

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
29th Legislative Day
Tuesday, June 20, 2023

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

Prayer by Pastor Matthew Ward, Charleston Church.
National Anthem by Paul Rodgers, Heather Rodgers and Mariah Faunce, Charleston.
Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Journal of Friday, June 16, 2023 was read and approved.

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

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act to Facilitate Communication Between Pro Se Defendants and Prosecutors While Protecting the Rights of Those Defendants

(S.P. 244) (L.D. 576)
(C. "A" S-339)

Was 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 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Facilitate the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill

(S.P. 276) (L.D. 718)
(C. "A" S-330)

Was 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. 117 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Ban the Video Hosting Service TikTok on All State-owned Devices

(H.P. 643) (L.D. 1007)
(C. "A" H-570)

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

On motion of Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and later today assigned.

Acts

An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund and to Provide Needs-based Low-income Assistance

(S.P. 91) (L.D. 187)
(C. "A" S-133)

An Act Regarding Legal Representation for Residents Facing Eviction

(S.P. 151) (L.D. 330)
(C. "A" S-340)

An Act to Clarify and Amend the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing Laws

(H.P. 271) (L.D. 438)
(C. "A" H-556)

An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail

(H.P. 309) (L.D. 492)
(C. "A" H-557)

An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism

(H.P. 428) (L.D. 659)
(C. "A" H-558)

An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules

(H.P. 516) (L.D. 827)
(C. "A" H-322)

An Act to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the State

(H.P. 687) (L.D. 1092)
(C. "A" H-574)

An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water

(H.P. 796) (L.D. 1248)
(H. "A" H-483 to C. "A" H-389)

An Act to Exempt Utility Vehicles Purchased for Qualified Commercial Fishing or Commercial Farming from State Sales Tax

(H.P. 828) (L.D. 1303)
(S. "A" S-334 to C. "A" H-524)

An Act to Ensure the Accuracy of Vital Records with Respect to Gender

(H.P. 962) (L.D. 1507)
(C. "A" H-559)

An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council

(H.P. 1004) (L.D. 1559)
(C. "A" H-568)

An Act to Amend the Law Governing Special Motions to Dismiss to Include Workplace and Title IX Claims

(S.P. 623) (L.D. 1592)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group Convened by the Emergency Medical Services' Board on Financial Health of Ambulance Services

(S.P. 634) (L.D. 1602)
(C. "A" S-338)

An Act to Clarify the Procedure for Amending the Birth Certificate of an Adult to Recognize a Parent Not Known or Listed at the Time of Birth

(H.P. 1049) (L.D. 1624)
(C. "A" H-567)

An Act to Create Greater Transparency for Facility Fees Charged by Health Care Providers and to Establish the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients

(S.P. 720) (L.D. 1795)
(C. "A" S-335)

An Act to Support Maine Forest Workers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards

(S.P. 758) (L.D. 1874)
(S. "A" S-341)

An Act to Amend the Membership of the Somerset Woods Trustees

(H.P. 1265) (L.D. 1968)

Were 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.

Resolves

Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building

(H.P. 695) (L.D. 1100)
(S. "A" S-337 to C. "A" H-448)

Resolve, to Study the Effect of Current Laws and Rules on the Expansion of Broadband

(S.P. 574) (L.D. 1456)
(C. "A" S-336)

Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study Maine's Mining Excise Tax

(H.P. 1185) (L.D. 1855)
(C. "A" H-572)

Were reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 715) (L.D. 1790) Bill "An Act Removing the Statute of Limitations on Criminal and Civil Actions Involving Sexual Abuse of Minors" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-342)**

(H.P. 220) (L.D. 346) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Family Caregivers" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-577)**

(H.P. 902) (L.D. 1406) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Estate Recovery and Planning for Long-term Care" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-589)**

(H.P. 1124) (L.D. 1745) Bill "An Act to Support Public Health by Protecting Certain Activities Conducted Under Comprehensive Community Drug Checking Initiatives" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-578)**

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

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Chuck Hays, of Manchester, who is retiring as President and Chief Executive Officer of MaineGeneral Health. In 1995, Mr. Hays joined what is now the State's third-largest health care system, MaineGeneral Health. In the more than 20 years since Mid-Maine Health System joined Kennebec Valley Health System to become MaineGeneral Health, he has held a number of positions of increasing responsibility. As Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, he headed the team responsible for the construction and operation of the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care, which opened in July 2007. In October 2007, he was named President and Chief Executive Officer of MaineGeneral Medical Center. In 2013, he became President and Chief Executive Officer of the parent company, MaineGeneral Health. Under his leadership, MaineGeneral Medical Center has been recognized with many distinguished national quality awards and has been recognized as one of the best hospitals in the world for 2022 and 2023 by Newsweek Magazine. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Professionals, Maine Hospital Association and American Hospital Association and currently serves on the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Board, Kennebec Savings Bank Board, serving as Vice Chair, Alfond Youth and Community Center Board, Maine Health and Higher Education Funding Authority and Maine Dartmouth Residency Board. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

(SLS 872)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **BRIDGEO**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. This all is great. It certainly describes Chuck Hays' professional accomplishments, which are certainly impressive. I've known Chuck for 25 years, I consider him a friend and I would say that what's left out of this Sentiment is that Chuck is also just a wonderful husband to his beautiful wife, Maria, and dad and really, I think, sets a gold standard as a role model for family involvement and involvement in the community. In all the years that we've worked together in Augusta, Chuck has uniformly been appreciated as a very, very strong asset to our community and it would've been hard for me not to stand and ensure that the Members of this Body know and appreciate the great work he has done and the great man that he is. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

Cary Drake, of York, who placed second in the 1,600 Meter Run Event at the New England Interscholastic Girls Track and Field Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 878)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SARGENT of York, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

Matt Charpentier, of York, who placed second in both the Discus Event and the Shot Put Event at the New England Interscholastic Boys Track and Field Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 879)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SARGENT of York, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **SARGENT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I am delighted to rise and salute these two wonderful Wildcats. Cary Drake of York not only won second in the New Englands but in the State B Maine Track Championship, she won the 400-yard, the 800-yard and the 1600-yard. She is a young woman of great stamina and speed.

She is joined by Matt Charpentier who, again, won in the State Championships both the discus and the shotput and he broke his own State record in doing that. So, please join me in saluting these wonderful young Mainers.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

In Memory of:

Eugene Keene, of Auburn. Mr. Keene was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1955 to 1960. Returning to Maine, he served the City of Auburn as assistant superintendent of the Parks and Recreation Department for 30 years. There he initiated a youth football program and also coached baseball for the Auburn Suburban Little League for many years. Mr. Keene will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 68 years, Marlene, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 506)

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representative LEE of Auburn, Representative LIBBY of Auburn, Representative SHAW of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Salisbury.

Representative **SALISBURY**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I've known Gene Keene and his wife, Marlene, since I was very young and my life is better because of it. When my family was going through a very difficult time, I always knew that things would be okay because they would be there, specifically for my mom. I considered their children, Gene Jr., Katie, Peggy and Kevin to be extended siblings and as they added to their family, I felt mine grew as well. Gene gave me one of my first jobs working for the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department and, while I'm still in therapy for having to work at Tot Lot during the hot summer days, I really appreciated that opportunity at the time. When Gene retired and he and Marlene moved to Boothbay, our summers at Linekin Bay were made even better, enjoying fresh lobsters from their boat and swimming off their dock.

Gene passed on to me and my siblings that the most important thing in life are the love of your family, the love of your community and the love of your country. While I didn't get to

see him much in the last few years, I was thrilled when Marlene told me that he saw me on TV and was pleased that I'm a Democrat. I'm a better person because of Gene Keene and I know he will be missed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Libby.

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In 2016, our family had outgrown the very small house that we owned in Auburn on Gamage Avenue and we purchased a house just around the corner on Park Avenue that would better fit our growing family. Our two oldest children were young and quite devastated to be moving from the only home that they had ever known but upon moving in, our daughter came running down the stairs with an envelope in hand. Inside, was a letter from the children of the previous homeowner that we had just purchased the home from, welcoming our children and telling them about the wonderful memories that had already been made in our new home. I say our home but, really, even to this day, it remains Coach Keene's home, as we bought our home from Eugene and Marlene Keene. During the five years that we lived in that home, we heard never-ending stories about Coach Keene, about his generosity of spirit, love for the kids and his sports programs, his open-door policy as it seemed like every single resident of Auburn had been in our home at some point in time and his kind nature. It came as no surprise to me after hearing so many stories about Coach Keene that his children would be so kind as to put my children at ease upon moving in to their old home. Coach Keene will be sadly missed by not just his family but his entire community.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Friday, June 16, 2023, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Bill Patterson, of Dexter

(HLS 459)

TABLED - June 12, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.

PENDING - PASSAGE.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dexter, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I know that you and I have all been in positions before, whether it was a job or a volunteer position, where we couldn't please everyone all the time. But usually we took the position thinking we might try and might be able to. When Bill Patterson, a graduate of Foxcroft Academy and a machinist by trade, decided to get into officiating, he knew ahead of time that it would be tough to please even more than 50% of the people all of the time in that occupation. As a second career, Bill has officiated not only baseball but football and basketball games. Many of you may recognize him even though he's not wearing his pinstripes or the umpire regalia because he's not only officiated in many Central Maine games, including during summer programs for folks, different teams, but he's also been an official in very many playoff, regional, and State Championship games. As a matter of fact, when he leaves here today, he will be officiating a game

in Bangor that some of your constituents are probably playing in for a State Championship.

Although Bill had a tough job trying to please folks, I will say this; because of his calm attitude, his consistency and his fairness, when people walked away from a game, most of them may not even remember that Bill was there, which is the ultimate for an official when he is officiating in any sport. So, I will say for all of those who have played in front of Bill over the 50 years and for the parents of many of those who were happy to have someone who's as dedicated to sports and taking on the role of an official for that long of a time and now to be finally recognized and entered into the baseball sports Hall of Fame, I'm glad that Mr. Patterson was a friend of mine and even officiated in some of the summer programs that my children participated in. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Ensure Safer Communities by Increasing the Punishment for Crimes Involving Fentanyl"

(S.P. 405) (L.D. 986)

Report "A" (7) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby Report "B" (4) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-313)** and **ASKED** for a Committee of Conference in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland moved that the House **INSIST**.

Representative NUTTING of Oakland moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

The same Representative **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: 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. 258

YEA - Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Strout, Swallow, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

NAY - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs,

Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Adams, Bagshaw, Javner, Newman, O'Connell, Riseman, Soboleski, Theriault, Thorne.

Yes, 62; No, 79; Absent, 9; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

62 having voted in the affirmative and 79 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR FAILED**.

Subsequently, the House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Increase Bicycle Safety by Allowing Cyclists to Treat Stop Signs as Yield Signs and Red Lights as Stop Signs"

(S.P. 614) (L.D. 1551)

Majority (10) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Minority (3) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-99)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Length of Legislators' Terms to 4 Years

(H.P. 542) (L.D. 852)

Report "B" (6) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate with Report "A" (6) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the **RESOLUTION PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-541)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Allow Bail Commissioners to Carry Firearms in Correctional Facilities and Jails"

(H.P. 443) (L.D. 674)

Majority (7) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-243)** in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (4) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Government Officials from Maintaining Records Related to Firearms Owners"

(H.P. 401) (L.D. 624)

Majority (7) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (6) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-522)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Allow a Qualifying Religious Organization to Self-insure for Automobile Insurance"

(H.P. 640) (L.D. 1004)

Minority (5) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-478)** in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate with the Majority (7) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, to Study the Effects of 5G Technology on Bird, Bee and Insect Populations and the Effects of Long-term Exposure on Children

(H.P. 466) (L.D. 697)

Report "A" (6) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-237)** in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate with Report "B" (5) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland moved that the House **INSIST**.

Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Subsequently, Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor **WITHDREW** his motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Subsequently, the House voted to **INSIST**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 371) (L.D. 874)

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-343)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

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

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-587)** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Transparency and Accountability of the Maine Information and Analysis Center"

(H.P. 947) (L.D. 1492)

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
HASENFUS of Readfield
LOOKNER of Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello
NEWMAN of Belgrade
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-587)** 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-587)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-581)** on Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elementary and Secondary Education System by Clarifying Purposes and Procedures for Reviews of Schools"

(H.P. 916) (L.D. 1420)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-582)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

Representative SAMPSON of Alfred **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Alfred, Representative Sampson.

Representative **SAMPSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. LD 1420 is a solution in search of a problem and I'm going to try and lay out the bill a little bit. It has two parts. I'll address the second part first, which we do not object to. It creates a random, comprehensive review process for all public schools and private schools approved for public tuition that select schools at random every two years for a review process regarding compliance with State approval standards and the Maine Human Rights Act. However, it's the first part we object to. The Majority Report unnecessarily

includes town academies in the existing inspection process designed for public schools. It's important to note the Department of Education's Commissioner already has the power to inspect independent schools. Current Law states that, quote; the Commissioner may, as a condition of approval, inspect any private school which applies for approval status.

