

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
20th Legislative Day  
Thursday, June 1, 2023

The Speaker resumed the Chair.  
The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.  
Prayer by Pastor Ronald Stevens, Dexter Pentecostal Church.  
National Anthem by Ronald Stevens, Dexter.  
Pledge of Allegiance.  
The Journal of Tuesday, May 30, 2023 was read and approved.

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

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

**SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR**

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

**Recognizing:**

Brandon Duras, of Bath, Brunswick High School's Instrumental Music Director, who was named one of the Nation's Top 40 Music Educators under 40 years of age by Yamaha Music USA, the only Maine educator to make the "40 under 40" list. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 574)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ARFORD of Brunswick, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Arford.

Representative **ARFORD**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Brandon Duras, Brunswick High School's Instrumental Music Director was named one of our nation's top 40 music educators under 40 years of age. This Yamaha Music USA award recognizes excellence in music education. Mr. Duras is the only Maine educator to make the 40 under 40 list. Mr. Duras teaches symphonic band, honors wind ensemble, two jazz bands, music theory, AP music theory, beginning piano and directed the pit orchestra for the school's spring musical. Mr. Duras recently stated that he loves what he does. He believes music education is an important part of humanity and essential for all children. I agree and would like to extend our congratulations and gratitude to Mr. Duras.

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

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**Recognizing:**

the Honorable Joe Rafferty, of Kennebunk, Maine State Senator representing Senate District 34, on his retirement from coaching the Kennebunk High School football team after 44 years. He coached the team to a state championship in 1991 and three other state finals, with a 217-184 record overall. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 141)

Presented by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk.  
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York, Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, Representative PARRY of Arundel.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

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

Representative **SAYRE**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I've prepared some brief remarks with details highlighting each of Coach Rafferty's 217 victories but I will not read them.

In 44 years of coaching, Coach Rafferty took as his watchword not so much the wins and losses; he said, you know, wins and losses, some years you're great and some years you're not and we can all relate to that here in this Chamber. But the question is; is my child happy, are they being treated well, are they being taken care of? And that's how he treated coaching for 44 years. That's how he treated his role as a teacher in serving students and families in Kennebunk. I cannot run into someone in Kennebunk and speak of Coach Raff, Senator Rafferty without hearing something positive about his impact on their family. But more than that, and in addition to that, as a teacher, he was also a union negotiator for over three decades, always standing up for his peers and colleagues in RSU 21.

Here in our community, he has made a tremendous contribution as the chair of the Education Committee. And when I think of Joe, I think that, you know, if you looked up self-effacing in the dictionary, you would see a picture of Joe. But, of course, you won't because he's too modest to allow that to happen. He is someone who very quietly and privately opens his heart, opens his wallet and opens his home to people in our community who are in need. And as a model to me, you know, I consider him a friend, a neighbor, a mentor as well as a Senator. And he is someone who listens first, considers long and only then speaks. I'll close with a quote from a long-time sports official who gave what I think is the highest praise; Senator Rafferty, Coach Raff, is the kind of person you want coaching your child. Thank you.

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

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**Recognizing:**

the Honorable Jay McCreight, of Harpswell, who has received the National Distinguished Advocacy Award from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 410)

Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GOLEK of Harpswell, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

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

Representative **GOLEK**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate an amazing member of Harpswell community and former Member of this Body from 2014 to 2022; the Honorable Jay McCreight. Jay recently earned the National Distinguished Advocacy Award from National American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. This award was given to her as a result of her contributions to advancing Maine tobacco control policy and, more specifically, her leadership in passing legislation to significantly increase tobacco control funding which brings the level of funding to 100% of the U.S. Center for Disease Control's recommendations for the State of Maine.

I am so lucky to know Jay and I am very proud of her for not only winning this award but for all of the amazing things that she has done for our great State. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating all that is great about Jay. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**Recognizing:**

John MacDonald, of Pownal, who is retiring as a Game Warden Corporal with the Maine Warden Service after 25 years of public service. Warden MacDonald started his career in Division A as Deputy Game Warden and worked in both York County and Freeport. As Corporal he managed several technical and public information projects, developed the first wildlife conflict program and served as project manager for the reality television series "North Woods Law." He served on Critical Incident Stress Management teams and as an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course Instructor for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 411)

Presented by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth. Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representative GALLETTA of Durham.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

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

**Recognizing:**

Hancock Lumber Company, of Casco, which is celebrating its 175th Anniversary. The company was started on October 4, 1848 and has been passed down through 7 generations, and it was recognized by Family Business Magazine as the 71st-oldest family business in the United States. There are currently over 700 employees at 11 lumber yards, 4 sawmills and 6 kitchen design locations throughout Maine and New Hampshire. Hancock Lumber Company is a 9-time recipient of the Best Place to Work in Maine award and is a steward for Maine's forests, producing lumber in an environmentally sustainable fashion. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 412)

Presented by Representative COPELAND of Saco. Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York, Senator NANGLE of Cumberland, Representative FAY of Raymond.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative COPELAND of Saco, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

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

Representative **COPELAND**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to offer congratulations and best wishes to Hancock Lumber. It's pretty incredible that here in Maine, we have a company that's been in existence in the same family for 175 years. In our audience today, we have a family member, Sydney Hancock, who is part of the business these days. There are so many locations and we were so proud in Saco when Hancock opened a location there. And I just want to say that we do recognize Hancock Lumber's 175th anniversary on October 4th. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **FAY**: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. One of my earliest memories is of the lumber yard at Hancock Lumber in Casco, going there with my dad when I was three or four years old to buy lumber for a project he was working on at camp. I have a distinct memory of the smell of pine and sawdust in a big red building. I'm 54; I'm only 121 years younger than Hancock Lumber.

