth in Saco Bay, was the site

of a permanent colonial fishing post owned by English merchant Robert Trelawny between 1633 and 1643; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Island has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1978 for the significance of the fishing post's archaeological remains; and

WHEREAS, Robert Trelawny's fishing post employed between 40 and 60 fishermen, artisans, servants and farmers to support its operation exporting dried fish, cod liver oil, pipe staves and beaver skins to Europe; and

WHEREAS, workers on Richmond Island were bonded by their employer and forced to work off their debts before they could earn enough money to live independent lives; and

WHEREAS, fishermen at the Richmond Island post often risked their lives on stormy seas in 20-foot vessels with minimal shelter from the elements and worked long hours, day and night, 6 days a week, to the point of exhaustion; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1636, fishermen at the Richmond Island post ceased working and left the island to protest the withholding of their wages for over a year, marking the first labor strike over working conditions in what would become the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the collective action of the Richmond Island fishermen in standing up for their rights to dignity and fair treatment is an inspiration to all Maine workers; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Island strike deserves to be honored and remembered as part of Maine's long and proud tradition of working class struggles in this year of our bicentennial celebrations; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize and honor the courage and resolve of the Richmond Island fishermen in furthering the cause of workers' rights.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winterport, Representative CUDDY.

Representative **CUDDY:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, in this the year of our bicentennial, I want to take a moment to recognize an act that took place over 380 years ago, before the formation of the United States and before Maine even existed. The fishermen at Richmond Island, whose wages were less than promised, who were bonded to work off debts before they were able to earn an independent living, and whose wages were withheld for a full year, decided to withhold their labor. It's the first recorded action of a group of workers protesting the conditions that they were working under.

Madam Speaker, these fishermen may have been from away, but they demonstrated a spirit that makes them Mainers. As Mainers, we don't tolerate this kind of treatment today, and these fishermen led the way hundreds of years ago. It's time we recognize their strength of character and collective action.

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Woolwich, Representative Hepler.

Representative **HEPLER:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Actually, there's another trait that my students when I teach Maine history talk about with Maine, is their hardy individualism. And so, I was surprised and pleased to see this, the history of this early collective action, and I can't wait to add it to my Maine history class. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative DOORE of Augusta, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1537) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, ANDREWS of Paris, ARATA of New Gloucester, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebec, BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLIER of Buxton, BLUME of York, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CEBRA of Naples, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, CURTIS of Madison, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENK of Kennebec, DeVEAU of Caribou, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DODGE of Belfast, DOLLOFF of Rumford, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Augusta, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford, FOSTER of Dexter, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HANDY of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEAD of Bethel, HEPLER of Woolwich, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HOBBS of Wells, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, HYMANSON of York, INGWERSEN of Arundel, JAVNER of Chester, JOHANSEN of Monticello, JORGENSEN of Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KRYZAK of Acton, LANDRY of Farmington, LOCKMAN of Bradley, LYFORD of Eddington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MOONEN of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, NADEAU of Winslow, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDRAY of Standish, PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, RECKITT of South Portland, REED of Carmel, RILEY of Jay, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAMPSON of Alfred, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHARPE of Durham, SHEATS of Auburn, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STEWART of Presque Isle, STOVER of Boothbay, STROM of Pittsfield, SWALLOW of Houlton, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, TIPPING of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Mars Hill, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook,

CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DOW of Lincoln, FARRIN of Somerset, FOLEY of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, GUERIN of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HERBIG of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS  
COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the 3rd most commonly diagnosed cancer and the 2nd most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women combined in the United States and it affects men and women equally; and

WHEREAS, more than 50,000 people die every year from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of colorectal cancer deaths could have been prevented through proper screening and early detection but only 39% of colorectal cancer patients are diagnosed at an early stage; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate of individuals who have early-stage colorectal cancer is 90% but the survival rate is only 14% for individuals diagnosed in the so-called distant stage after the cancer has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that all men and women without a family history of colorectal cancer begin colorectal cancer screenings at 45 years of age; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable and survivable in most cases; and

WHEREAS, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening; now, therefore, be it

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

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Doore.