So, this bill before us removes the discretion of the Commissioner and forces an inspection whenever a School Board or 20% of the voters from a sending unit think it is necessary. Unfortunately, the Majority Report does not recognize or appreciate the differences between public schools and town academies. It is irrational to allow the School Boards of a sending unit to a town academy, which may only send one student to the school and be several hours away from that school, to force the Department of Education's Commissioner to inspect that town academy. By the way, the bill also fails to define what it is, what is a sending unit. Maine's town academies provide a low-cost quality education to more than 5,000 students and offer access to wonderful facilities without any cost to taxpayers in our communities. It is interesting to note there was no support demonstrated to the Education Committee for the overreach sent forth in this bill. There was no support. There was little support provided by the sponsor for the need of this increased level of inspection. No communities, families or students testified in support of this bill. The Maine Principals' Association oppose this bill, the Maine School Boards Association and Maine School Superintendents' Association did not support and testified neither for nor against, and the Maine Department of Education did not take a position and did not participate in the work sessions. The only testimony in support for this bill was the Maine Education Association.

Maine's independent schools cooperated with the bill's sponsor and the Education Committee on this bill by agreeing to the ongoing comprehensive school reviews, which is part of the Minority Report I am asking you to support. The bill and the Majority Report is an unnecessary solution to a problem that was not demonstrated in the Committee. It is analogous to a square peg being shoved into a round hole, by failing to define sending units and failing to understand how town academies work. Although my caucus on the Education Committee felt that this bill was not adequately supported by and demonstrating of the need or good policy, we attempted to compromise and agreed to a comprehensive review process for all schools receiving public funds. Please reject this motion so we can move the next Report. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newcastle, Representative Crafts.

Representative **CRAFTS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in opposition of the pending motion. I'm the parent of a child who attends a town academy in Newcastle, Lincoln Academy, and when I went to look at testimony provided in the public hearing on this bill, I saw that there were no families or constituents speaking in support of what this policy attempts to achieve. Our town academies are unique entities providing fantastic education across our State and are already part of a thorough NEASC accreditation process as well as the annual DOE approval process. And as far as protections for the Human Rights Act, our students and members of our school communities are protected and follow current State protocol under the Human Rights Commission. Thank you very much.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Copeland.

Representative **COPELAND**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending matter. I represent part of the city of Saco, which has a very long and successful

relationship with Thornton Academy. I heard no complaints within my district that would support LD 1420. No one in my community, whether a student, family or school, appeared before the Education Committee or submitted testimony supporting this bill. In fact, the Maine Principals' Association opposed this bill, the Department of Education did not testify or participate in any of the work sessions. If the Commissioner of Education didn't have sufficient resources to oversee and inspect town academies, she would have participated in the Committee process.

Thornton Academy does an excellent job educating our children and have done so since 1811. The beautiful Thornton Academy campus is supported by local dollars. We celebrate the innovation and unique character of Thornton Academy which, in many cases, brings children from all over the world to Maine and help create the equity and diversity in Maine. Thornton Academy supports a comprehensive, Statewide review of both public schools and private schools receiving public tuition, which is included in the Minority Report. Please join me in rejecting the Majority Report and supporting the Minority Report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cape Elizabeth, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Colleagues. I rise in support of this motion. This is a reflection of over a year-long's worth of work and of having served over a decade on the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It was a very good process in Committee. There was a really robust conversation between members and between those concerned for our academies. In fact, the motion before us is a reflection of my deep listening to concerns that were raised on three separate occasions amending my original bill.

Where I was unable to move on the last request from those concerned for the academies was the elimination of the first part of the bill and here's why. Current Statute reads; the Commissioner shall inspect a school or schools in a school administrative unit and report the findings and recommendations of the School Board, addressing the concerns of the petition in light of applicable school approval standards when petitioned by 60% of the parents of the children of one school, requested by the School Board or Superintendents of schools, or petitioned by the 20% of the registered voters of the unit. So, we currently have in Statute a mechanism by which the taxpayers, the property taxpayers, the parents of the children going to those schools can request the involvement of the Commissioner of Education. And, for me, when a school is funded by over 60% with publicly funded monies and, let's be clear, most of these institutions are at 80% or really 90% of publicly funded students, that the citizens of those municipalities, those parents, have a voice, have a way to find accountability. We have this in Statute for our public schools. This amendment simply extends that to those schools that we call 60/40 schools.

There was a change in response to concerns where for 60/40 schools, we have removed the ability of a Superintendent to individually request the Commissioner's attention. It now requires the same extremely high thresholds of 60% of the parents of the children of one school and being petitioned by 20% or more of the registered voters of the sending unit. For me, this is a reasonable and necessary step to allow our constituents a form of accountability for how their taxpayer dollars are being used. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition of the pending motion. I represent one of these town academies. It's a semi-private school, Maine Central Institute, and I'm not sure if the members are aware when you; not only do I represent them but my son is third generation to graduate from this high school. And the extensive reporting that these schools have to go through already is there and you can get those reports, usually on their websites or by request. They are required to do a lot in order to receive their status as able to function and get some of the dorm students, resident students from around the world, around the State and around the country. So, I ask you to please oppose the pending motion and allow the Minority Report to go forward. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Alfred, Representative Sampson.

Representative **SAMPSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just would like to draw our attention to the fact that even though the Superintendents were removed from this equation, from this bill, Superintendents largely direct School Boards in their actions. Most if not all School Boards in the State of Maine take direction from the Superintendent. So, there still remains in this bill that the School Boards can influence these decisions. And so, removing the Superintendent is really kind of a moot point to this whole discussion. Thank you.

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

Representative **BRENNAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I just want to reiterate a couple of comments that were made by the Good Representative from Alfred. There's substantial support on the Committee for this bill because everybody on the Committee wanted to make sure that we are holding public schools accountable as well as the 60/40 or private academies. So, the process that we came up with and has already been described by several other speakers so I won't go into that at this point, there was broad agreement on the Committee for moving in that direction.

The only disagreement we had was some language that was put in regarding who could call for an investigation or a review by the Department of Education and Commissioner for a town academy. And the only reason that that process or that language was put in there was because town academies do not have public school committees. So, most people, when they want to redress what is happening within their school, have a public entity and elected officials they could go to. All we did is put in a process for members of the public to have a similar process as people that have School Boards to be able to bring their concerns to.

So, I think if people look at the majority of what is being proposed in the bill, they'll find it something that they can support and we purposely and with great intent set a very high bar for how a member of the public would be able to call upon the Department of Education to do a report of a town academy. So, I think those concerns, while they were expressed, I don't think they're warranted and I think that the bill deserves the support of this Chamber. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. May I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you. So, a question I would have about the threshold is let's say, for example, MCI only has one student from Athens. Would that town be a sending school that could do a request even though they only have one student that they send? Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Member has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who cares to respond. Hearing none, 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. 259

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Craven, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Bridgeo, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Landry, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, O'Neil, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Javner, O'Connell, Riseman, Theriault, Thorne. Yes, 73; No, 72; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 72 voted in the negative, with 5 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-581)** 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-581)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Offshore Wind Energy Development" (H.P. 1209) (L.D. 1884)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville
BOYLE of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
RUNTE of York
WARREN of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-588)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield
DUNPHY of Embden
FOSTER of Dexter
PAUL of Winterport

READ.

Representative ZEIGLER of Montville moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative FOSTER of Dexter **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harrington, Representative Strout.

Representative **STROUT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today in opposition of the pending motion, not because I do not believe the world is changing and warming and humans need to be good stewards of the planet, but because I do not believe we save the planet by industrializing the Gulf of Maine. There is much to discuss about the complexity of offshore wind but it is most easily broken down into three categories; energy, the environment and the economy.

Energy. I presented this bill to the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee and in doing my research, one thing that became clear is Leader Faulkingham made the correct decision to assign me to the Marine Resources Committee. After going through this process as a Maine resident, I am more thankful for those who do sit on this Committee and know they are making tough decisions on complex energy issues. This Session and probably other Sessions as well, they have heard bills that would change our energy generation ranging from increasing use of municipal waste to energy processes, solar energy development, nuclear power, natural gas, hydroelectric power, waste wood fuel, wind energy and a clean hydrogen pilot program. As a State, we are already making great strides in using more renewable resources for energy generation. According to CNET, there is currently 612 megawatts of solar power installed and Maine will add another 1,539 megawatts of solar capacity in the next five years. There are currently several wind turbine projects on land that generate more than 900 megawatts of energy, with the King Pine Wind Farm planned to provide 1,000 megawatts for Aroostook County which will connect to the ISO New England Grid and the New England Clean Energy Connect project will bring up to 1200 megawatts of renewable energy from Quebec to New England that just received approval to continue. All options for energy creation should be considered, not just those attached to specific agendas. Agendas change with technology and who the leaders of our State and our country are at a given time. If

climate change was the emergency we are told it is, we would not need to wait until 2030 for the offshore windmills to create energy. We could've passed the two bills this Legislature that would've lifted the 1,000-megawatt cap on hydro power, which would help immediately, have had little to no impact on the environment and our electricity grid which, in turn, would have helped to save the ratepayers money.

For the environment. We must continue to appreciate and protect the environment that humans along with all other species that we coexist with get to call home. One of the most diverse environments is the Gulf of Maine. According to a survey in *Synthesis* of significant U.S. laws and priorities influencing governance in the Gulf of Maine region, the Gulf of Maine is well known as one of the most biologically productive marine regions on earth. Its prominent underwater banks, most prominent being Georges Bank, formed 15,000 years ago during the recession of the last Ice Age. In addition, according to the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, the Gulf of Maine is one of the world's most dynamic environments, nourished by cold ocean waters and characterized by a complex of geomorphology made up of deep basins and shallow banks. This semi-enclosed sea is one of the most biologically productive marine ecosystems. Over 3,000 marine species and birds call the Gulf of Maine home. Coastal marshes and estuaries serve as nurseries and feeding grounds for fish, crab and shellfish and abundant plankton provide the base of a rich food web all the way up to large fish, seals and whales. The Gulf of Maine provides a sanctuary for more than 30 species at risk including the roseate tern and the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale. While we do not have offshore wind here yet, it does not mean we cannot learn from those areas who already do. As we have seen between December '22 and May of '23, there were a total of 42 whales that have washed ashore along the New Jersey and New York coasts. Closer to home, on May 18th, a Sowerby's beaked whale washed ashore in Gloucester, Mass. This whale is so rarely seen, NOAA was not sure of the species. A necropsy was performed, with results showing the brain was swollen, no signs of ship strike or entanglement. Just seven days ago, two humpback whales washed ashore in Martha's Vineyard. No necropsy will be completed because of decomposition, speculating the whales had been dead for several days prior to washing ashore. Maybe the whales dying are due to decompression sickness. A National Institute of Health research paper published in PubMed in 2015 notes that mass strandings of whales and dolphins in close association with naval sonar systems had been reported on several occasions. There will be an increase in sonar in the Gulf of Maine to look for the ground that's needed to anchor the floating turbines. Do we really need to further test this hypothesis?

Other environmental factors that should be of concern are the anchoring of the turbines, the cable placement and the burying of the cables. The anchors, thought to be three for each turbine, will be dragged along the bottom of the ocean until they reach a needed foothold. The cables will either run across the top of the ocean floor or buried and will be taut cables connecting each of the turbines to transmit the generated electricity. There's a smother effect concern. The digging up and protecting of coral areas which at the most recent BOEM meeting in Bangor, a representative from NOAA noted will be permitted to go through specific protected coral areas to allow for placement of the cables and the cables connecting the turbines will prohibit any fishing activity in the area as there will always be a chance for gear conflict with the cables. Another concern with floating cables are those not buried at least 12 feet

is the emission of electromagnetic fields. In the study in Europe, it was noted electromagnetic fields were directly related to deformation of both lobster and crab larvae. I had this paper reviewed by the University of Maine and they said the research was good and agreed this was a concern and more research was needed to be completed on the effects once we know what type of cables will be used here. Unfortunately, we do not have those plans yet and the Gulf of Maine is set to be auctioned off in 2024.

Another concern is how offshore wind affects all our migratory bird species as they try to fly through a sea of wind turbines. Approximately 20 miles offshore from Owls Head is Matinicus Rock. According to the Audubon website, Matinicus Rock supports one of the most diverse seabird breeding colonies on the U.S. Atlantic coast. There are approximately 200 different species that call Matinicus home. Speaking of birds, do you know what the number one killer of birds is, Madam Speaker? Cats. Yet this Legislature passed a bill to make it mandatory for all State construction to use bird-safe windows. There have been several bills to protect the environment including adding two birds, one bumblebee and one bat species to the protected list. In addition, we also discussed a bill that would not allow wake boats on small lakes due to the damage they would create on the shores. Did you know that each wind turbine creates a turbine wake effect which impacts the environment around the turbine since the wake creates underwater sediment plumes that stretch for miles downstream. We are worried about boats; can you imagine what hundreds of turbines with an outside blade speed of approximately 100 miles an hour would do? In Marine Resources, we heard numerous bills about protecting the ocean from allowing aquaculture to become too big. A few of the bills related to salmon pens in our bays taking up hundreds of acres. I supported the bill put forth that restricts the leasing of salmon aquaculture to 30 kg per cubic meter, not because I'm against aquaculture but because I do not want to see the industrializing of the ocean close to shore or offshore.