Successful businesses adapt. In a competitive marketplace, it takes vision and leadership and a whole lot of listening for a business to thrive. Hancock Lumber has done this for 175 years. It would take a long list to describe all of the big and small ways that Hancock Lumber has positively impacted our communities, customers, employees and local organizations alike. The impact of this Best Place to Work in Maine is particularly felt in my district and in Casco where Hancock Lumber is headquartered. I'm honored to extend congratulations to the entire Hancock Lumber family for the success and longevity and leadership example that they have set. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**Recognizing:**

the Freeport High School Esports Team, which won the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Esports Maine State Championship. Members of the team include Jayden Lilly, Elijah McClelland, Charlie Mellin and Jared Mckenney and coach Brandon Cass. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 413)

Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport. Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SACHS of Freeport, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair is pleased to recognize the Representative from Freeport, Representative Sachs.

Representative **SACHS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am delighted to welcome Jayden, Elijah, Charlie and Jared today from Freeport High School. They are the Maine Principal Association's State Champions for the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Esports Maine State Championship. You have to say it that way.

And you might wonder why does the Maine Principal's Association even sponsor the Super Smash Bros. Esports Championship. Well, I will tell you that the global esports market size was valued at \$1.45 billion in 2022, projected to go up to

\$1.72 billion this year and \$6.75 billion by 2030. We should be talking to them right now. Many colleges and universities are adding these to their program, Madam Speaker, and I will say that these fabulous young men, who are too kind to tell me that my favorite character in Smash Bros. is totally lame but their faces certainly said so, they did note the values of being on this team in terms of dedication, practicing strategy, coaching one another mid-session and also after sessions in true teamwork fashion. They have great skills. But their favorite part, they told me, was winning. Because not only did they win the Maine State Champions, they came in fourth in the nation, Madam Speaker, which is something we should all be very proud of. And they have pledged, as they are only three freshmen and one sophomore, to come back every single year and I am going to hold them to it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, May 30, 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 Brooke Buotte, of Rumford

(SLS 514)

- In Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

TABLED - May 23, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

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

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

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations"

(H.P. 1287) (L.D. 2007)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ANDREWS of Paris, ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BELL of Yarmouth, BOYER of Poland, BOYLE of Gorham, BRENNAN of Portland, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DHALAC of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HASENFUS of Readfield, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, JAUCH of Topsham, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LEE of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford,

MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MURPHY of Scarborough, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PAULHUS of Bath, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PLUECKER of Warren, PRINGLE of Windham, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, RUNTE of York, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SHAW of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, STROUT of Harrington, SUPICA of Bangor, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BAILEY of York, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, HICKMAN of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, RENOY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

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**TABLED AND TODAY ASSIGNED**

House Order Propounding Questions to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court

(H.O. 26)

TABLED - May 30, 2023 by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

(Pursuant to House Rule 513)

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, the House Order was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

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**SENATE PAPERS  
Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Direct the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Law Enforcement Training Program"

(H.P. 442) (L.D. 673)

Majority (11) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on May 25, 2023.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (2) **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-217)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Representative LIBBY of Auburn **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INSIST**.

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

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

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill has been amended to a study and I'd just like to read some testimony from Auburn Police Chief Jason Moen who requested this bill in the first place and I believe one of my good colleagues from Lewiston submitted earlier this session. In his words, the residential training program model is a model that is diminishing across the country. Fifty percent of police training academies across the country are nonresidential programs. Even our own Maine State Police has seen the value of transitioning to a nonresidential training program. They are currently evaluating a nonresidential training program on a group of certified officers that have been hired by the State police and are currently in training.

One could argue that the rural nature of our State requires a residential model for logistical concerns. I understand that some members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee are concerned that transitioning to a nonresidential training model could necessitate additional staffing concerns for the Criminal Justice Academy and last year, Chief Moen spearheaded an effort with a group of chiefs from Southern Maine and surrounding areas to address those concerns. As a team leader for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, I have traveled the country for the last 15 years conducting dozens of law enforcement accreditation assessments on law enforcement agencies. I have seen this nonresidential training program model be very successful in other parts of the country, especially in the south, where police academies are run by the community colleges in conjunction with training standards and curriculum that are established by the State's training agency or training oversight board. It bears mentioning that when a certified officer from out of State applies for Maine law enforcement certification, a curriculum analysis is conducted by Criminal Justice Academy staff to ensure that the officer's training is comparable with Maine training. It bears no weight whether that officer attended a residential or nonresidential training program, but whether the curriculum and training hours are sufficient to meet Maine training standards.

I sincerely believe that transitioning to a nonresidential training program for full-time law enforcement officers is one way to help alleviate the recruitment crisis currently happening in Maine law enforcement and I would urge you; and I would urge you myself, not just Chief Moen, to vote in favor of LD 673. Again, this has been amended to a study and I think it would behoove us, given chronic shortages in police in our State, to follow my light and defeat the pending motion.