Representative **DOORE**: Madam Speaker, colorectal cancer is no fun, but I just want to remind everyone how important it is to have the test if you are nearing that half-century mark. You know, the one everyone dreads. Schedule that damn test. Please, no ifs, ands or buts. It may save your life. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1539)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 10, 2020 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals 10 to 34 years of age; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 11.14 minutes, resulting in over 47,000 suicides each year; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only leading cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are over 1.4 million suicide attempts each year; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 9th leading cause of death in Maine; on average, one person dies by suicide every 32 hours in Maine; and more than 5 times as many people died by suicide in Maine in 2017 than in alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, which is often not recognized or treated; and

WHEREAS, suicide resulted in an estimated \$69 billion in combined medical and work loss costs nationally in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide loss and survivors of suicide attempts; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a preventable national and state public health problem and suicide prevention must be a priority; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 10, 2020 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Day and to recognize the importance of the development and implementation of strategies to increase access to mental health and suicide prevention services.

**READ.**

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

Representative **FARNSWORTH**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. On your desk you have a folder from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. I just want to point out that it's a very serious problem for especially our veterans and our teens and we need to pay attention. There will be some volunteers in the Hall of Flags this afternoon. Drop by and talk to them and find out a little bit more about what you can do in order to help prevent suicide. Thank you very much.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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On motion of Representative HYMANSON of York, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1534)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall report out, to the House, a bill to implement recommendations

of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues.

**READ.**

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

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, I wasn't fast enough. We in Health and Human Services have been reviewing many commissions and task forces on mental health, child mental health, and other issues, and we want to honor those commissions. The narrative I've heard before is that they lay on a shelf and after a lot of work has been put into them, and we've been trying to honor them with bills that come before us. And this is an example of one, with a Joint Order that's directly tied to the commission on long-term care workers. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Raymond, Representative Fay.

Representative **FAY**: I just wanted to say it's the Commission to Study Long-Term Care Workforce Issues. And I understand why the Representative from York, that was a long name. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Order was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

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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:**

the South Portland High School Girls Basketball Team, which won the Class AA South Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 894)

Presented by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.

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

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

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Reckitt.

Representative **RECKITT**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today in honor of the South Portland AA Women's Basketball Team.

I want to say, as quickly as I possibly can, I have a lifetime bonding to basketball. I played ten years myself, believe it or not, at 5'5". But I played back when you could only bounce three times, and then I played when you could rove around the court and there were six of us still on the team, I was always a guard, I was never a shooter, and I'm sure that that is not the case with the South Portland AA Basketball Team.

I, myself, was inspired by women's basketball my entire life and I began to look at the field of disparate treatment that was given to girls playing basketball and it essentially was my entry issue into action on behalf of women in sports. And I was lucky enough to be around when Title IX of the Higher Education Act passed that gave girls a real place in sports and I'm pleased about that. But I'm particularly thrilled, even

though my team, the South Portland girl's high school basketball team, did not win the State Championship, but they did win the south championship, and they won way more games than I ever did in my entire career. And one of the things I learned playing sports and playing women's basketball is that it's okay to lose. It's not going to feel great, but it's okay to lose and you come back again. And some of you may regret that I've picked up that trait, but it's important that we learn to work together every way we can and sports is a wonderful way to do that and I am really thrilled at the success of the South Portland women's basketball team and I congratulate the team from the north who won the State Championship, but I am very proud of my team from the south, who won the South Championship, because it's an important thing. And I thank you again for your consideration of this.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbidge.

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm delighted to stand today. I've spent 43 years of my life in high school. The first four were at South Portland High School and it was a very special time. South Portland had been designated an All-America City, we had 1,725 students in the school my senior year. I've walked those halls, I spent a lot of time at Beal Gym, as these girls have. And, you know, from the 1970s, when gender equality in sports in this country became an awareness, more and more girls, of course, participated. But to win the State Championship in Maine in 2020, when thousands of girls are dedicated to the sport, is a huge accomplishment. I want these girls to also know that thousands of South Portland alumni are following them and wishing them well when they represent the school and I know that in all of the high schools I've been associated with, when somebody wins a State Championship, they're the talk of the town for a long time after, and these young women certainly deserve the accolades that they have been given. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Madam Chair. I also would like to congratulate the South Portland girls on their South Championship. In their State game, they played a hard game, they played with heart, and it was a wonderful match to watch.

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

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**In Memory of:**

Harold J. Gray, of Penobscot, a staff sergeant in the Maine Army National Guard. Staff Sergeant Gray, wounded in the line of duty in Iraq, was awarded the Purple Heart in 2004. Staff Sergeant Gray will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 891)

Presented by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

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

Representative **HUTCHINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It's an honor to

rise today to recognize a son of a friend of mine in the town of Penobscot and not only our local hero but an American hero, who was wounded in 2004 in Iraq and died last week. And thanks to the good work of the Clerk's office here, with short notice we were able to get the memoriam done fast enough, and I very much appreciate that, and his family did also. I presented it Saturday at his service, at which the halls were lined with military, there were at least 75 people there. His Commanding Officer from Iraq came and spoke about what a fine young man Harold was, and I will close with that, but remembering what a fine young man he was. Thank you.