Economy. It is said offshore wind is needed not only to create renewable energy but good-paying jobs. I believe we already have both occurring daily and have been working towards becoming less reliable on fossil fuels for some time. The Jackson Laboratory, for example, is looking to fill at least 100 jobs and are currently offering sign-on bonuses. They also built a biomass energy plant on their campus. The plant has been saving 1.1 million gallons of #2 oil a year, 11,800 cubic tons of CO₂, and it generates energy for under 3 cents a kilowatt hour. They will be contributing \$22 million over ten years to the Maine economy. Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center located in Bangor is celebrating 17 years of green energy production. Generating their own electricity has saved more than 900 gallons of fuel oil. A company called Biofine Development owns the executive rights to a robust patent portfolio enabling the production of 100% renewable chemicals and biofuels directly from cellulose. They are currently working with the mill in Lincoln to get their products up and running and their first commercial project will be CO₂-negative heating oil. I think we can all agree keeping the mill in Lincoln will provide great jobs for that area.

If union jobs are what people think will lead the way, as of June 1st, Bath Iron Works has about 600 openings in the trades and about 50 non-trade jobs. I believe history would show Bath Iron Works has contributed greatly not just to the State of Maine but the protection of our country and I'm positive they would love to hire people to fill those positions. There are job openings all around the State currently, from truck driving, banking, schools,

local town offices and grocery stores. As legislators, are we saying that these employers that have kept our economy running for years are now not good employees and only offshore wind ports and jobs are worthy?

In addition to the land-based jobs keeping our State alive, there is the seafood industry. A recent study done by SeaMaine, which stands for Seafood Economic Accelerator for Maine, determined the Maine seafood sector contributes over \$3.2 billion in total economic output; economic output to the Maine economy and supports over 33,300 jobs Statewide. I get the privilege to live in beautiful Downeast Maine where we are a seasonal job area, with the fishing industry being the biggest contributor to our economy. The SeaMaine study emphasizes the importance of this industry to my area, with the Downeast region accounting for 45% of all direct jobs and 47.4% of total impact jobs and supporting \$390 million in labor income in 2019. The seafood sector in Downeast supports slightly more jobs than southern Maine, despite having one-fifth of the population. Downeast seafood jobs are concentrated in the harvesting subsector. The region accounted for 65% of all harvesting jobs in the seafood sector Statewide in 2019. These estimates are likely conservative as a result of significant amount of harvesting activity that did not have geographic identifying information, accounting for nearly 3,700 jobs.

In all the jobs I've had and may have in the future, the one that will always mean the most to me is being a mom. When we talk about great jobs, I know a 15-year-old young man that thinks there will never be a better, more enjoyable job than working on the ocean. I can appreciate all the time and effort individuals and researchers have put into efforts of offshore wind and the Maine offshore wind roadmap, as I have spent a fair amount of time doing my own research and presenting my own bill with only the help of some of my fellow legislators attending BOEM and NOAA meetings, checking the Law Library, and listening to fishermen. There will never be as much information gathered than listening to the men and women who have worked and loved the ocean for hundreds of years combined. The only special interest pressure I receive is from the 15-year-old who loves the ocean and the only special interest groups I support are the people living in the State of Maine who just want to make an honest living. Once the Gulf of Maine, anticipated to be about 10 million acres, is auctioned off to foreign countries, we lose all control and regardless of the outcome of destruction, we will not be able to stop it. Mammals will be washed on our shores, birds will die and the heritage and tradition of our fishing industry will be lost and our economy will decline. Downeast Maine will be devastated and our beautiful, diverse ocean will be destroyed. When I started this endeavor to try to protect the Gulf of Maine, I read and was told by several people the fix is in, but what I truly believe is we have time to fix it. I was beyond happy to see our Chief Executive and all of our Congressional delegation on June 12, 2023, send a letter to BOEM encouraging them to remove LMA-1 off the auction block. In the letter they note LMA-1 is a critical fishing ground for Maine's lobster fleet and an integral area to Maine's fishing heritage. This area in the lease includes areas that are either permanently closed or seasonally closed to fishing due to the potential presence of the North Atlantic right whale, questioning if the area is closed for fishing, how could it be open for offshore wind development. However, the fact still remains, they have not removed this area and do not have to. A huge victory happened on Friday when the lobstermen won the Federal Court case against the government, the same government that is trying to push out the lobster industry to have offshore wind and LMA-1. The judges finally saw and recognized the hard work and dedication the lobster industry

has in protecting all species of the ocean with their sustainable practices. I hope this legislation will believe in the industry as much as our delegation and the federal judges do. This bill will allow for the fishermen to be supported with all of their efforts and allow for continued research on how they can work and collaborate with scientists to keep the Gulf of Maine protected while earning a living.

Thank you, Madam Speaker, for listening and considering following my light. However, I am not naïve to think other things are not in play. And, honestly, if I am the only red light on that board, I will be just as proud because I know that I did everything I could to fight for the Gulf of Maine, as that is what I see my job as a legislator as well as a mom who just not only wants her son but all kids, current fishermen and future generations to have the opportunity to learn, participate in an industry that has pride, tradition and heritage, that contributes to keeping the State of Maine alive as well as being the voice of the whales because they cannot speak. I hope we can work together to stop the divide of climate change and protecting the environment and instead really look at all options that will have the greatest effect on slowing climate change while protecting the environment. The best way to start this process is to protect the Gulf of Maine from being industrialized by offshore wind and joining me in opposing this motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Boyle.

Representative **BOYLE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, what this bill does is to prohibit; we already have limitations; prohibitions in State waters on offshore wind. This bill adds federal waters to that and it adds it that Maine can't license or permit projects in federal waters. It doesn't have that prohibition for other states doing that in federal waters. So, if we ban it for Maine not allowing it, then New Jersey could do it, Connecticut could do it, Massachusetts, New Hampshire can do it out in the Gulf of Maine in federal waters, in concurrence with the federal licensing process. So, I'm in support of the motion and I hope you follow my light. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dexter, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stand in opposition to the pending motion. I think the sponsor was very clear and listed many reasons that we should pause Maine's efforts to promote offshore wind off our coast. There's a lot that we don't know, there's a lot to be learned and there's a lot of new things that are being learned where offshore wind is already present, especially off the coast of Europe. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Montville, Representative Zeigler.

Representative **ZEIGLER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to echo the words of the Representative from Gorham. This is going to happen in federal waters regardless. This is not going to stop offshore wind. It will just stop offshore wind coming in to Maine. And the other issue I would like to talk about is the whale deaths. I worked for the National Science Foundation for 30 years. I spent a lot of time at sea doing mammal studies in regards to noise. There is no correlation at this point between those whale deaths and I hate to think that we're using the death of whales as the stopping offshore wind.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Representative Dana.

Representative **DANA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in favor of LD 1884, to prohibit the offshore wind development. As a member of the Native American community, I have concerns, some serious concerns about the potential

impacts of this project on our culture, spirituality and economic well-being. For generations, our people have relied on the ocean for food, medicine and spiritual sustenance. The construction and the operation of offshore wind turbines could disrupt these traditional fishing and hunting practices as well as the sacred sites and artifacts. These impacts are not hypothetical, they are and have been observed in other areas where offshore wind has been built and some of these studies have been done by the National Congress of American Indians as well.

Furthermore, we are concerned about the potential harm to the fish and the marine life, which are important sources of food for many other Native American communities. We must ensure that any offshore wind development is done in a way that does not harm the ocean or its ecosystem and to the traditional way of life. And it has been stated, even in some of the things that this is going to happen regardless, which is an unfortunate statement to be making, as well as the statement has been made that there has not been enough studies and there's questions to the environmental impact that just cannot be answered yet, which to me is very concerning.

Additionally, we have not been adequately consulted and included in the decisions regarding the development of the offshore wind farms. We have the right to be heard and to have our concerns addressed as well. Without proper consultation and engagement, we will continue to oppose the offshore wind development.

Finally, we are concerned about the economic impacts of the offshore wind farms on our communities. Many Native American communities rely on fishing and other ocean-related industries for their livelihoods, not just us as Tribal members but the State of Maine as well, you know, being one of our largest industries and longest-standing industry here in the State of Maine. Offshore wind development could negatively impact these industries and they are a risk that these projects will be owned and operated possibly by outside entities.

As stated, it's going to be put in here with or without the State of Maine's permission in federal waters. And, in conclusion, offshore wind development poses a significant threat to our culture, spirituality and economic well-being as Native Americans and we must assure that any development is done in a way that respects our traditional way of life and ensures that our voices are heard and our concerns are addressed, not only us as Tribal members but also the culture here in the State of Maine with the fishermen and the industries that this will impact as well. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and I hope that everybody can look at this and realize that we need to do more studies before making a decision by impacting our shores here in the State of Maine moving forward. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Warren.

Representative **WARREN**: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to say briefly I was a Member of this Committee and did vote against this bill and for the current motion but I just wanted to offer an acknowledgment that there are really good faith reasons to be concerned, or potentially at this point to be opposed to the development of offshore wind.

I think the complete prohibition that's offered in this bill is not appropriate at this time, is too far, is too, maybe, radical for I think where we're at and there's been quite a bit of work over the last 10 years. I think some of that work has been very dismissive and very exclusionary, particularly I think to our Tribes and I'd like to see that different going forward but this bill today I think is quite far, I think it's quite extreme, and yet I just

wanted to pose that, that I think that there will be future legislation that we'll be able to consider in this Session that I think hopes to try and change the direction that we've gone in in the past and moves us forward and, with that, acknowledges climate change. And I think the level of technological development that I think particularly our State has been a leader in, especially over the last 10 years, I think bodes well for us as a State in addressing climate change and ensuring that we're not waiting to address the crisis and some of the unknowns I think are in part being worked on by our University of Maine system. But, overall, I just think that this bill is too extreme in one direction. But I just wanted to acknowledge that those concerns are legitimate, no matter where anyone stands on this bill today.

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

Representative **HEPLER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I agree so much with the comment of my Colleague from the Marine Resources Committee from Harrington and also from the Passamaquoddy Tribal Member. However, I believe if this were to pass, it would impact Maine's fishery and provide Maine with no input. Instead, I believe we need to stay in the game in order to protect our marine resources. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 260

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Campbell, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry J, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, RIELLY, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Costain, Crafts, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Eaton, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Perry A, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Stover, Strout, Swallow, Underwood, Walker, White J, Williams, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Javner, Lavigne, O'Connell, Riseman, Theriault, Thorne.

Yes, 76; No, 68; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 68 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-583)** on Bill "An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells"

(H.P. 943) (L.D. 1488)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-583)** 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-583)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-586)** on Bill "An Act to Support Emergency Housing Facility Construction, Renovation and Acquisition Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program"

(H.P. 1176) (L.D. 1844)

Signed:

Senators:

PIERCE of Cumberland
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

GERE of Kennebunkport
GATTINE of Westbrook
GOLEK of Harpswell
LOOKNER of Portland
RANA of Bangor
STOVER of Boothbay

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
CAMPBELL of Orrington
MORRIS of Turner

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-586)** 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-586)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-579)** on Bill "An Act to Create the Stable Home Fund Program" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 992) (L.D. 1540)

Signed:

Senators:

PIERCE of Cumberland
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

GERE of Kennebunkport
BLIER of Buxton
CAMPBELL of Orrington
GATTINE of Westbrook
GOLEK of Harpswell
LOOKNER of Portland
RANA of Bangor

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-580)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representative:

MORRIS of Turner

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-579)** 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-579)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-590)** on Bill "An Act to Clarify Immunity from Liability for Municipalities Engaged in Recycling Activities" (H.P. 799) (L.D. 1251)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

READ.

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

Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan **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 Skowhegan, Representative Poirier.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. I appreciate the efforts made to improve this legislation and I believe there are amendments to come but a very important consideration has been missed. The only exceptions in this bill are willful and malicious actions. There's no language to address acts of negligence on behalf of a municipality. Negligence includes slip and fall accidents and motor vehicle accidents like when a municipal employee forgets to place a caution sign on a wet floor or when a forklift operator fails to see the person behind them. Accidents happen and they're often not willful or malicious. Under this bill, municipalities are immune against acts of negligence in these facilities, leaving our constituents with no means of recourse if any injury occurs. So, I ask you to consider our constituents and oppose the pending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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. 261

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Greenwood, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, Newman, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Javner, Lavigne, O'Connell, Riseman, Theriault, Thorne.