Representative GREENWOOD of Wales moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wales, Representative Greenwood.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: As many of you know, I was a County Commissioner for eight years and developed relationships with area chiefs. I, too, was contacted by Chief Moen. One thing I'd like to add from his testimony that the Good Representative from Auburn, Representative Libby, previously read was currently the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program is an 18-week residential program, covering 720 hours of training and curriculum. The Chief believes that the residential aspect of the program serves as a barrier for some prospective candidates for a myriad of reasons, including single

parents who may not have the support system to care for their children while they're attending the academy, parents of special needs children who simply cannot be absent from their children five days a week for the 18 weeks, the younger generation who feels that being away from their support systems may result in feelings of isolation which may encourage them to quit the training program.

Madam Speaker, we are in dire need of law enforcement officers in this State. There is a shortage. This study; again, this bill has been moved to a study asking the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to look at this but this would give an option. It's not putting in law that it's going to be a nonresidential program but at least looking at the options. And I want to thank the Good Representative from Lewiston, Representative Lajoie, for bringing this bill forward. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Readfield, Representative Hasenfus.

Representative **HASENFUS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, there was testimony on this bill presented by Jack Peck, who is the Assistant Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, and that testimony has said that a nonresidential law enforcement training program has been presented to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as a request to study the option by the Maine Chiefs of Police Association in late 2022. After an extensive review, the board found several structural, operational and logistic obstacles that did not warrant further consideration. I think that testimony is clear that the Maine Criminal Justice Academy has already looked into the possibility of a nonresidential law enforcement training procedure and has decided that it is not practical at this time and I do not think that having a study would change that analysis by the experts that we task with developing one of the best criminal justice training curriculums in the country and I will be voting against the motion to recede and concur.

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

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to stand up as well and say that I oppose the recede and concur motion. I feel that the academy has it right. Thank you.

Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth **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. 105**

YEA - Adams, Arata, Bagshaw, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cloutier, Costain, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Fay, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hall, Hepler, Jackson, Lavigne, Lee, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Mastraccio, Morris, Ness, Newman, Paul, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Rudnicki, Sampson, Sargent, Smith, Soboleski, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Wood.

NAY - Albert, Andrews, Ankeles, Ardell, Arford, Babin, Bell, Blier, Boyer, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Carlow, Carmichael, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Craven, Cray, Crockett, Cyrway, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Guerrette, Haggan, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hobbs, Hymes, Jauch, Javner, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lemelin, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mathieson, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty,

Murphy, Nutting, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Pringle, Quint, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sayre, Schmearsal-Burgess, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Strout, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, White J, Williams, Woodsome, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Abdi, Crafts, Lajoie, Lanigan, Matlack, Paulhus, Shaw.

Yes, 42; No, 101; Absent, 7; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

42 having voted in the affirmative and 101 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 7 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR FAILED**.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 106**

YEA - Albert, Andrews, Ankeles, Ardell, Arford, Babin, Bell, Blier, Boyer, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Craven, Cray, Crockett, Cyrway, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Faulkingham, Fredericks, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Guerrette, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Hobbs, Hymes, Jackson, Jauch, Javner, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lemelin, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mason, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, Nutting, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Pomerleau, Pringle, Quint, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Schmearsal-Burgess, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Strout, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, White J, Williams, Woodsome, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Arata, Bagshaw, Bradstreet, Cloutier, Costain, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Fay, Foster, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Lavigne, Lee, Libby, Lyman, Morris, Ness, Newman, Paul, Polewarczyk, Rudnicki, Sampson, Smith, Soboleski, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker.

ABSENT - Abdi, Crafts, Lajoie, Lanigan, Matlack, Paulhus, Sayre, Shaw, Wood.

Yes, 105; No, 36; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

105 having voted in the affirmative and 36 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **INSIST**.

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 191)

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

June 1, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

L.D. 326 An Act to Improve Recruitment and Retention of First Responders

L.D. 799 An Act to Fund Patrol Positions for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office

L.D. 823 An Act to Reimburse the Town of Charleston for Expenses Related to the Mountain View Correctional Facility

Education and Cultural Affairs

L.D. 618 An Act to Eliminate Critical Race Theory, Social and Emotional Learning and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from School Curricula

L.D. 809 An Act to Allow Regional School Units with School Choice to Opt Out of School Choice

L.D. 897 An Act Regarding the University of Maine System Hiring Practices

L.D. 1370 An Act to Simplify the School Budget Validation Process

L.D. 1838 An Act to Create the Empowerment Scholarship Account Program

Environment and Natural Resources

L.D. 54 An Act to Require Compliance with Natural or Agricultural Resource Protection Ordinances

L.D. 1433 An Act to Exclude Pegmatites from the Definition of "Metallic Mineral"

L.D. 1476 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Metallic Mineral" in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act

L.D. 1508 An Act to Ensure a Strategic Approach to Maine's Energy Transition by Imposing a Moratorium on Lithium Mining

L.D. 1564 An Act to Eliminate Metallic Mineral Mining Activities Without a Permit

L.D. 1839 An Act to Study a Permitting Process for and Establish a Moratorium on Certain Tall Structures

Health and Human Services

L.D. 73 An Act to Require Bottled Water Companies to Monitor for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

L.D. 785 An Act to Create Accountability Within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services

L.D. 1187 An Act to Protect Inpatient Psychiatric Services in Northern Maine by Preserving the Current Reimbursement Rate