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

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

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Ought to Pass Pursuant to Statute**

Representative TUCKER for the **Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Environmental Protection Regarding the State's Plastic Bag Reduction Law"

(H.P. 1538) (L.D. 2148)

Reporting **Ought to Pass** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1772, subsection 5.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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** and sent for concurrence.

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**Refer to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Pursuant to Public Law**

Representative TEPLER for the **Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Board of Dental Practice Related to the Definitions of 'Supervision' and 'Teledentistry'"

(H.P. 1535) (L.D. 2146)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 388, section 11.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent for concurrence.

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

**Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-415)** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Evaluate Emissions from Heated Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tanks

(S.P. 662) (L.D. 1915)

Signed:  
Senators:

CARSON of Cumberland  
CHENETTE of York  
FOLEY of York

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick  
BLUME of York  
CAMPBELL of Orrington  
FAY of Raymond  
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach  
HOBBS of Wells  
SKOLFIELD of Weld  
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:  
Representative:

JOHANSEN of Monticello

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-415)**.  
**READ.**

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

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **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. 362**

**YEA** - Ackley, Alley, AustinB, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Campbell, Cardone, Carney, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Crockett, Cuddy, Denk, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, FecteauR, Foley, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, Landry, MadiganC, Marean, MartinJ, MartinR, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perkins, PerryA, PerryJ, PierceT, Pluecker, Reckitt, Riseman, Rykerson, Schneck, Sheats, Skolfield, Stanley, Stover, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren, WhiteB, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

**NAY** - Andrews, Arata, AustinS, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Curtis, Dillingham, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Lockman, Lyford, MartinT, Mason, Millett, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Pickett, Prescott, Reed, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

**ABSENT** - Cebra, Cloutier, Costain, Craven, Daughtry, DeVeau, McDonald, Riley, Roberts, Sharpe, Tipping.

Yes, 89; No, 49; Absent, 11; Excused, 1.

89 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-415)** 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 Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-415)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-725)** on Bill "An Act To Expand the Rights of Public Employees under the Maine Labor Laws"

(H.P. 664) (L.D. 900)

Signed:  
Senators:

BELLOWS of Kennebec  
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland  
CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth  
CUDDY of Winterport  
DOORE of Augusta  
RYKERSON of Kittery  
TUCKER of Brunswick

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

Signed:  
Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray  
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro  
LOCKMAN of Bradley  
MORRIS of Turner

**READ.**

On motion of Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-724)** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Subminimum Wage"  
(H.P. 1340) (L.D. 1874)

Signed:

Senators:

BELLOWS of Kennebec  
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland  
AUSTIN of Gray  
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro  
CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth  
CUDDY of Winterport  
DOORE of Augusta  
MORRIS of Turner  
RYKERSON of Kittery

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

Signed:

Representative:

LOCKMAN of Bradley

**READ.**

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

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

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to say that this bill is one of those bills that comes through where we get to say to a community such as the disabled community, both physical and mental, that your work matters. And I just really wanted to say to the committee that I appreciated their great work on this and in one of those moments that sort of buoys you of the great work we can do in this building, the bipartisan support that any of us that are lucky enough to return to this Chamber would work on a bill to make sure that we continue to further the employment rights of folks in the disabled community, and I just wanted to thank the committee for that and would appreciate them for their votes. Thank you.

Representative MOONEN of Portland **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. 363**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Arata, AustinB, AustinS, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Bradstreet, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Campbell, Cardone, Carney, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Crockett, Cuddy, Curtis, Denk, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doudera, Drinkwater, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, FecteauJ, FecteauR, Foley, Foster, Gattine, Gramlich, Griffin, Grohoski, Hall, Handy, Harnett, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen,

Jorgensen, Kessler, Kinney, Kornfield, Kryzak, Landry, MadiganC, Marean, MartinJ, MartinR, MartinT, Mason, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Moonen, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Neil, Ordway, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perkins, PerryA, PerryJ, PierceT, Pluecker, Prescott, Reckitt, Riseman, Rudnicki, Rykerson, Schneck, Sheats, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stewart, Stover, Strom, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tucker, Tuell, Wadsworth, Warren, WhiteB, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Faulkingham, Grignon, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Hutchins, Javner, Keschl, Lockman, Lyford, O'Connor, Pickett, Reed, Sampson, Stetkis, Swallow, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Costain, Craven, Daughtry, DeVeau, Doore, Johansen, Riley, Roberts, Sharpe, Tipping.