Yes, 82; No, 62; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 6 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-590)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative MOONEN of Portland **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-591) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-590)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-590) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-591) thereto was **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-590) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-591)** thereto and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Exclusion Amount in the Estate Tax"

(H.P. 852) (L.D. 1338)

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
LAVIGNE of Berwick
LIBBY of Auburn
QUINT of Hodgdon
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-585)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HASENFUS of Readfield
MATLACK of St. George
RANA of Bangor

READ.

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

Five Members of the Committee on **TAXATION** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-584)** on Bill "An Act to Provide Financial Relief for Certain Volunteers Under the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows and the Maine Climate Corps"

(H.P. 1018) (L.D. 1573)

Signed:

Senator:

GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor
HASENFUS of Readfield
MATLACK of St. George
RANA of Bangor

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
LAVIGNE of Berwick
QUINT of Hodgdon
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

On motion of Representative PERRY of Bangor, Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-584)** 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-584)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Friday, June 16, 2023, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act Requiring the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in New Commercial and Multifamily Parking Lot Construction"

(H.P. 329) (L.D. 524)

- In House, House **Majority (7) OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** on June 12, 2023.

- In Senate, **Minority (5) OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-122)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - June 14, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

PENDING - FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

Subsequently, the House voted to **INSIST**.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-472)** - Minority (6) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Assess a Slip Fee on Megayachts Registered in Overseas Tax Havens"

(H.P. 749) (L.D. 1177)

TABLED - June 14, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MATLACK of St. George.

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

Representative PARRY of Arundel **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 Portland, Representative Lookner.

Representative **LOOKNER**: Yes, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the motion and will speak to the motion after the Good Representative from Arundel.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Arundel, Representative Parry.

Representative **PARRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to this motion. I think we are still Vacationland here in Maine and I think anything that discourages people from coming to Maine is not good for the State. 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. 262

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt,

Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Supica, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jackson, Landry, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Stover, Strout, Swallow, Terry, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Campbell, Javner, O'Connell, Riseman, Theriault, Thorne.

Yes, 76; No, 68; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 68 voted in the negative, with 6 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-472)** 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-472)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (9) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-532)** - Minority (4) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Reduce Mercury in the Environment by Phasing Out Certain Fluorescent Light Bulbs"

(H.P. 1160) (L.D. 1814)

TABLED - June 15, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

On motion of Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-532)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative BELL of Yarmouth **PRESENTED** House **Amendment "B" (H-608)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-532)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-532) as Amended by House Amendment "B" (H-608) thereto was **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-532) as Amended by House Amendment "B" (H-608)** thereto and sent for concurrence.

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-257)** - Minority (6) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-258)** - Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons"

(S.P. 14) (L.D. 22)

- In Senate, Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-258)**.

TABLED - June 16, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

On motion of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "B" (S-258)** 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 "B" (S-258)** in concurrence.

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (9) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-318)** - Minority (4) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-319)** - Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons"

(S.P. 250) (L.D. 582)

- In Senate, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-318)**.

TABLED - June 16, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-318)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-318)** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 217)

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

June 15, 2023

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Part 4, Chapter 163 2001 through 2006, I have reappointed Sarah Haggerty of Falmouth to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this reappointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

ORDERS

On motion of Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1295) (Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, RANA of Bangor, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

JOINT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH ON JUNE 19, 2023

WHEREAS, for 156 years, Juneteenth National Freedom Day, also known as Emancipation Day, Emancipation Celebration, Freedom Day, Juneteenth Independence Day and Juneteenth, has been one of the most recognized African-American holiday observances in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the South by Union General Gordon Granger, on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, more than 2 1/2 years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the determination of the first people from Africa, approximately 11,500,000 of whom survived the awful voyages across the Atlantic and who were brought to this country and enslaved in chattel slavery and whose descendants served as slaves for 200 years before the horrific institution of chattel slavery was abolished; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of chattel slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 130 years after the Emancipation Proclamation and after years of informal annual celebration, Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday in 2021 by the President of the United States and the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, "Until All are Free, None are Free" is an oft-repeated maxim that can be used to highlight the significance of the end of the era of chattel slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Maine in 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the historical significance of Juneteenth in order to advance racial equity, human dignity and justice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, recognize the observance of Juneteenth on June 19, 2023, and encourage people in our State to participate in Juneteenth observances.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

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

**SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Modernize the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Program"

(H.P. 556) (L.D. 900)

Majority (12) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-497)** in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (1) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland moved that the House **INSIST**.

Representative ANDREWS of Paris moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative TERRY of Gorham **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: 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. 263

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Crafts, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Dill, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Golek, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Milliken, Morris, Ness, Newman, O'Neil, Paul, Perkins, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rana, Roeder, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Supica, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Warren, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

NAY - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, Nutting, Osher, Parry,

Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pringle, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Terry, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Javner, O'Connell, Riseman, Rudnicki, Theriault.

Yes, 73; No, 72; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 72 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices"

(H.P. 854) (L.D. 1340)

Majority (7) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ AND ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-512)** in the House on June 15, 2023.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (6) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ AND ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland moved that the House **INSIST**.

Representative ANDREWS of Paris moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative TERRY of Gorham **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: 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. 264

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Fay, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

NAY - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Riseman, Rudnicki, Theriault.

Yes, 66; No, 78; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

66 having voted in the affirmative and 78 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR FAILED**.

Subsequently, the House voted to **INSIST**.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide Funding to Emergency Medical Services Organizations

(H.P. 331) (L.D. 526)

(C. "A" H-528)

Was 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. 119 voted in favor of the same and 5 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature

(H.P. 538) (L.D. 849)

(C. "A" H-530)

An Act to Increase Transparency in Municipal Ballot Referenda Expenditures

(H.P. 850) (L.D. 1336)

(C. "A" H-544)

An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta

(H.P. 889) (L.D. 1375)

(C. "A" H-308)

An Act to Allow Certain Social Workers to Diagnose Organic Mental Illnesses

(H.P. 895) (L.D. 1400)

(H. "A" H-423 to C. "A" H-203)

An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes

(H.P. 1013) (L.D. 1568)

(C. "A" H-542)

An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program

(S.P. 669) (L.D. 1664)

(H. "A" H-535 to C. "A" S-209)

Were 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.

Resolves

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Investigate Time-of-use Rates

(H.P. 347) (L.D. 542)

(H. "A" H-526 to C. "A" H-277)

Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program

(H.P. 1187) (L.D. 1857)

(H. "A" H-571 to C. "A" H-539)

Were reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Ensure a Sustainable Electric Grid" (H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1778)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville
BOYLE of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
RUNTE of York
WARREN of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-607)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield
DUNPHY of Embden
FOSTER of Dexter
PAUL of Winterport

READ.

Representative ZEIGLER of Montville moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Montville, Representative Zeigler.

Representative **ZEIGLER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill would reduce the amount of money that the Efficiency Maine Trust receives from the regional greenhouse gas initiative and it can reduce that amount by putting a ceiling on it of \$12 million. That would take away from the good work that the Efficiency Maine Trust has been doing over the years to help people reduce their energy use. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Regulate Outdoor Lighting" (H.P. 1177) (L.D. 1845)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
CARNEY of Cumberland
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
CAMPBELL of Orrington
DOUDERA of Camden
HOBBS of Wells
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips
WOODSOME of Waterboro

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-606)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

O'NEIL of Saco

READ.

On motion of Representative GRAMCICH of Old Orchard Beach, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-595)** on Bill "An Act to Reduce Barriers to Housing by Prohibiting Tenant Application Fees" (H.P. 460) (L.D. 691)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

READ.

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

Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan **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. 265

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Carlow, Javner, Ness, O'Connell, Riseman, Rudnicki, Theriault.

Yes, 80; No, 63; Absent, 7; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 7 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-595)** 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-595)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-600)** on Bill "An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute and Increasing Funding for Meetings of the Institute"

(H.P. 990) (L.D. 1535)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-600)** 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-600)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-602)** on Bill "An Act to Enable Confirmatory Adoption"

(H.P. 1221) (L.D. 1906)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-602)** Report.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-602)** 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-602)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate Private Donations to the Maine Clean Election Fund"

(H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1698)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
COLLINGS of Portland
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-604) on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland
HYMES of Waldo
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (S-350) on Bill "An Act to Protect Certain Private Emergency Services Personnel from Liability Under the Maine Tort Claims Act"

(S.P. 342) (L.D. 783)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
HAGGAN of Hampden
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HENDERSON of Rumford

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** (S-350).

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A"** (S-350) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (S-350) in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (S-349) on Bill "An Act to Limit the Immunity of Charitable Organizations"

(S.P. 530) (L.D. 1312)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representative:

POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (S-349) Report.

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** (S-349).

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A"** (S-349) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (S-349) in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

**CONSENT CALENDAR
First Day**

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 504) (L.D. 1223) Bill "An Act to Clarify Cost Allocations and Insurance in the Joint Use of Public Utility Equipment" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-348)**

(S.P. 622) (L.D. 1591) Bill "An Act to Promote Economic Reuse of Contaminated Land Through Clean Energy Development" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-353)**

(S.P. 658) (L.D. 1653) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors and to Protect All Electors from Harassment and Intimidation Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-366)**

(S.P. 671) (L.D. 1666) Bill "An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-363)**

(S.P. 679) (L.D. 1692) Bill "An Act to Create the Guilford-Sangerville Utilities District" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-354)**

(S.P. 717) (L.D. 1792) Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-364)**

(S.P. 727) (L.D. 1802) Bill "An Act to Add Certain Volunteer Firefighters to the Definition of 'Volunteer Firefighter'" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-356)**

(S.P. 780) (L.D. 1918) Bill "An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-355)**

(S.P. 809) (L.D. 1980) Bill "An Act to Improve Election Laws and Notarial Laws" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-365)**

(H.P. 413) (L.D. 636) Bill "An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License and Ensure the Quality of Personal Care Agencies" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-617)**

(H.P. 478) (L.D. 709) Bill "An Act to Support Home Share Programming for Seniors" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-616)**

(H.P. 482) (L.D. 713) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Dedicate a Portion of Sales and Use Taxes from All Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicle-related Sales to the Highway Fund for Road and Bridge Capital Improvements Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-611)**

(H.P. 701) (L.D. 1105) Bill "An Act to Ensure Lower Costs and Consumer Protections for Patients by Prohibiting Certain Billing Practices" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-609)**

(H.P. 702) (L.D. 1106) Bill "An Act to Improve the Transition to Adult Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-615)**

(H.P. 764) (L.D. 1204) Bill "An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program for Incarcerated Persons" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-614)**

(H.P. 834) (L.D. 1309) Bill "An Act to Clarify Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-612)**

(H.P. 983) (L.D. 1528) Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program and Convene a Work Group Regarding the Provision of Services by the Child Development Services System Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-594)**

(H.P. 1098) (L.D. 1709) Bill "An Act to Establish a Baseline of Consistency and Safety for the Operation of Construction Cranes and Elevators" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-593)**

(H.P. 1101) (L.D. 1712) Bill "An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-619)**

(H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1713) Bill "An Act to Update Electrical Education and Other Licensure Requirements for Electricians" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-592)**

(H.P. 1103) (L.D. 1714) Bill "An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-620)**

(H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1781) Bill "An Act to Establish the Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service Program" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-618)**

(H.P. 1260) (L.D. 1958) Bill "An Act to Provide the Mi'kmaq Nation with Sales Tax Revenue for Sales Occurring on Mi'kmaq Nation Territory" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-610)**

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

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

(H.P. 154) (L.D. 233) Bill "An Act to Ensure Efficiency in Petitions Reviewed by the Secretary of State by Clarifying Deadlines Related to Those Petitions" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-613)**

On motion of Representative SUPICA of Bangor, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Unanimous Committee Report was **READ**.

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-344)** on Bill "An Act to Standardize Requirements Between Boards of Visitors for County Jails and Department of Corrections Correctional Facilities"

(S.P. 643) (L.D. 1626)

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
HASENFUS of Readfield
LOOKNER of Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello
NEWMAN of Belgrade
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-344)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-344)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-344)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-357)** on Bill "An Act to Enact the Beneficial Electrification Policy Act"

(S.P. 688) (L.D. 1724)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
BOYLE of Gorham
DUNPHY of Embden
FOSTER of Dexter
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
PAUL of Winterport
RUNTE of York
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-357)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-357)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-357)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-351)** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Review and Procurement Process for Nonwires Alternatives"

(S.P. 762) (L.D. 1887)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville
BOYLE of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
RUNTE of York
WARREN of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-352)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield
DUNPHY of Embden
FOSTER of Dexter
PAUL of Winterport

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-351)**.

READ.

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

Representative FOSTER of Dexter **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. 266

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Riseman, Rudnicki, Theriault.

Yes, 80; No, 64; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-351)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-351)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Private Funding of Elections"

(S.P. 753) (L.D. 1869)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
COLLINGS of Portland
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-368)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland
HYMES of Waldo
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-367)** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Governor, State Senator and State Representative

(S.P. 779) (L.D. 1917)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
COLLINGS of Portland
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland
HYMES of Waldo
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the RESOLUTION **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-367)**.

READ.