Judiciary

L.D. 1574 An Act to Create Rent Stabilization and Amend the Laws Regarding Termination of Tenancy and Rent Increase Limitations

L.D. 1731 An Act Regarding Confidentiality of Juvenile History Record Information

State and Local Government

- L.D. 1195 An Act to Provide That Documents Obtained by Subpoena by the Government Oversight Committee May Be Reviewed by Committee Members and Staff
- L.D. 1738 An Act to Create Lodging for Legislators
- L.D. 1744 An Act to Strengthen Accountability in Rulemaking by Providing for Legislative Oversight
- L.D. 1840 An Act to Reform the State's Administrative and Rule-making Procedures
- L.D. 1885 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Improve Representation by Simplifying Legislative Redistricting for the Maine House of Representatives

Transportation

- L.D. 842 An Act to Strengthen the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority by Inviting Participation on the Board of Directors by and Negotiating for Funding from the State of New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- L.D. 862 An Act to Move Jurisdiction over Railroad Lines from the Department of Transportation to an Independent Rail Authority

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 192)

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

June 1, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Grohoski of Hancock, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

- L.D. 1388 An Act to Protect Utility Customers and Improve Disclosure of Political and Advertising Spending by Public Utilities and Their Affiliates

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Marine Resources has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Golek of Harpswell, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

- L.D. 1618 Resolve, to Convene a Lobster Industry Working Group

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Perry of Bangor, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

- L.D. 680 An Act Examining On-premises Liquor License Requirements

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 558)

**MAINE SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 25, 2023

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby it referred Bill "An Act to Increase the Transfer Fees on Petroleum Products and Direct the Proceeds to Efficiency Programs for Low-income Energy Consumers and Financial Assistance to Low-income Utility Ratepayers and Prevent Profiteering in and Hoarding of Fuel" (H.P. 1223) (L.D. 1907) to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business in non-concurrence.

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

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (S.C. 559)

**MAINE SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 30, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 131st Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, Linda J. Conti, Esquire of Augusta for appointment as the Superintendent, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection.

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

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 560)

**MAINE SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 30, 2023

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby it Engrossed Bill "An Act to Require All Candidates for Any State or County Office to Follow the Same Rules for Submission of Signatures Regarding Deadlines and the Number of Signatures" (H.P. 704) (L.D. 1108) in non-concurrence.

Best Regards,  
S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (S.C. 561)

**MAINE SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 30, 2023

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby it accepted the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report from the Committee on State and Local Government on Bill "An Act to Ensure That the Will of the Voters Is Reflected in Interim Appointments of United States Senators" (H.P. 713) (L.D. 1117) in non-concurrence.

Best Regards,  
S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative DOUDERA of Camden, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1286) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, SALISBURY of Westbrook, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2, 2023 AS  
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 17,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is among Legislators' highest responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand in hand with keeping guns away from people who should not have them; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see an increase in firearm homicides, nonfatal shootings across the country, increased calls to domestic violence hotlines and an increase in city gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at 15 years of age, and on June 2, 2023 people across the United States will wear orange to recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence and the loved ones of those victims and to raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the idea of wearing orange was inspired by a group of Hadiya Pendleton's friends, who chose that color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when in the woods and because orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is committed to reducing gun violence and encouraging responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe; 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, take this opportunity to recognize June 2, 2023 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

**READ.**

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

Representative **DOUDERA:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Tomorrow, June 2nd, is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, also called Wear Orange Day. As you heard, it was started 10 years ago after 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed. Just one week earlier, she had performed with her school at President Obama's second inaugural parade. This day is dedicated to honoring the lives of people in the U.S. affected by gun violence, people like Hadiya, and elevating the voices of those demanding an end to it.

Here in Maine, we're still reeling from the mass shooting last month in Bowdoin, an episode of violence in which four people were killed and three people were injured. Thankfully, that type of gun violence is not common in our State. In fact, Madam Speaker, we're consistently among the safest States in the nation when all categories of violence are combined, and that is good, indeed. But here's the thing; according to the CDC, Maine actually has the highest per capita gun death rate in the northeast. Maine had 12.6 gun deaths in 2021 per 100,000 people. Vermont had 11.9, New Hampshire had 8.3, Connecticut had 6.7, Rhode Island had 5.6, New York had 5.4, New Jersey had 5.2 and Massachusetts had 3.4. Think about that for a minute. Gun deaths per capita in Maine are more than double the per capita rates of New York and New Jersey and more than triple the rate in Massachusetts.

How do we make sense of these two seemingly conflicting sets of facts? The answer lies in our State's high rate of firearm suicide. In 2021, 88.7% of our firearm deaths were suicides. As anyone who's had a suicide in their family knows, this act of violence does not just affect the person who chooses to end their life. I will never forget the day that I came home from high school

to learn that my 19-year-old cousin, Bobby, had taken his life. Suicide affects families, it affects communities, it affects first responders and law enforcement. Some people survive a suicide attempt and they go on to have full and happy lives. But suicide by firearm is almost always fatal.