Yes, 120; No, 18; Absent, 11; Excused, 1.

120 having voted in the affirmative and 18 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-724)** 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-724)** 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. 685) (L.D. 1983) Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Record-keeping and Reporting Requirements Imposed on State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies and the Department of Public Safety" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 726) (L.D. 2053) Bill "An Act To Remove the Application of the Maine Background Check Center Act to Facilities That Provide Services to Children" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1368) (L.D. 1920) Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 471) (L.D. 650) Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Landowner Relations Program" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-722)**

(H.P. 1149) (L.D. 1590) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Harness Racing" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-727)**

(H.P. 1280) (L.D. 1799) Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Land in the Little Moose Unit of Moosehead Junction Township Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-728)**

(H.P. 1355) (L.D. 1889) Bill "An Act To Protect the Products of Maine Farmers" Committee on **AGRICULTURE,**

**CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-726)**

(H.P. 1369) (L.D. 1921) Bill "An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-721)**

(H.P. 1370) (L.D. 1922) Bill "An Act To Create a Commercial Menhaden Fishing License" Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-723)**

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

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

**ENACTORS**

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Provide Critical Communications for Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investment in High-speed Internet and Broadband Infrastructure

(H.P. 136) (L.D. 173)  
(C. "A" H-698)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Men and Women of the House, LD 173, if passed today, would be a groundbreaking move by the Legislature, at least by this body, to fund broadband for the first time with a little help from the General Fund and a little commitment going forward to do so.

This would give a signal to communities as well as private developers who are looking for some assistance to go the last mile to do so. I'm very pleased to have a unanimous report from the committee. I want to thank my counterparts on the other side of the aisle for their collaboration in this, and I think it really is a momentous day that we have agreed in a unanimous way, on our committee at least, and I hope here today, to taking this step forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fort Fairfield, Representative McCrea.

Representative **McCREA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I will be brief. This is a bill that I sponsored. A lot of people have had input on it. I don't claim to be an internet expert, but I do claim to understand how much it is needed, especially in the rural parts of our State. The EUT committee voted unanimously Ought to Pass. This seems to be their favored bill and for that I'm very grateful. Nearly everyone agrees in the State of Maine that we must expand access to high-speed internet, especially in the most rural and underserved regions of our great State.

Current state funding for Connect Maine is tied to a surcharge on landlines and, as everybody knows, landlines seem to be becoming a thing of the past. Everywhere you ask, how many people have given up their landlines, the number

decreases. Therefore, the funding source for this Connect Maine seems to be decreasing with it; obviously. As amended, this bill would be funded by 33% of the sales tax on internet sales. This is a relatively new source of income. It does not add to our tax burden, it would be dedicating a third of internet sales tax, which is kind of synergistic with internet sales and internet expansion. The source is directly tied to those internet sales and that's the very industry that this fund is intended to expand and, unlike landline usage, internet sales will certainly increase in the State of Maine in the coming years. Should this fund become unnecessary because the federal government decides to fund it or we put up 1,000 satellites to then do the job, the 131st Legislature will be certainly able to say we don't need this anymore, so, that's something we should consider.

Bluntly put, though, the longer Maine delays such a commitment, the farther behind the rest of the world we are destined to become. I thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **HIGGINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. A little history; in May of 2015, in my first session here, I sponsored a bill to provide funding for broadband and the bill passed here in the House 143 to 0, and we're still waiting to figure out how to fund that proposal. So, we've had a number of opportunities over the several years to do direct appropriations, bonds, etcetera, and we have not been able to find a revenue source or make the commitment to be able to do that with other competing interests as well. So, today, I am pleased to stand here, five years later, and support this legislation which will enable us to do what we voted in the 127th unanimously to do.

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

**ROLL CALL NO. 364**

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

NAY - None.

ABSENT - Bickford, Cebra, Costain, Craven, Daughtry, DeVeau, Doore, Johansen, Riley, Roberts, Sharpe, Tipping.

Yes, 137; No, 0; Absent, 12; Excused, 1.

137 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 12 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers

(H.P. 141) (L.D. 178)  
(C. "A" H-701)

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

Representative MOONEN of Portland **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Enacted.

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Fecteau, and inquires as to why he rises.