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

Representative BOYER of Poland **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. 267

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Riseman, Rudnicki, Theriault.

Yes, 79; No, 65; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolution was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-367)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolution was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-367)** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-629)** on Bill "An Act to Promote a Diverse, More Experienced Construction Workforce and Ensure High-quality Careers by Increasing Registered Apprenticeship Programs"

(H.P. 991) (L.D. 1539)

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

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

Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro **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 Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I appreciate the fact that some of the more onerous portions of the original bill have been taken out but the amended version is still a little bit too restrictive at how funds will be allocated. Also, the Department does not recognize the need for or support establishing a separate minimum standard for the construction industry with regard to on-the-job and classroom training. And furthermore, Federal and current State requirements for registered apprenticeship programs already establish a more-than-necessary minimum standard. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I hope you will join me in voting against the motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunkport, Representative Gere.

Representative **GERE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this bill takes our registered apprenticeship program and empowers companies, unions and other kinds of training organizations to sponsor registered apprentices. This bill merely makes sure that those organizations are tracking the performance of those programs to make sure that apprentices are making good wages and benefits. And it also specifies that they will work to attract diverse and support diverse candidates for our needs in the trades especially and then, finally, make sure that we are identifying best practices and remediating those programs that are underperforming. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Roeder.

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Madam Speaker, I wanted to share something from the Maine Association of Realtors who testified on the bill. They said, we support this bill because it focuses on accessibility to training for the construction industry and encourages job training and apprenticeship in the field. We do not have enough affordable homes in Maine and need to build more, either through entirely new homes or by modifying existing structures. This bill would positively impact the housing industry and increase the number of available skilled workers who will be essential to building more housing supply. 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. 268

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Carlow, Fay, Javner, O'Connell, Riseman, Rudnicki, Theriault.

Yes, 79; No, 64; Absent, 7; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 7 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-629)** 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-629)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Allow the People to Elect the State Auditor"

(H.P. 465) (L.D. 696)

Signed:

Senator:

NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay

ABDI of Lewiston

COPELAND of Saco

DHALAC of South Portland

RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-631)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon

GREENWOOD of Wales

POMERLEAU of Standish

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-624)** on Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States

(H.P. 665) (L.D. 1029)

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay

ADAMS of Lebanon

COPELAND of Saco

GREENWOOD of Wales

PAULHUS of Bath

POMERLEAU of Standish

RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Representative:

UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

READ.

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

The Resolve was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-624)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-624)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Return the Sales Tax Rate to 5 Percent"

(H.P. 1126) (L.D. 1747)

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
CROCKETT of Portland
HASENFUS of Readfield
LAVIGNE of Berwick
LIBBY of Auburn
MATLACK of St. George
RANA of Bangor

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-628)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

QUINT of Hodgdon
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-625)** on Bill "An Act to Address the Recent Mill Closure in the Town of Jay by Providing Funds to Offset Property Tax Loss"

(H.P. 1256) (L.D. 1954)

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
CROCKETT of Portland
HASENFUS of Readfield
LAVIGNE of Berwick
MATLACK of St. George
QUINT of Hodgdon
RANA of Bangor
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:

Representative:

LIBBY of Auburn

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-625)** 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-625)** 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. 275) (L.D. 717) Bill "An Act to Adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-373)**

(S.P. 289) (L.D. 731) Bill "An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-381)**

(S.P. 513) (L.D. 1276) Bill "An Act to Create and Sustain Jobs and Affordable Housing Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-370)**

(S.P. 571) (L.D. 1453) Bill "An Act to Amend the Physical Therapist Practice Laws" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-371)**

(S.P. 694) (L.D. 1749) Bill "An Act to Establish the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-372)**

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

There being no objection, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Friday, June 16, 2023, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-280)** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment, Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services"

(H.P. 311) (L.D. 494)

TABLED - June 6, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winterport, Representative Paul.

Representative **PAUL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I once again would like to refer to the prevailing wisdom of a former United States Senator, Joe Biden, who once said those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 269

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Strout, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Perry J, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Riseman, Rudnicki, Theriault.

Yes, 79; No, 65; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-282)** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Health Care Services Without Parental Consent"

(H.P. 1154) (L.D. 1809)

TABLED - June 6, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 270

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyer, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Campbell, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Perry J, Riseman, Rudnicki, Theriault.

Yes, 79; No, 63; Absent, 8; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Report "A" (8) **Ought Not to Pass** - Report "B" (3) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-386)** - Report "C" (1) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-387)** - Report "D" (1) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (H-388)** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Quality of Care Provided via Telehealth by Prohibiting Physicians from Prescribing Abortion-inducing Drugs or Devices Through Telehealth or Other Electronic Communication"

(H.P. 797) (L.D. 1249)

TABLED - June 8, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF ANY REPORT.**

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass.**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass.**

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 Winterport, Representative Paul.

Representative **PAUL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This is my bill, which had the intent of improving the quality of telehealth by not allowing chemical abortion pills to be dispensed through unsafe means or methods. I am pro-life. That means I am for the life of the child and the mother. I believe all life is precious. I believe that life begins at conception and that we were all made in the image of God. I will never be ashamed of that. To be honest, I would love for this bill to limit access to this dangerous practice, which is what opponents claim but, in reality, it doesn't.

The practice of dispensing these pills through telehealth can be potentially life-threatening to the mother and I believe the 28 women who have died as a result of this practice would agree if they were still alive today. I would add that these pills are always lethal to the pre-born baby. I would be remiss not to mention that this practice of prescribing life-ending drugs through the mail already violates the federal Comstock Act.

As a number of abortion providers and clinics dwindled in recent decades, abortion numbers and rates continued on downward trend until recently. A very recent uptick in U.S. abortions could be explained by a surge in chemical abortions. Chemical abortion is a two-drug process including mifepristone and misoprostol, which are used to kill a baby in the womb by suffocating and starving it before the second drug is used to expel a developing baby from the womb of their mother in the first trimester of pregnancy. Proponents call it medication abortion but that's misleading. Medication indicates something that is intended to manage a patient's disease or illness but chemical abortions end the life of a pre-born child and can be dangerous to the health and lives of pregnant mothers as well. The abortion industry has been pushing hard for chemical abortion via telehealth and the FDA has tragically decided to eliminate the important safety protocol of in-person dispensing. In addition to being a profitable new product, telehealth mail-order at-home do-it-yourself chemical abortions are easier for the industry to push.

One reason they are easier to push is because partial birth and dismemberment abortions are a tough sell to women in the public. They are brutal and gruesome. In contrast, chemical abortion, a product promoted as an at-home medication abortion, is easier to falsely portray as gentle, natural and private. The reality is that Planned Parenthood is sending women away to kill their babies in their own homes, effectively

turning their home into a morgue and a continual reminder of the life they took and literally flushed away in the toilet. These women experience severe cramping, contractions, and bleeding that can last from several hours to several days and they can be intense and painful. Please do not forget the data that reveals the psychological impacts of these women who can never see their child that they destroyed and had to dispose of. I could share gruesome testimony of thousands of women who have literally come face to face with the choice they have made and the trauma, tragedy and life-altering guilt and experience they now have to live with.

Another selling point to women is the privacy factor. Women fearful of an invasive gynecological procedure performed by a stranger wielding an assortment of steel instruments can avoid surgery, unless of course her chemical abortion fails, which happens frequently. Highly credible sources from the U.S. and Finland show higher levels of serious adverse events associated with chemical abortion when compared to surgical abortion such as severe bleeding, infection, retained baby body parts and death. These events may entail, for example, follow-up surgical evacuation of the baby's remains when chemical abortion fails and emergency surgery when ectopic pregnancies rupture. The latter can happen when the symptoms of the chemical abortion mask the symptoms of ectopic pregnancy, allowing it to go unnoticed until it puts the woman's life at risk.

If truth be told, the biggest benefit for the abortion telehealth industry with no in-person screening or monitoring by a trained doctor is the ability to scale up. In other words, the quantity of abortions can increase even while the number of those willing to perform surgical abortions decrease. The consumer cost for the abortion pill has skyrocketed over recent years, all while the industry has simultaneously eliminated costly and potentially life-saving testing and exams for abortion pill clients. Planned Parenthood now gets \$555 or more for every life they take. As the amount of money paid by abortion pill clients rises, the abortion industry frequently purchases abortion pills for less than \$100, revealing obvious profit motive. If the abortion pill costs the industry under \$100, why are women being gouged? It appears that the answer is that opportunists cash in while women get both increased cost and increased risk.

The last thing to consider is that removing the in-person dispensing requirement for the abortion pill has had radical implications for women's health and safety, especially as it pertains to intimate partner violence, sexual abuse and sex trafficking. Not all pregnant women live in an environment free from the threat of violence against their babies and themselves. Even the National Abortion Federation, a radically pro-abortion trade and activist group in the United States, implores that ethical practices for abortion care must include the ability to ascertain before providing an abortion that the patient, unless unable to comprehend or participate in the decision, has freely chosen to end her pregnancy, is prepared to do so and has not been coerced in any way. There are numerous documented incidents of women who have unknowingly been slipped abortion pills by partners who are unwilling to become fathers or by family members who are unsupportive of the pregnancy.

Making these dangerous drugs more accessible has other ghastly considerations. Those in the sexual exploitation industry, such as pimps and traffickers, love an environment in which they can compel women to repeatedly have abortions. Furthermore, men who have sex with minor females love nothing more than to have easier access to get rid of the evidence of their abuse. Making these drugs self-managed complicates the detection of sexual abuse and sex trafficking.

The removal of in-person interaction with someone who is professionally trained and mandated to report sexual abuse will only further isolate victims. It is common for sex-trafficked pregnant women to be coerced into having an abortion and women under the control of exploiters by definition have no choice. A groundbreaking study published by the Beazley Institute titled *The Health Consequences of Sex Trafficking and Their Implications for Identifying Victims in Healthcare Facilities* found that many survivors of sex trafficking reported being forced into having multiple abortions only to be back on the streets following the procedure to continue making a profit for their trafficker. As our country becomes more aware of the prevalence of sex trafficking in our communities, health professionals and law enforcement are getting more training to identify victims of sexual exploitation. Online chemical abortion drug prescribing removes the opportunity for victims to interact with someone who may recognize the signs and get the victim to safety. Sadly, we have seen evidence of abortion businesses such as Planned Parenthood being willing to aid traffickers for the sake of carrying out abortions. Planned Parenthood employees in various states have been caught on camera arranging abortions for women who are obviously victims of trafficking and sexual abuse as well as aiding pimps and traffickers in evading the law.

In closing, there are certain things that shouldn't be done at all but there are other things that can't and shouldn't be done through telehealth and the prescribing of this regimen is one of them. It is dangerous to women and it is always dangerous to babies who are starved and suffocated in the mother's womb and flushed down the toilet. Hospitals dispose of placentas carefully as medical waste and brick-and-mortar abortion vendors are supposed to follow State laws with human remains. Why? Why are they required to be disposed of as human remains if they are just a blob of cells? We know the answer; because they are human remains. The better question is why are we killing them at all. It's barbaric. Meanwhile, abortion pill mills send women away to bleed and to flush tainted blood, tissue and the bodies of their babies in our sewer system and the environment. Are we only concerned about lead and PFAS in the water or should we also be concerned about human remains? How dare we treat something so sacred as life and the bond between mother and child so callously? Babies are being killed and women are dying of sepsis and blood loss while the abortion-industrial complex brings in windfall profits and uses that money to influence public policy in the form of legislation and contributions to political campaigns. I urge you to oppose this motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 271

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Fredericks, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, Lanigan, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.
Yes, 81; No, 64; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-210)** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion"

(S.P. 330) (L.D. 771)

- In Senate, Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

TABLED - June 12, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 272

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 79; No, 66; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-521)** - Minority (6) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Installation of Safe Haven Baby Boxes at Hospitals, Law Enforcement Facilities and Fire Departments"

(H.P. 335) (L.D. 530)

TABLED - June 14, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Poirier.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in the 130th Legislature, LD 560 was enacted into Law. Newborn safety devices were considered a viable method for surrendering a baby into State custody. The 2021-22 budget appropriated \$14,174 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules governing the design, installation and use of safe haven baby boxes to ensure necessary safety specifications are met, including, but not limited to, an alarm that alerts both the facility where the safe haven baby box is located and a public safety answering point when a baby has been placed inside. To this date, the Department has failed to meet its obligation to establish rules. Ten states currently utilize newborn safety devices. Their Statutes are a good example of rules that work. LD 530 does the Department's job for them and establishes rules and regulations that work.

Madam Speaker, no community establishment is forced to have newborn safety devices installed. It's completely up to them if a community wants to take part in this program. There are many communities that are waiting for these rules to be implemented so that they can install devices in their communities. Right now, their hands are tied until rules are on the books. It's past time, Madam Speaker. The Department has had plenty of time to implement rules. It's our duty to get this in place now. Please join me and oppose the pending motion.