Madam Speaker, I'm a problem solver, I know you are, too, and I suspect that most people in this room are problem solvers. We know there are solutions, there are measures we can take to end gun violence, but today is not the day to debate them. Today and in the coming days, please take a moment to lift up the lives of people in our country and especially here in Maine who've been affected by gun violence. Wear orange or grab a sticker or a ribbon in the Clerk's office to show that you believe in a future free from gun violence. We can take meaningful action if we work together on this. Let's make that commitment today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

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On motion of Representative RANA of Bangor, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1283) (Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DHALAC of South Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS  
ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND  
PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects, and its members have different experiences, histories and cultures; and

WHEREAS, within the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community there is intersectionality among those who are multiracial, adopted and first generation; and

WHEREAS, the story of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the United States is an inextricable part of the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the first Asian communities to settle in the State were Chinese families in the late 1850s; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s and 1980s, many Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese families immigrated to the State, escaping the upheaval of the Vietnam War and escaping persecution and the Cambodian Genocide conducted by Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of people who identify as Asian in the State have increased significantly each decade, doubling from 1990 to 2000, increasing by 33% from 2000 to 2009 and increasing by 23.8% for those who identify as Asian alone and by 82.2% for those who identify as Asian in combination from 2010 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are playing a significant role in the State's labor force and are employed in all sectors of the State's economy, including work in high-tech industries, service industries, the financial sector, government, health care, biomedical research, public schools and higher education, and Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the State have high civic participation and voter turnout rates; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to the United States at all levels of the Federal Government and in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected to honor Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843 and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869 with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, there was a 167% increase in hate crimes against Asians from 2020 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, there remains much to be done to ensure that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have access to resources and a voice in the government of the United States and the State and continue to advance in the political landscape; 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, take this opportunity to recognize May 2023 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Month and pay tribute to the contributions of generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the history of the State and the United States.

**READ.**

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

Representative **RANA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Distinguished Members of the House, I rise today in recognition of the great contributions Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities have made to our nation and to our beloved State of Maine. I stand proudly before you as the sole member of the Asian-American community to serve in the 131st Legislature. While I am grateful to be here now, I look forward to the day when I will stand before you with a strong contingency of fellow AANHPI House Members.

While I know today is the first day of June, I was unable to attend our Session day on Tuesday and missed reading my sentiment before May came to an end. The month of May was chosen to celebrate AANHPI Heritage Month for several reasons, including to commemorate the first Japanese who came to the United States in May of 1843 and to mark the May 1869 completion of the transcontinental railroad which involved the labor of many of our first immigrants from China. The first Chinese person arrived in Maine in 1858 with a small, informal Chinatown forming around 1916 in Monument Square, mainly lasting until around 1953. It wasn't until the 1960s, after the passage of the Immigration Reform and Naturalization Act, that the Asian population in Maine began to increase significantly. In the 1970s and '80s, many Cambodians, Laotians and Vietnamese families arrived in Maine, escaping the fallout of the Vietnam War and persecution on their homelands for a safe, prosperous future in our great State. Many Cambodian families also came to the State escaping the atrocities of genocide, to raise their children and build their homes here. Many Asian-Americans have a story of hardship that led to their journey stateside. British rule of India lasted nearly 100 years. The results of the reign were economic and social destabilization. The partition of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh resulted in the separation of communities and division of families. Every south Asian family has a partition story that details the loss of home. That's the root of my family's story as well. My parents came as immigrants from south Asia with hope in their hearts to raise a family and build a community here in Maine, in part to mend their fractured ancestral past. My father moved to Maine in the early '90s from Boston to leave the city life behind and connect with nature, build a business with his wife and raise his children here.



Born and raised in Maine, my Asian-American identity is rooted in the collective choices my parents made and their chosen home in this great State.

I would be remiss not to recognize the rise of hate crimes directed at Asian-Americans over the years. Nationwide, hate crimes targeting Asian origin people increased 167% from 2020 to 2021. While national headlines of these tragedies have shed light on these disturbing occurrences, we must address the fact that members of the Asian-American community in Maine have suffered as well. According to the FBI Hate Crime Bureau, seven hate crimes against Asian-Americans were reported in Maine in the past 10 years. Five of our own faced these heinous crimes in the past two years alone. Last year, in March 2021, a Portland man was accused of attacking an Asian-American woman and her 12-year-old daughter. In March of this year, Portland police warned community members that a group of men were targeting local Asian families and burglarizing their homes. While it is important to recognize the wrongdoings to the Asian community, this is also a moment to celebrate and honor the contributions that the AANHPI have made to this country. Contributions that are not limited to economic and scientific advancement but food, music, dance and art. From the diverse cuisine from across the Asian continent to the exciting colorful melodies of Bollywood. Today, let's gather in recognizing all those who continue to make our State a great place to live, including our neighbors from the AANHPI communities. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

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On motion of Representative WHITE of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 27)

ORDERED, that Representative Caldwell Jackson of Oxford be excused May 11 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative H. Sawin Millett Jr. of Waterford be excused May 18 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Melanie F. Sachs of Freeport be excused May 11 and 18 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kathy A. Shaw of Auburn be excused May 25 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Stephen J. Wood of Greene be excused May 18 for personal reasons.

**READ and PASSED.**

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

### Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-128)** on Bill "An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities"

(S.P. 640) (L.D. 1608)

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 Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

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-128)**.

**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" (S-128)** 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-128)** in concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-122)** on Bill "An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services"

(S.P. 598) (L.D. 1478)

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

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-122)**.

**READ.**

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

Representative JAVNER of Chester **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 Chester, Representative Javner.

Representative **JAVNER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This is a bill that takes \$3 million of our hard-earned taxpayer dollars and hands it to a nonprofit. As we were told in the work session, they are not operating at a loss, they are simply having to raise more private funds, which is what nonprofits should do. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Lemelin.