Representative **FECTEAU**: I request that I be able to abstain from this vote as I may be able to financially benefit from this.

Representative FECTEAU of Augusta requested leave of the House to be excused from voting on L.D. 178 pursuant to House Rule 401.12.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will answer that, so, let me back up here. In order to, because we are a citizen legislature, the bar from abstention from a vote is whether it would benefit only the individual in question. Because this benefit would be applicable to teachers across the entire State, the Chair would deny the request to abstain from the vote.

The Chair denied the request.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

**ROLL CALL NO. 365**

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

NAY - Foster, Grignon, Hanington, Hanley, Hutchins, Lockman, Lyford, MartinT, Reed, Rudnicki, Stetkis, Strom, Swallow.

ABSENT - Cebra, Costain, Daughtry, Denk, DeVeau, Doore, Johansen, Riley, Roberts, Sharpe, Tipping.

Yes, 125; No, 13; Absent, 11; Excused, 1.

125 having voted in the affirmative and 13 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, To Ensure Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments

(H.P. 1291) (L.D. 1813)  
(C. "A" H-702)

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. 110 voted in favor of the same and 13 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Acts**

An Act To Establish the Maine Community College System Pell Grant Match Program

(H.P. 634) (L.D. 860)  
(C. "A" H-692)

An Act To Encourage the Development of Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine

(S.P. 498) (L.D. 1563)  
(C. "A" S-405)

An Act To Penalize Violators of Wood Shipment and Quarantine Laws

(S.P. 575) (L.D. 1726)  
(C. "A" S-412)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Composition of the Shellfish Advisory Council

(H.P. 1360) (L.D. 1906)  
(C. "A" H-697)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System

(S.P. 668) (L.D. 1926)  
(C. "A" S-411)

An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care

(H.P. 1401) (L.D. 1957)  
(C. "A" H-704)

An Act To Amend the Law Governing Maximum Length Limits for Truck Tractor Semitrailers

(S.P. 707) (L.D. 2005)

An Act To Modify Teacher Certification Expiration Dates for Teachers Who Use Family Medical Leave

(H.P. 1445) (L.D. 2035)  
(C. "A" H-703)

An Act To Provide for Judicial Review in Compliance with the Federal Legislation Known as the Family First Prevention Services Act

(H.P. 1450) (L.D. 2039)  
(C. "A" H-700)

An Act To Consolidate Certain Reporting Requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services

(S.P. 727) (L.D. 2054)



An Act To Clarify the Provision for Care of Infants after Birth  
(H.P. 1463) (L.D. 2059)

An Act To Clarify Certificate of Approval Requirements under the State's Liquor Laws  
(S.P. 738) (L.D. 2089)  
(C. "A" S-407)

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.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Thursday, March 5, 2020, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

An Act To Create Jobs and Slow Climate Change by Promoting the Production of Natural Resources Bioproducts  
(H.P. 1213) (L.D. 1698)  
(C. "A" H-552)

TABLED - January 14, 2020 (Till Later Today) by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **SUSPEND THE RULES** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford, 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 ENACTED**.

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 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" (H-552)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-731)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-552)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-552)** as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-731)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** as Amended by **Committee Amendment "A" (H-552)** as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-731)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

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HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (10) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-717)** - Minority (2) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **ENERGY**,

**UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Require a Cable System Operator To Provide a Pro Rata Credit When Service Is Cancelled by a Subscriber"

(H.P. 1441) (L.D. 2031)  
TABLED - March 5, 2020 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham **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 Raymond, Representative Fay.

Representative **FAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm a florist and when I buy roses to sell, I have to buy a minimum of 25. And when a customer comes in and only wants one, I can't charge them for 25, actually, I could, but they probably would go to my competitor down the street. My constituents don't have a choice for high-speed internet or cable. They can't just go down the street.

When I hear from constituents, and I've heard from quite a few on this issue, I believe it's part of my job to try to address those concerns and I thank the EUT committee for hearing those concerns and doing their best to protect consumers from these poor business practices. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise in support of this bill, which would require a cable system operator to provide a pro rata credit when service is canceled by a subscriber.

In the past, each cable company's bills were pro-rated, which meant that customers paid only for the services they used. If you canceled, you got your money back for the unused portion. But now some companies are saying that if you cancel early, tough luck, they are keeping your money, and that's patently unfair.