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

Representative **MOONEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Colleagues of the House, first I guess I just want to say there's only one company that makes these baby boxes right now so, certainly have concerns about the State signing up for a monopoly arrangement. But that being said, there's real concern about removing the rulemaking requirement around these baby boxes. As my friend from Skowhegan said, there are 10 states that have done this. They are in the south and do not have the weather concerns that we have and I think both on the Committee and from HHS, we heard real concerns that the only company that manufactures these is not prepared to manufacture them in a way that deals with the temperatures

that we face in Maine. Earlier this winter, we had temperatures of minus 20, minus 30, with wind chills of minus 60 and 70 around the State and we're talking about a box that a human life is put in and if we are going to move forward with such things, they have to be done in a way that can sustain life. And so, the rulemaking requirement is really, really critical for ensuring that these things are safe. So, I strongly object to the removal of the rulemaking requirement and urge you to join me in voting Ought Not to Pass. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Poirier.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do want to remind everybody in the Chamber and you that the original bill is not up for debate here. This is the rules that we're talking about and when you're talking about the temperatures like the Good Representative from Portland was just talking about, these safety devices, when an infant is placed in there, it's for an average of 90 seconds before somebody gets to the box. In my opinion, that is fantastic considering that lots of times a baby is found on the ground in a park when it's 20 below. I mean, this is a life-saving measure and it's not forced on anybody. If your community wants to take part in it, great; if not, that's fine, too. But give them the chance to do this and potentially save lives. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 273

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Golek, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jackson, Landry, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lee, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Moriarty, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Pringle, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 73; No, 72; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 72 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Report "A" (8) **Ought Not to Pass** - Report "B" (3) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-465)** - Report "C" (2) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-466)** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Prevent Coerced Abortion"

(H.P. 757) (L.D. 1197)

TABLED - June 14, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF ANY REPORT.**

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass.**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass.**

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 New Gloucester, Representative Arata.

Representative **ARATA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. LD 1197 is not a bill that prohibits abortion. It actually is a bill that protects women and helps women. It amends the laws governing informed consent to abortion. Under this bill, prior to an abortion, a patient would be provided various disclosures in a language and manner that would be understood by the patient.

In light of the many immigrants we are welcoming into Maine from all over the world, it's particularly important that everybody can understand exactly what their rights are. The disclosures include the following. A notice that she has the right to withdraw consent for an abortion at any time before the performance of the abortion. This part of the bill was inspired by the story told by Missouri Democratic Congresswoman Cori Bush, who repeatedly said no during and leading up to an abortion and she was ignored. It also requires that a woman be given the telephone number of at least one domestic violence hotline and one sexual assault hotline and an offer to make referrals to law enforcement agencies and domestic violence and sexual assault support organizations and an offer to call law enforcement if she feels that she'll be unsafe if she refuses to have an abortion. It's a sad fact that some women are threatened with violence for refusing an abortion and may feel they have no other choice.

It also requires information to be given to women regarding the Maine Human Rights Act, protections against discrimination in employment, education and housing on the basis of pregnancy or familial status and, upon request, educational materials prepared by the Maine Human Rights Commission regarding these protections. As a housing provider, I've had prospective tenants tell me that their landlord has told them to move because they're having a baby. And I've also had tenants actually ask me if I would force them to move out if they had a baby. This is absolutely illegal in the State of Maine and, again, women shouldn't feel that they have no choice other than abortion in order to keep their jobs, their housing or to pursue an education. And, finally, Madam Speaker, women need to be told how dangerous late-term abortions can be. I came to realize this after Dr. Shannon Carr testified about performing third-trimester abortions in Maine after she had performed an abortion in New Mexico that resulted in her patient's death. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Albion, Representative Cyrway.

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to say what's lacking here is hope. We need hope. It's missing in this. When you are being coerced to have an

abortion, that is taking away hope. So, I think this bill is robbing a life. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 274

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 79; No, 66; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Report "A" (8) **Ought Not to Pass** - Report "B" (4) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-515)** - Report "C" (1) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-516)** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Require an Ultrasound and Certain Counseling Before an Abortion"

(H.P. 1039) (L.D. 1614)

TABLED - June 14, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF ANY REPORT.**

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass.**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass.**

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 Levant, Representative Griffin.

Representative **GRIFFIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I strongly oppose the motion before us. This bill would have a health care professional confirm a woman's pregnancy and give her complete

information about her health care options with no barriers. With any medical procedure, it is important to have all the information in order to make a decision that may have a major impact on one's life. Informed consent is providing a person with adequate information facilitating a person's understanding of the information and giving a person adequate time to ask questions and discuss with family and friends. It gives a person time to make an informed decision. When a woman is pregnant and making a decision about her pregnancy, she should be informed of all her options. The National Right to Life Committee states, an informed consent law protects a woman's right to know the medical risks associated with abortion, its alternatives and nonjudgmental, scientifically accurate medical facts about the development of her unborn child before making this permanent and life-affecting decision. Information before a medical procedure can make all the difference in making a decision. Often, a woman seeks an abortion when her support system collapses and she is in crisis. LD 1614 ensures the woman receives all the information to make the best decision for her health. The health care professional would offer to perform an obstetric ultrasound and explain the images of her baby to the woman. She is counseled on her options, including adoption and parenting. She would be told of any complications with the procedure of an abortion such as abdominal pain, excessive bleeding, cervical tears, difficulty getting pregnant and post-abortion syndrome. A wait time of 48 hours to make her decision should also be an option. If she chooses to have her baby, she would be given a list of agencies that would support her. Everyone should have the opportunity to make the best decision for her and her unborn baby and with this information she can do just that. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 275

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 79; No, 66; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (10) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-279)** - Minority (3) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation"

(H.P. 857) (L.D. 1343)

TABLED - June 6, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

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

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 276

YEA - Andrews, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyer, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 82; No, 63; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 5 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-279)** 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-279)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-402)** - Minority (5) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Protect Health Care Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Services"

(H.P. 393) (L.D. 616)

TABLED - June 12, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative PERRY of Calais.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

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

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This bill would effectively require that malpractice insurance be sold to all abortion providers regardless of any action taken against their license in another state. It would effectively make malpractice insurance a guaranteed issue insurance. We heard zero evidence from supporters during the hearing that this is a problem. It was just the classic, this is something that could be a problem but there was no hard evidence that anybody was being denied malpractice insurance right now in Maine on the basis of performing abortions.

Malpractice drives the cost of health care. In our State, it's one of the leading causes of why health care costs continue to grow. If a doctor is doing something unsafe, they should not be able to receive malpractice insurance. I would consider, as the Good Representative from New Gloucester mentioned earlier, the case of Dr. Shannon Carr, who is being sued in New Mexico for the wrongful death of one of her patients. Under this bill, she could not be charged more or denied malpractice insurance on the basis of the issues in the State of New Mexico. I would urge this Body to put Maine patients first and their safety first and let's reject this pending motion. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Houlton, Representative Swallow.

Representative **SWALLOW**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill has; going to have, actually; little effect as far as what it's going to do in the insurance world by itself but in precedent, it will have a great effect. Because what it's going to do; it gets into the area of underwriting, which is an area that we really should stay out of in all categories if at all possible. And what we're doing here is we are getting involved in underwriting for our special interests. And that can in the long run cause a lot of issues as far as premium changes, increased premium costs and changes in underwriting. And I think this is best left alone. I ask you to follow my light and oppose this legislation.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Kuhn.

Representative **KUHN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the current motion. This bill would strengthen protection for health care providers so they can offer safe and legal abortion care to Mainers and to people traveling to Maine for care including people who might've come from a state where abortion is now banned. Since the Supreme Court revoked federal protections for abortion last summer, numerous states across the country have passed laws restricting access. This patchwork of State laws has created uncertainty for providers

and patients in every state. States have also across the country introduced bills targeting medical professionals providing this care, including civil and criminal penalties. There's no reason to think that this might not be the next tactic to shut down providers. This bill in front of us addresses one aspect of the uncertainty reproductive health care providers are facing regarding their malpractice insurance and prohibits an adverse action only in the case a revocation because of a law in another state. To be clear, it would not prohibit a malpractice insurer from denying coverage if there were a claim of malpractice, for example, or negligence or poor care in another place. That is specifically excluded. Valid and sufficient medical malpractice insurance is essential for providers to be able to practice medicine. Maine hospitals actually require proof of insurance for credentialing and hospital privileges. A denial of coverage would render a physician unable to care for any patients and, in fact, the threat of a denial could impact the decision-making of providers regarding what patients they see and what care they can provide. A majority of Maine people agree that decisions about abortion care are private and should be made between patients and their health care providers. This bill is meant to reinforce that provider-patient relationship and ensure continuity of care. I urge my colleagues to support the pending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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. 277

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyer, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Landry, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 79; No, 66; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 5 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-402)** 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-402)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)** - Minority (4) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-434)** - Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion If a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health or Safety Reasons"

(H.P. 630) (L.D. 995)

TABLED - June 13, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative PERRY of Calais.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

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

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a Point of Order. Which Committee Amendment amended Report, please?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would reply the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" Report.

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. 278

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Ankeles, Arata, Ardell, Arford, Babin, Bell, Blier, Boyer, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bridgeo, Campbell, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cyrway, Davis, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eaton, Faulkingham, Fay, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Gifford, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Hobbs, Hymes, Jackson, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, Lanigan, LaRochelle, Lee, Lemelin, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, Malon, Mason, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Morris, Murphy, Ness, Newman, Nutting, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paul, Paulhus, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Polewarczyk, Pringle, Quint, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sargent, Sayre, Schmersal-Burgess, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Simmons, Skold, Smith, Soboleski, Stover, Strout, Supica, Swallow, Terry, Thorne, Walker, Warren, White B, White J, Williams, Wood, Woodsome, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Bagshaw, Carmichael, Cray, Dunphy, Hall, Lavigne, Libby, Poirier, Pomerleau, Rudnicki, Underwood.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 134; No, 11; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

134 having voted in the affirmative and 11 voted in the negative, with 5 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-433)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative QUINT of Hodgdon **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-634)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hodgdon, Representative Quint. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **QUINT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would apologize for getting emotional for bringing forward this amendment but I will not apologize for my emotions or the way that I feel about this. You see, I'm a very private person. I do not have social media. I have always cherished and protected my family's privacy. But this bill is too important to me to not share my personal story and why I believe this bill is necessary.

This bill has the word abortion in it and, suddenly, a second opinion has become controversial. You see, I was preparing to go to Africa; Nigeria, specifically; on a medical missions trip when I was younger. I received many required vaccines, unaware at the time that I was pregnant with my first child. Upon discovery, I was immediately given an ultrasound and was told that there were anomalies. My world shattered; my life plans changed in a second. I was no longer going to Africa, as my husband and I had spent the beginning of our married lives together preparing to do. I was now going to have a baby in 27 weeks who in all likelihood would have disabilities.

I am pro-life. Abortion was promoted as an option. My husband and I were told that we were young and we would have a lifetime of caring for a child who would require extra care and attention. The implication was even made that it would be unkind of us to bring our child into the world as he may suffer.

I cannot even begin to explain the overwhelming guilt that I carried for receiving those vaccines while pregnant. For a doctor to imply that I was somehow uncaring for following my beliefs was utterly devastating to me. The only thing that made it bearable was that my husband, who at the age of 22 said that we would get through this together and that he would work two jobs so that I could stay home with our baby, who we both believed would need special care. I was actually given a second opinion in the same facility with the same results. I was so distraught that I wanted to avoid further prenatal care as I truly felt harassed. I was overwhelmingly distressed. No pregnant woman should be made to feel as I was.

I agree that everyone should have a right to a second opinion for any medical procedure and I strongly believe that patients should be told they have the right. This bill gives the right for a second opinion but it does not have the doctors tell the patients that they have that right for a second opinion and I believe they should be told. Once again, this bill would allow them to go to another facility so as not to have to be in the same office, like I was, where I was sent from a doctor that just repeated the same advice as the previous doctor. That is the purpose of this bill. No one in this Body put in a bill to allow second opinions for medical procedures. Because of a personal experience, I put in this bill to ask that a woman has the right to be informed that she may get a second opinion from a different medical office so as not to feel coerced. I believe that a doctor should inform her of that right. I do not believe that this is a controversial subject. I would like you to follow my light and allow this to go through. Thank you.

Representative PERRY of Calais **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT House Amendment "A" (H-634)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)**.

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 Adoption of House Amendment "A" (H-634) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-433). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 279

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Dill, Dodge, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Landry, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Perry J, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

NAY - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 70; No, 75; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

70 having voted in the affirmative and 75 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-634) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-433) was NOT ADOPTED.**

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "A" (H-433) was 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-433)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Report "A" (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-435)** - Report "B" (4) **Ought Not to Pass** - Report "C" (1) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-436)** - Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Remove Barriers to Abortion Coverage in Private Insurance"

(H.P. 582) (L.D. 935)

TABLED - June 14, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative PERRY of Calais.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF ANY REPORT.**

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

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended.**

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 Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the

pending motion. Under Maine Law, there is a requirement that any new mandate, which is what this bill proposes to do, mandating that insurance companies cover all abortions as first-dollar coverage without any co-pays or co-insurance, be sent to the Bureau of Insurance for a mandate study. This bill did not have that. That's why for that reason, I am moving that we send this bill back to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, so that we can effectively do the work that we are supposed to do under Maine Law and have this studied by the Bureau so we know what the cost is going to be to our ratepayers in the State of Maine.