Representative **LEMELIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and people of the House. Madam Speaker, I would be so grateful if you would put me in touch with the person you have write the title of these bills. It's absolute genius to title this bill "An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services." It's just pure genius.

This bill is deceptive, Madam Speaker. It is not about women's health or economic security. It's about the destruction of the family. So, if you were to amend the title of this bill to read 'An Act to Fund the Destruction of the Family,' then it would not longer be deceptive. The ability for a woman to work and be all she can be can never take precedence over the family. A baby's life is more precious than any career move, no matter how we self-justify it.

If we ignore the surface fluff which Members will give and have already given for the fake reasons behind this bill, we can then talk about the real reasons for this bill. Number one, a payback, a thank you. Number two, to advertise for abortions. Although legally, no money from this bill can go towards abortions, specifically, money does go towards birth control and the education of abortions. Now, the most amazing part of this bill is no money is given to Catholic or Christian facilities which actually help to improve women's health and economic security and these facilities actually provide these services where this money is going, those services are not really provided. The difference, though, is these Catholic and Christian facilities which do provide services for women, provide no abortions. Keep in mind also that these great facilities which actually provide these services do not contribute any campaign money to any of the individuals who are sponsoring this bill.

Representative **ROBERTS**: Point of Order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Berwick, Representative Roberts.

Representative **ROBERTS**: The Member is questioning the motives of other Members.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick objected to the comments of Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea because he was questioning the motives of other Members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind the Members to not question the motives of other Members or impugn their character.

The Chair reminded all Members that it was inappropriate to question the motives of other Members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **LEMELIN**: So, why is it, Madam Speaker, that the facilities that actually provide the services get no money and the facilities that do not, do? Madam Speaker, you repeatedly boast about equality and equity. So, Madam Speaker, if you truly endorse equality and equity, then we must include all facilities in this bill and not just the ones who provide abortions. These facilities for so-called family member services can do their evil deeds through private funding, private fundraising and the huge profits made through abortions with their parent company. No matter how many stories you hear about the number of women who have used family planning services, I guarantee you family planning services has never improved any woman's health or provided them with any economic security. Thank you.

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

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Good Representative who just spoke before us clarified my point that I wanted to inquire about. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eliot, Representative Meyer.

Representative **MEYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. For the last decade, our State's family planning providers have experienced flat or declining funding at the State and Federal level. LD 1478 will provide just shy of \$3.4 million of State funding annually to our State's sexual and reproductive health care network consisting of 61 individual sites statewide operated by Maine Family Planning and Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. Mainers turn to family planning providers for affordable, high-quality care including wellness exams, birth control, disease testing and treatment and cancer screenings. These providers see everyone seeking care regardless of ability to pay and in a typical year, \$3-3.5 million in free and deeply discounted care if provided to Mainers in communities Statewide. Rising costs and flat funding in some cases combine to cause some of these providers to reduce the availability of care. No Federal or State grant funds are used by either provider to support abortion care; a fact supported by regular audits conducted by US DHHS.

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

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to stand up and say that in the nine years that I've been in politics and as a Senator and Representative, I've gotten some phone calls to be invited for improvement of women's health and for family planning. And those places that called me, they showed me their facility and they were very informative of what they're doing and they showed me that they were trying to show hope for these young ladies that were really scared because they were found pregnant and they had reasons that they felt that they didn't know if they should keep it or not, keep the baby. And they took me around and they even showed me, you know, the clothes that they get for babies to take care of them if the young lady that needs those clothes for their baby, they've shown me how they use the ultrasound to hear that heartbeat and they said one out of every two ladies that was even thinking about abortion changed their mind once they heard that heartbeat.

Planned Parenthood, I have never had them invite me anywhere except for thinking about abortion. We are paying \$3.39 million to put towards abortion to kill babies and not give them the chance of even surviving. This is my concern from this bill. I think we are paying for death. When you say one out of two just at the very beginning of just hearing that heartbeat and

we're going to take that away. So, I cannot agree with this bill. I think there are options and I do think that we could put that money to good circumstances and maybe even abortions that are needed medically, situations where there may have been rape or incest or situations that might be something that we can't fathom, but not just on a regular basis for birth control. There are circumstances where maybe the boyfriend abandons the girl, there may be a lot of different choices that that girl and parents have to make, but let's give them that chance. And I think that this is a big concern. So, thank you for listening. I hope that we all can make a motion against this bill and vote no because I believe that something can be better. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Cloutier.

Representative **CLOUTIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would just say that I am an actual woman and I am a woman whose health and economic security was improved by family planning services. Thanks.

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. 107**

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, 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'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, 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, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Crafts, Gifford, Lajoie, Lanigan, Paulhus, Perkins, Shaw, Wood.

Yes, 77; No, 64; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-122)** 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-122)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-129)** on Bill "An Act Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care"

(S.P. 348) (L.D. 789)

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York  
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais  
ARFORD of Brunswick  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham  
CYRWAY of Albion  
MASTRACCIO of Sanford  
MATHIESON of Kittery  
MORRIS of Turner  
NUTTING of Oakland  
PRINGLE of Windham  
SWALLOW of Houlton

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-130)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

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-129)**.