I work in an industry where people are often moving and they need to cancel their cable. Cable companies are telling them well, they should just cancel at the end of the month. But these people aren't always in control of when their closing on their property will take place and they can't always do it at the end of a billing cycle. And I'll tell you, for some people, this is a real hardship. It's a hardship for them to pay for something that they can't even use. Now, this is an important consumer protection bill that puts Maine cable customers first, and I urge you to follow my light and support it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Rykerson.

Representative **RYKERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House, it seems to be a simple consumer protection to prohibit a company from collecting from two people a service for the same service that neither of them receive. So, I support this bill. Thank you.

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

Representative **GROHOSKI**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, for considering this bill, LD 2031, "An Act To Require a Cable System Operator To Provide a Pro Rata Credit When Service Is Cancelled by a Subscriber."

Last summer, I was contacted by a constituent looking for help for his parents who had to move abruptly for health reasons. They are in their 80s and have lived in Lincoln for 59 years. Dealing with a broken hip hospitalization, ongoing dialysis, arthritis, infusions, and more issues than that, caused them to move to Brewer to be closer to their children and to medical care. Needless to say, they were overwhelmed when they received a \$525 bill for ending their cable service. Fortunately, my constituent was able to get a \$325 credit when he returned the equipment to Spectrum. However, they still owed the remaining \$200 for a full month of service for which they had used only four days.

Although billing this family the full \$200 was completely legal, it didn't seem like good customer service, so, I advocated on their behalf. It took almost three months of effort by the Public Advocate, the Charter Spectrum lobbyist, and myself to convince Spectrum to issue a refund. My constituent summarized the whole experience as follows: I found the way Spectrum treated my folks to be appalling. They did the right thing in the end by deciding to not make my parents pay for a full month, but it took months for them to do so. If not for the efforts of Rep. Grohoski, Public Advocate Barry Hobbins, and Melinda Kinney from Charter Communications, who was very helpful throughout the process and apparently talked some commonsense into her employer, I have no doubt we would still be fighting about that bill. I said early on the process that just because Spectrum could do something, doesn't make it right. To refuse to even consider a refund to my parents without pressure being put on them suggests to me that Spectrum is predatory, greedy and doesn't care a lick about their customers. If they went out of business tomorrow, it wouldn't be soon enough for me. That was what my constituent had to say.

In committee, we heard from others who were affected by this Spectrum policy change. One gentleman had to pay for an extra month of service beyond when he requested termination, I guess because it took until the next billing cycle for Spectrum to finally disconnect his service. Another person told us that whenever one person leaves an address and another moves in and starts a new service contract, Spectrum bills both people for the same service to the same location at the same time. But it gets worse. Like for a man who moved out of his apartment building when the roof collapsed, who couldn't get a partial refund.

I support this bill because it is about protecting Maine consumers against unscrupulous behavior by some members of the cable industry. Most of us in Maine only have one option for cable, TV, and internet service, so we cannot simply take our business elsewhere when we've been mistreated. Charter executives explained that they changed their policy to be more competitive with the Netflixes and Amazons of the world, which make customers pay for a full month of service. I hope you'll join me in considering how ridiculous that comparison is; Netflix is \$8-12 per month and can travel with you wherever you go. That's a far cry from \$200 per month plus \$325 of rented equipment to deal with, plus non-transferability when you move outside the company's service area. Perhaps good customer service and more affordable packages would be a better way to compete in this world. 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. 366**

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

NAY - Curtis, Grignon, Hanley, Stetkis, Strom, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Costain, Daughtry, Denk, DeVeau, Doore, Johansen, Riley, Roberts, Sharpe, Skolfield, Tipping.

Yes, 131; No, 6; Absent, 12; Excused, 1.

131 having voted in the affirmative and 6 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" (H-717)** 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-717)** and sent for concurrence.

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HOUSE REPORT - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-716)** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Reduce the Period of Enforcement for Judgments Based upon Consumer Obligations"

(H.P. 776) (L.D. 1053)

TABLED - March 5, 2020 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT**.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-716)** 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-716)** and sent for concurrence.

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Protect the Lobster Industry by Providing to Consumers Information Regarding Live Lobsters Sold in the State"

(S.P. 774) (L.D. 2149)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Wholesale Seafood Licenses with Lobster Permits"

(S.P. 775) (L.D. 2150)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Help Veterans Access Jobs, Education, Health Care and Housing and Provide General Support to Veterans"

(S.P. 772) (L.D. 2145)

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

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

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

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On motion of Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot, the House adjourned at 12:33 p.m. until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 12, 2020, in honor and lasting tribute to Harold J Gray of Penobscot, James Llewellyn Barnes of Bethel and James Arthur Kierstead of Camden.