Representative MORRIS of Turner moved to **COMMIT** the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.**

Representative TERRY of Gorham **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **COMMIT** the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.**

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 Houlton, Representative Swallow.

Representative **SWALLOW**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to speak against the other motion. My light was on before, so I'll wait till after Roll Call.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Commit the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 280

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

NAY - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, Lanigan, Lavigne, O'Connell, Perry J, Theriault.

Yes, 63; No, 79; Absent, 8; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

63 having voted in the affirmative and 79 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the motion to **COMMIT** the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES FAILED.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Houlton, Representative Swallow.

Representative **SWALLOW**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand in opposition to this motion. We have many bills that deal with the emotional issue of abortion. However, this bill, in some ways, is unique from other such legislation we've had in the past and we will be considering yet.

I can remember back to a time when speaking with my pastor who stated, you will know what the person's true priorities in life not by what they say but by looking at their checkbook. In essence, he was saying that a person's true heart is best illustrated by the priority and importance they give to certain and specific expenditures above all others. This bill states in the case of pregnancy if one chooses abortion, it is to be paid in full by the insurance carrier, first-dollar coverage; there are no co-pays, no co-insurance, no deductibles, no financial worries. You're covered. However, should you choose to carry a baby to birth, then good luck. You will be responsible for the co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles.

LD 935 has nothing to do with whether one is pro-choice or not. This legislation takes us to the next level, an as-yet-uncharted level well beyond the issue of choice. What this legislation clearly says about us with its spending directives in a very subtle and subdued manner is that we not only support choice, but we both value and prioritize abortion over life. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Calais, Representative Perry, and inquires as to why she rises.

Representative **PERRY**: I'm wondering what we're voting on. I thought we were voting on the House Amendment.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would reply that we are voting on Acceptance of Report "A," Ought to Pass as Amended.

A roll call having been previously ordered, the pending question before the House is Acceptance of Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 281

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jackson, Landry, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, Lanigan, Lavigne, O'Connell, Perry J, Theriault.

Yes, 75; No, 67; Absent, 8; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-435)** 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-435)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Enact the Curriculum Transparency Act" (H.P. 714) (L.D. 1129)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-641)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative SAMPSON of Alfred **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Alfred, Representative Sampson.

Representative **SAMPSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Sunshine is the best disinfectant. Transparency is the sunshine for our schools. A wildly popular policy among parents throughout Maine is transparency with our schools, School Boards and administrations. Pulling back the veil between school systems, parents and taxpayers would be, it's sad to say, an innovative idea. However, upon examination of the Federal Law, Maine is

not in compliance. This bill is an exact reflection of the federal policy. It was my hope we in the Education Committee would willingly align our policies. Parents, taxpayers, policymakers; all deserve to have insight into their schools' operations. These stakeholders have the right to assess all factors in order to determine whether a school system is succeeding or failing or how well they are doing to prepare our students for life in the workforce or college or beyond.

Taxpayers would be very interested to examine data about student performance, data about how schools spend money and the instruments by which other forms of data are gathered, et cetera. An online transparency portal proposed in this bill; and is also a federal requirement, by the way; would provide parents with access to a host of resources and information such as student test data, curriculum content and classroom materials. It would also require transparency with third-party contractors, records and activities in the school. Maine's educational system has a long history of subcontracting and partnering with many various organizations who historically have strong influence on the professional training, culture and climate within our State's schools. Based on the bipartisan Maine Wire Coefficient poll, transparency policies in Maine schools is a tremendously popular issue with Maine taxpayers. Parents resoundingly believe curriculum content should be accessible for the purpose of inspection through an online portal.

Understanding how third-party contractors influence schools would likely be an eye-opening experience as well. To be clear, this is current Federal Law and we, in Maine, are not in compliance. Schools are not proactively transparent about organizations or firms they contract with for professional development. Disclosing information about any third party is hidden unless the information is specifically requested through the Freedom of Access Act. Professional development seminars provided by the DOE or other outside entities should be easily accessible without the cumbersome, time-consuming Freedom of Access requests. Professional development training including social-emotional learning to guide curriculum development and instruction, interestingly enough, is not tolerable in the Federal Law. It begs the question, why are we implementing social-emotional learning so boldly? These trainings must be open to the public with online videos for at least three years. Taxpayers would learn a great deal about what teachers are being coached to teach. These trainings would be easy to record and post on any school's website. And, by the way, every School Board is required to pre-approve any outside programs coming into the schools. Without that approval, influence on individual schools is also a violation of the Federal Law. How many administrators in this State have simply opened the doors to organizations with specific agendas without even checking with their School Boards?

Access to an online portal would be required to post three years of student assessment performance data as well. This would be a tremendous step in the right direction. We do not have access to such data at this point. This, in part, could be why the Department of Education has been threatened by the U.S. Department of Education for changing the State testing, which did not line up with federal requirements. When the Commissioner of Education is dismissive about the falling test scores, stating that academics must take the back seat to social-emotional related materials, it's easy to understand why parents are deeply concerned. This violation of Federal Law and lack of full disclosure on numerous issues has put parents into an uproar. The use of psychological and social-emotional learning, trauma-induced instruction and other psychological manipulation violates Federal Law. It's time we implement a

course correction. This bill will ensure schools meet the purpose of education as provided in the Constitution of Maine and disseminate the knowledge needed to ensure the rights and liberties of United States citizens in this State. The Federal Law is outlined in this bill and it's time Maine schools comply. Please join me and oppose this motion. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 282

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 80; No, 65; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-638)** on Bill "An Act to Reform the School Budget Referendum Process by Limiting the Circumstances in Which Referenda Occur"

(H.P. 1127) (L.D. 1748)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SAMPSON of Alfred
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Representative:

BAGSHAW of Windham

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-638)** 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-638)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Require Photograph Identification for Voting"

(H.P. 879) (L.D. 1365)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec

BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor

COLLINGS of Portland

MALON of Biddeford

MONTELL of Gardiner

RIELLY of Westbrook

RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-637)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

BOYER of Poland

HYMES of Waldo

RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

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

Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

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

Representative **PAUL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This is also one of my bills. I won't rehash all the information about the benefits of voter ID. My bill would require a photo ID to vote in person and to receive an absentee ballot. I decided to share some of my testimony from the public hearing primarily because, to my recollection, only four of the 13 members remained in their seats or were present to listen.

I could spend hours refuting concerns regarding voter ID but I don't think I'd change anyone's mind. Shenna Bellows has been outspoken in her opposition to voter ID and different aspects of my bill that I would like to address. Secretary Bellows testified that in 2011, Secretary of State Charles Summers formed an Elections Commission to study voter participation, the current system of registering voters and the conduct of elections in the State. Bellows reported that over 12 years ago, a panel voted four to one against recommending the measure at the time. One sentence was quoted out of 28 pages. What failed to be mentioned is that they also included a list of factors that would support a voter ID law and use language such as if it were true that when referring to their own stats and concerns. May I remind you all that this was a panel of five people whose task was to provide recommendations that do not reflect the people of Maine. According to a recent WABI poll with over 3400 respondents, 83% supported a voter ID law, with only 17% opposing. You see this as a theme across the country. An Ought Not to Pass on this voter ID bill is rejection of the will of the majority of Mainers. If feelings were facts, then I guess everyone would be right. But facts are facts and they don't change. Just because you believe something, doesn't necessarily make it so. Again, I would remind you to ask 83% of the Maine people who disagree with those who oppose this.

Justice William Stokes from the Maine Superior Court has claimed that State interests, including the desire to prevent voter fraud, outweigh any burdens that may be imposed on voters. He goes on to say when ruling on a case regarding ballot harvesting that such a prohibition serves the State's important interest in deterring and preventing election fraud. Let me repeat; deterring and preventing. In that lawsuit, voter fraud was mentioned explaining the Court's reasoning. If voter fraud doesn't exist, why would that be a reasoning of the Court? The ruling said although there has been considerable discussion and debate about the prevalence, or lack thereof, of voter fraud there can be no question as to the State's compelling interest in reasonably regulating how a ballot is handled and by whom when the voter chooses not to appear for in-person voting. If this Body chooses to be against voter ID for in-person voting, although that does not reflect the will of Maine people, could you all get on board with photo ID for absentee ballots? As our Superior Court has reasoned, the State has a compelling interest in regulating who handles ballots and thereby providing proof of identification is reasonable. Again, please remember that the courts have also ruled that slight burdens on the right to vote are outweighed by the State's compelling interest to deter and prevent election fraud.

Another concern of Secretary Bellows was the issue of racism. So, let's talk a moment about racism and white supremacy because it would seem that if you listen to the rhetoric, that is the root of all problems in society. In my experience, when you have to start throwing the race card, it is a sure signal there are no facts to be had. We all know the game being played; use emotional language to elicit an emotional response. Get people to feel so they no longer will think. So, instead of looking at data from reputable sources, opponents of voter ID start with a faulty premise, so, therefore, they have a faulty conclusion. The study that proved voter ID laws are discriminatory and impact elections was picked up by outlets such as *ThinkProgress* and the *Washington Post*. But a follow-up study suggests that findings that continually get repeated to this day were bunk. According to researchers at Stanford, Yale and University of Pennsylvania; not exactly conservative powerhouses; the original study was based on surveys of voters that are extremely unreliable and skewing the results. These

universities report the original study just doesn't have the data to prove their supposed conclusions. They report several calculation errors and found that based on the available research so far, voter ID laws do not have a strong effect on voter turnout.

So, to summarize, all these university studies show that voter ID laws do not suppress votes. Not only does voter ID not suppress votes, they do not impact minority turnout. We now have Georgia as our example for that. In the four years after Georgia implemented its then-controversial voter ID law in 2008, turnout among black and Hispanic voters increased and even outpaced overall population growth among those demographics. A poll conducted by the University of Georgia School of Public and International Affairs found no black voters who said they had a poor experience at the polls, and even through 2022, turnout continues to break records. I'd like to share a little bit from Pamela Denise Long, a trainer and consultant for implementing trauma-informed care and anti-racism. As a Black American, I believe she can speak to the topic better than I can. She says that voter ID laws do not violate civil rights or the National Voter Registration Act. She contends that the truth is the opposite. In a *Newsweek* article, she reported that not protecting our elections is what hurts the black community. She says that rather than focusing on finding a solution, liberals instead have chosen to fetishize the problem, cultivating a victim consciousness and nurturing a delusional savior complex. The truth is there is one party waging a war against voters identifying themselves. With more and more illegals invading our State, voter protection should be of utmost importance. It is undeniable that possibly allowing noncitizens to vote weakens the power of Americans to decide their own destiny. What could hurt black Americans more? Americans across the board in study after study believe an ID requirement maintains the integrity of our elections and that includes Americans descended from slaves. In a survey by Monmouth University, well over 80% of non-white participants supported voter ID. So, why are we still calling voter ID racist? If you start with a presumption of racism, especially without any proof, you will look for ways to confirm it. When you can't, you have to resort to emotional language. Why isn't it racist to assume minorities can't figure out how to get an ID? I think that is peak racism.

One last area to address would be the impact on elderly Mainers but to address this, I would refer back to the 2011 study performed by Charlie Summers that our current Secretary of State referred to. He reported voter ID laws would provide an effective tool against voter fraud. The report went on to say that in today's post-9/11 world, the need for personal identification is widespread throughout American society and is needed for many common activities that impact older Mainers as well. Mainers need an ID to go on an airplane, obtain Social Security or Medicare, be admitted to a hospital, purchase alcohol, obtain a public transportation pass, open a bank account, stay at a hotel, obtain certain prescription drugs, get a document notarized and many other activities that are too numerous to list. I've read the concerns from elder groups but more likely than not, the elderly in our State participate in one of the aforementioned activities that require identification. And, as a reminder, the court supports slight burdens, if one exists. And another reminder, a free ID would be provided if they don't already have one, which may actually work to help the elderly access other aspects of society they may not be currently participating in. The study further suggests that barriers to obtain a photo ID are overstated and can be overcome at the cost to implement a free voter ID system, which is what this bill would allow, may be exaggerated as it will be necessary to

provide IDs to a very small group of people. Even Shenna Bellows herself couldn't give you a number except a guess with no data to back it up.