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-129)** 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-129)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Increase State Oversight of Election Funding by Requiring Approval by the Legislature"

(S.P. 730) (L.D. 1805)

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-138)** 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.**

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: 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. 108**

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, 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'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, 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, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Crafts, Gifford, Lajoie, Lanigan, Paulhus, Shaw.

Yes, 78; No, 65; Absent, 7; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Seven Members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-115)** on Bill "An Act to Permit Recordings of a Protected Person to Be Admissible in Evidence"

(S.P. 324) (L.D. 765)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

KUHN of Falmouth

MORIARTY of Cumberland

RECKITT of South Portland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

Three Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-116)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (S-117)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

LEE of Auburn

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

Signed:

Representative:

POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-115)**.

Came from the Senate with Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-115)**.

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-115)** 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-115)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-247)** on Bill "An Act to Create the Public Art Fund"

(H.P. 438) (L.D. 669)

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 Not to Pass** 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 ANDREWS of Paris **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. 109**

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, 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'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Abdi, Crafts, Gifford, Lajoie, Lanigan, Paulhus, Shaw, Walker.

Yes, 76; No, 66; Absent, 8; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-247)** 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-247)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Preserve Maine's Sporting Heritage and Enhance Sporting Opportunities for Maine's Youth by Allowing Maine's Youth to Hunt on Sunday"

(H.P. 403) (L.D. 626)

Signed:

Senators:

BLACK of Franklin  
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham  
DILL of Old Town  
DRINKWATER of Milford  
GOLEK of Harpswell  
HEPLER of Woolwich  
WOODSOME of Waterboro

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

MASON of Lisbon  
THORNE of Carmel  
WOOD of Greene

**READ.**

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Expand Protections to Maine's Loons from Lead Poisoning by Prohibiting the Sale and Use of Certain Painted Lead Jigs"

(H.P. 605) (L.D. 958)

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec  
BLACK of Franklin  
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham  
DILL of Old Town  
GOLEK of Harpswell  
HEPLER of Woolwich  
THORNE of Carmel  
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford  
MASON of Lisbon  
WOOD of Greene

**READ.**

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

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Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Resolve, to Convene a Firearm Range Safety Working Group Within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

(H.P. 636) (L.D. 1000)

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec  
BLACK of Franklin  
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham  
DILL of Old Town  
DRINKWATER of Milford  
HEPLER of Woolwich  
MASON of Lisbon  
THORNE of Carmel  
WOOD of Greene  
WOODSOME of Waterboro

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Representative:

GOLEK of Harpswell

**READ.**

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

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Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Boater Safety Education"

(H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1807)

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec  
BLACK of Franklin  
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham  
DILL of Old Town  
GOLEK of Harpswell  
HEPLER of Woolwich  
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford  
MASON of Lisbon  
THORNE of Carmel  
WOOD of Greene

**READ.**

Representative LANDRY of Farmington moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

Representative MASON of Lisbon **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought 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 Lisbon, Representative Mason.

Representative **MASON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise this morning in opposition to the pending motion. This bill will put more regulation on the people of Maine. During the work session on this bill, it was said to take Maine residents six to seven hours online to complete the course. And, Madam Speaker, this can only be done online without a classroom, with no hands-on operating of a boat in water. However, if you want to go boating from another state for the weekend, you can do a quickie course that only takes one to two hours. This also can be completed without any hands-on boating in the water. Also, if you come from another country by sea, there's no course required whatsoever. Madam Speaker, I just don't think Maine is in favor of this type of boater safety course program without requiring at least some type of hands-on training. Please join me in voting in opposition of this motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **HEPLER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill is an act to implement the recommendations of IF&W's report on boater safety education and it comes as a result of a bill that we passed last year, An Act To Improve Boater Safety on Maine Waters. It directed a stakeholder to figure out some clarifications on some of that, one with regard to who was exempt from that. We also clarified and talked about whether this bill, when it goes into effect in January of 2024, will only apply to people born after 1999. We've made some other clarifications that the IF&W committee asked the stakeholder group to do. Thanks.

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

Representative **PERKINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I grew up boating and fishing with my father and my grandfather, everything from where my camp is down on Lake Ontario to the Maine lakes where we had a camp up here at the time and down in Florida with my other grandfather. And I learned more from them giving me control of the boat, being out there with them, than I would or anybody would ever learn from staring at a computer for a few hours. And this bill would take that ability away. You know, you wouldn't be able to give control to your, you know, seven-, eight-, nine-, 10-year-old kid while you're in the boat with them, actually teaching them how to properly use a boat, control a boat or, you know, practice that boater safety. And so, I'm strongly opposed to this bill.

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

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. May I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I understand this bill, my 40-year-old son who has been driving my boat for; sometimes without my permission; for quite a few years would be required to carry a card saying he had sat down and taken this long computer course before he could drive my boat when he comes up for his July 4th respite and if he didn't have that, he would be in violation and could be ticketed. I'm wondering if that is the case. Thank you. It makes no sense to me.

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question to anyone who can answer.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 110**

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, 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, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, 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, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, O'Connell, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Crafts, Gifford, Graham, Lajoie, Lanigan, Paulhus, Shaw.