In conclusion, it is impossible to say that voter fraud is nonexistent, as Aaron Frey has alluded to. When you are not looking for a problem, you probably won't find one. From my experience on the campaign trail, voter rolls are ripe for fraud. Time after time, I came across houses with up to nine voters supposedly living in them that were mobile homes that had been hauled away, houses that have burned down or houses that were abandoned. Again, those addresses showed voters on the roll. That's just in my small neck of the woods. The reality is voter fraud does exist and should be taken seriously as the courts have instructed. From the 35 states that have some sort of voter ID requirement, we can actually conclude fact. Voter ID laws do not suppress anyone's vote, they do not harm minorities, they do not change turnout and, in reality, election fraud often goes undetected and even when it is discovered, investigators and prosecutors often take no action. Voting is sacred and should be treated as such. Let's do our duty and honor our oath first and foremost to uphold the Constitution. This bill does not violate the Constitution, as the courts have determined. Because we pass that test, let's look at the will of the people, where the majority of Mainers want these laws put into place. Lastly, let's be good legislators and protect and secure the sacred duty of voting. Let's restore Mainers' faith in the voting process by taking election integrity seriously. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Lemelin.

Representative **LEMELIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have one question for you, Madam Speaker, if you could help me with this. Why is it legal to ask for a voter ID to register to vote; it's mandatory by law; but it's not going to be legal to ask for an ID to vote. So, why, as the Representative said, we have all these reasons why it's unfair to ask for an ID to vote but it's not unfair to ask those same people who are unfortunate for an ID to register to vote? What's the difference between the two? The only thing that can come to my mind is, one, there's no fraud. You just register to vote, you have an ID, we're okay, now we know you're legally registered. So, what's the reason not to ask for that same ID that everybody has to register to vote in order to vote if it's not fraud? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question to anyone who wishes to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to this motion. I also co-sponsored a similar bill to the one the Good Representative from Winterport has sponsored here.

We accept as Americans that when we want to open a bank account, purchase a car or rent a home, that we must do so by showing a driver's license or some form of photo ID. When we travel to board an airplane or stay in a hotel, we also must show some form of ID there as well. We recognize this does not serve as any sort of an undue burden on us as individuals; rather, it adds a layer of security that says that the service that I am paying for, that it is me getting that service.

I live in a town of 6,000 people. I'm quite confident that my Town Clerk knows who I am but it would be impossible to know every single person that walks through the door on Election Day. If someone does not have a driver's license, there is a way to obtain one for free. It is really; and even currently, there's only a \$5 charge. I just helped my grandmother with this process last year, it was fairly straightforward and didn't cause any undue

burdens on anyone. When I am at the polls on Election Day, I hear from several people that come to the polls, they already have their IDs out and wonder why Maine already does not require this. So, I would encourage this Body to reject this pending motion and add another layer of security to our election system. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I did not plan to speak on this but I thought I might add something that might be of help in our decision making. A couple of elections ago, I went to a friend of mine shortly after the election and he said you know, I went to the polls and I got ready to vote and the people said oh, you've already voted. He said no, I haven't. I haven't voted. The Clerk knows me and she knows that I always vote after I get done work at 5:00. So, she said go ahead and vote, there was a mistake made. And that's the point I'm trying to make. Sometimes mistakes get made. Nothing nefarious, just honest to goodness mistakes. Voter ID would help alleviate that and take away any questions that might happen. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Supica.

Representative **SUPICA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As the Good Representative from Winterport did point out that in 2011 then-Secretary of State Charles Summers did form an Election Commission to study, quote, as was said, voter participation, the current system for registering voters and the conduct of elections in the State. And they did find that the negative aspects of a voter ID law outweigh its potential benefits and they recommend that voter ID system not be pursued in Maine, and we have our current system today. There is little evidence that this legislation is needed to secure elections in Maine. The Heritage Foundation found that voter fraud's tracker has only confirmed two instances of fraud around voting in Maine since 2010 and they did not involve voter ID. Rather, it was double voting, instead. It is unclear that this bill will even increase voter confidence in elections. A 2022 UNH survey of Maine voters found that two-thirds of Mainers felt very confident that their votes were accurately counted.

You know, at first glance, requiring a voter ID might seem sensible. We all hear, you know, we can all think who doesn't have an ID. But life happens, people can lose or forget their IDs, they are not always aware of voter requirements, some voters will face challenges that make it hard to correct the situation like transportation, child care, difficulty getting time off of work, any sort of disabilities and we shouldn't leave those people behind who have more complicated lives. So, I ask that we all reaffirm our commitment to our secure, fair and accessible elections and vote Ought Not to Pass.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Albion, Representative Cyrway.

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is a law to show ID when you're stopped by the police. I just wanted to mention that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 283

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 80; No, 65; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-635)** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma"

(H.P. 1146) (L.D. 1783)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
BOYER of Poland
COLLINGS of Portland
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HYMES of Waldo
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-635)** 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-635)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-645)** on Bill "An Act to Require School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide Prevention Hotline"

(H.P. 811) (L.D. 1263)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
BAGSHAW of Windham
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SAMPSON of Alfred
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Representative:

POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-645)** 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-645)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-644)** on Bill "An Act to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools"

(H.P. 981) (L.D. 1526)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SAMPSON of Alfred
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-644)** 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-644)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Promote Educational Opportunity Through the Educational Choice Tax Credit Program, Eliminating Certain Restrictions on Charter Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools, Allowing More Entities to Authorize Charter Schools and Clarifying Educational Policy on Immunization Requirements"

(H.P. 1120) (L.D. 1741)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-643)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham

LYMAN of Livermore Falls

POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative SAMPSON of Alfred **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 284

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, Lanigan, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 80; No, 64; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Create the Educational Opportunity Account Program"

(H.P. 1190) (L.D. 1860)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York

LIBBY of Cumberland

PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland

DODGE of Belfast

LYMAN of Livermore Falls

MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth

MURPHY of Scarborough

POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset

SAMPSON of Alfred

SARGENT of York

WORTH of Ellsworth

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-642)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

BAGSHAW of Windham

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-646)** on Bill "An Act to Increase Affordable Housing by Expanding Tax Increment Financing"

(H.P. 948) (L.D. 1493)

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor

CROCKETT of Portland

HASENFUS of Readfield

MATLACK of St. George

RANA of Bangor

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CARMICHAEL of Greenbush

LAVIGNE of Berwick

QUINT of Hodgdon

RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-646)** 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-646)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit State and Local Enforcement of Federal Firearms Laws"

(S.P. 569) (L.D. 1451)

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
HARRINGTON of York
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
HASENFUS of Readfield
LOOKNER of Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill
NEWMAN of Belgrade
NUTTING of Oakland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-382)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

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

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-380)** on Bill "An Act to Provide Maine Ratepayers with Equitable Access to Interconnection of Distributed Energy Resources"

(S.P. 148) (L.D. 327)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville
BOYLE of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
RUNTE of York
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield
DUNPHY of Embden
FOSTER of Dexter
PAUL of Winterport

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-380)**.

READ.

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

Representative FOSTER of Dexter **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. 285

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, Lanigan, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 80; No, 64; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-380)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-380)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Repeal Certificate of Need Requirements for Health Care Providers" (S.P. 618) (L.D. 1554)

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
PRINGLE of Windham

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-375)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

CYRWAY of Albion
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
SWALLOW of Houlton

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

READ.

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

Representative MORRIS of Turner **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This bill seeks to repeal the certificate of need for health care services. One of the first things that happened during the pandemic was we lifted the certificate of need on hospital beds, recognizing that we may need that as things go forward, we may need more hospital beds to deal with the number of infected people with the COVID-19 virus. I think that's something that should be used as a cautionary tale as to why we need to lift the certificate of need permanently. We don't know what the next potential public health crisis may be and having this certificate of need creates a real problem for us going forward when there is another public health crisis. Further, it doesn't recognize the need for the free market to be able to judge what health care services are needed as we go forward over the next few years. I think the free market is a far better judgment of what health care services are needed rather than the government deciding, along with your competition, what type of health care services are needed. So, that's why I feel that this bill makes sense for us. Many other states have repealed their certificate of need programs and have

found that they have robust markets for their health care and cheaper services as well as cheaper insurance premiums. So, I would encourage this Body to reject this motion and let's support repealing certificate of need and opening up some sort of free market and transparency in our health care system. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 286

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, Lanigan, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 79; No, 65; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-374)** on Bill "An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees"

(S.P. 259) (L.D. 591)

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro

DRINKWATER of Milford

SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-374)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-374)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-374)** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological and Religious Advocacy in the Classroom (H.P. 1034) (L.D. 1589)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York

LIBBY of Cumberland

PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland

DODGE of Belfast

MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth

MURPHY of Scarborough

SARGENT of York

WORTH of Ellsworth

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-651)** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham

LYMAN of Livermore Falls

POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Alfred, Representative Sampson.

Representative **SAMPSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I oppose this motion. I request a Roll Call, please.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Palermo, Representative Smith.

Representative **SMITH**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Members of the House, the purpose of this Resolve is for K-12 teachers and to restore the basic principles of public education and to prevent teachers from inserting partisan politics into their teaching. The purpose of the Resolve is not to create balance in the classroom. Balance is a vague concept and provides a loophole and I mention the other side, for teachers to continue to use the classroom to indoctrinate students. The purpose of this Resolve is not to solve bias. All individuals have biases. The Resolve is about preventing K-12 classrooms from becoming partisan political platforms and to keep their captive youthful audiences from being victims of partisan political indoctrination by their teachers. This Resolve says a teacher should not endorse, support or oppose any political candidate. It says that a teacher should not endorse, support or oppose any pending, proposed or enacted legislation. It prohibits a teacher from introducing any controversial subject matter that is not germane to the topic of the course being taught or that advocating in a partisan manner for any side of a controversial issue requires a teacher to provide students with material supporting both sides of that issue. This bill keeps all sides of an argument, political view or religious affiliation out of education. I ask you to follow my light and oppose this motion.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 287

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, Lanigan, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 80; No, 64; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers"

(H.P. 731) (L.D. 1159)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-650)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-649)** on Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Temporarily Restore Benefits Being Reduced by the Federal Government" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1029) (L.D. 1584)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
GRIFFIN of Levant
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-649)** 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-649)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-377)** on Bill "An Act to Ensure a Fair Workweek by Requiring Notice of Work Schedules"

(S.P. 486) (L.D. 1190)

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-378)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-377)**.

READ.

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

Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro **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 Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I strongly object to this particular bill, not only on the contents and the substance of the bill but on the process the bill undertook before our Labor and Housing Committee. The hearing on this was held on April 8th; excuse me, April 6th, with a work session being held May 24th. On the morning of May 24th, we received completely new language on this bill. Let me point out one big part of the bill. The original bill was going to apply to employers with more than 250 employees. The new bill was going to apply to every employer, regardless of the number of employees. We had one person, one entity, testify in favor of the bill. We had over 30 organizations testify against the bill, and that was before they even realized it would apply to every employer in the State.

Madam Speaker, we have to remember that we serve the public here and it's important that we be transparent to the public in all that we do. And I know it's easy for us when we get in our particular Committees to forget that but we've forgotten this big time in this particular bill. The Chairs were notified of this protest from several members of the lobby, asking for them to have a new draft drawn up so that it could have a new public hearing, which is the proper thing to do when something major like this changes in a bill. I ask that you join me in voting against this bill on a matter of principle. This is not the way our government should run. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Roeder.

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, with all due deference and respect to the Member from Vassalboro, I did want to note that all members of the Committee worked really hard to make the bill better following the initial testimony. We have two Reports. I'm moving, obviously, Report "A," but the Members listened to all of the testimony, all of the original testimony, in order to craft a bill that would be a little bit more workable. The bill as it stands right now requires employers with 10 or more employees for more than 120 days in any calendar year to notify an employee if they intend to change the employee's work hours or cancel the shift. If they have made a good faith effort to notify that employee, that employee does not get paid if their hours are cut or if their shift is cut. However, if the employer is not able to notify that employee and the employee shows up to work, they get paid either two hours' worth of wages or a full shift's worth of wages, whichever is less. Also, there are exclusions for adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, civil emergencies, the employee's illness, injury or medical condition. 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. 288

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Landry, Lavigne, Lee, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, Lanigan, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 78; No, 66; Absent, 6; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-377)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-377)** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fryeburg, Representative Ness.

Representative **NESS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, permission to speak on the record?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **NESS**: Had I been in my seat for the vote, the Roll Call 265 on LD 691, I would've voted no.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you Madam Speaker, I must have accidentally pushed it twice, on and off. Permission to speak on the record?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne, has requested unanimous consent to speak on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In reference to Roll Call No. 258, LD 286, had I been present, I would've voted yes. In reference to Roll Call No. 259, LD 1420, had I been present, I would have voted no. In reference to Roll Call No. 260, LD 1884, had I been present, I would have voted no. And on reference to Roll Call No. 261, LD 1251, had I been present, I would've voted no. And Roll Call 262, LD 1177, I would have voted no.

I appreciate that and apologize for my absence. Our family cat of 18 years was hit and killed by a car today and, unfortunately, there are things you don't ask your wife or somebody else to take care of, so, I appreciate the ability to go take care of that this morning. Thank you.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

On motion of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, the House adjourned at 8:41 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 21, 2023, in honor and lasting tribute to Eugene Keene of Auburn.