Yes, 76; No, 66; Absent, 8; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Enable Occupational License Portability and Prohibit Use of Good Character Qualifications in Occupational Licensing"

(H.P. 1031) (L.D. 1586)

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo  
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick  
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield  
CROCKETT of Portland  
LaROCHELLE of Augusta  
SAYRE of Kennebunk  
WHITE of Waterville

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

NESS of Fryeburg  
SMITH of Palermo  
WALKER of Naples

**READ.**

On motion of Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, 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-251)** on Bill "An Act to Ensure the Rights of Survivors of Sexual Assault"

(H.P. 876) (L.D. 1362)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland  
BAILEY of York  
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-252)** 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" (H-251)** 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-251)** 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**.

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

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a question to the Speaker and to the Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **CYRWAY**: On this Amendment "B" it had an OUI piece and I'm just concerned if we pass this the way it stands, how would this prevent a person that is pulled over that has been drunk driving and then he just makes up a story that he's trying to prevent a crime and whatever and then gets released and not charged. How would that work on passing this bill as is compared to Amendment "A" on Representative Poirier's bill?

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question to anyone who can answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Moonen.

Representative **MOONEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to answer the question. This bill would not prevent someone who is pulled over for drunk driving from being prosecuted for OUI. This bill only addresses any evidence that is collected during a sexual assault forensic exam, which presumably would not be happening while someone is pulled over on the side of the road. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **CYRWAY**: So, Madam Speaker, just to get clarity on this, sexual assault, so they could say that if they're under the influence that they report and they don't get charged for assault? Is that what this is saying? I don't quite understand how this OUI piece still reflects in this.

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question to anyone who can answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Poirier.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to clarify what this bill actually is. It's for a person who has been sexually assaulted, they've reported it and maybe they've gone to the hospital, maybe they've gone to the police station. Sometimes in those forensics exams there is blood drawn, there are other things taken. If that person is maybe under the influence of drugs or alcohol, this bill makes it so that they can't be charged with that crime because they're actually reporting a sexual assault. The reason why I was on a separate report is because I did not want to include an OUI or DUI in the bill just for my own personal beliefs, regardless if it's a sexual assault situation or not, I was not comfortable being on a bill that basically says it's okay if you drive drunk to report this crime because you've had the crime committed against you because it doesn't need to be reported immediately, if you're drunk, you can wait, you know 12-24 hours to report it, that's okay. That's the main reason why I am on a separate report on this but the concept of the bill itself, I definitely support. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hampden, Representative Haggan.

Representative **HAGGAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm on the Majority Report and if I had my way, I would have sided with my esteemed Colleague from Skowhegan. I completely support her stance. Thank you.

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-251)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Citizens from Discrimination by Including Vaccination Status as a Protected Class"

(H.P. 956) (L.D. 1501)

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 to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-250)** 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 to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-250)** Report.

**READ.**

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

Representative ANDREWS of Paris **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 Wales, Representative Greenwood.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I read the motion on the board, the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report, on a bill that is entitled "An Act to Protect Maine Citizens from Discrimination by Including Vaccination Status as a Protected Class". According to the Maine Human Rights Commission, protected classes include race, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, age and other categories in certain contexts. This bill would simply add vaccination status to that list. This is to protect an individual's privacy for those that seek employment, housing, education and all other areas where protected people and classes are recognized. When we speak of equal employment



rights as defined by the Maine Human Rights Commission, we speak in two parts; the right to freedom from discrimination in employment and the opportunity for an individual to secure employment without discrimination is declared to be a civil right. Finally, I believe we've reached a point that a vaccination status, for whatever preventative nature is, can and should be protected from any form of discrimination and to protect the privacy of the Maine citizens. For that reason, I will be voting against the pending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I feel that this is one of the items that when you talk about discrimination that our soldiers have fought for freedom to make our own decisions and not be discriminated and this is taking that away. 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. 111**

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, 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'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, 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, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Crafts, Gifford, Lajoie, Lanigan, Morris, Paulhus, Rudnicki, Shaw.

Yes, 78; No, 63; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Educational Institution' Under the Maine Human Rights Act to Include Single-sex Educational Institutions"

(H.P. 1165) (L.D. 1833)

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** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought 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 Portland, Representative Moonen.

Representative **MOONEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Colleagues of the House, in 1971, the Legislature enacted the Maine Human Rights Act in order to, quote; prevent discrimination in employment, housing or access to public accommodations; end quote, on the basis of a protected immutable trait. In 1983, the Legislature added education. But at that time, they did so only on the basis of sex. When they did so, educational institution was defined as any public school or educational program, any public postsecondary institution, any private school or educational program approved for tuition purposes of both male and female students are admitted and the governing body of each such school or program. That definition excluded single-sex schools, which made sense at that time because the only applicable protected class was sex. In the following decades, the Legislature added other protected classes; disability in 1987, national origin in 1989, race in 1991 and sexual orientation in 2005. Despite those changes, the definition of educational institution was largely left unchanged. The result of leaving that unchanged is that current law provides a blanket exemption from our nondiscrimination laws for single-sex schools, not just on the basis of sex but also on the basis of all other protected classes such as race, ancestry, national origin, religion and sexual orientation. While a blanket exemption made sense when the only prohibition on discrimination in education was based on sex, a blanket exemption cannot possibly stand now. And because there are no single-sex schools in Maine, removing the exemption will not interfere with any existing educational program. I urge you to join me in voting Ought to Pass. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. LD 1833 does amend the definition of educational institution in the Human Rights Act. The bill does propose to make any single-sex school, public or private, subject to the Act. In

essence, if this passes, it will basically outlaw same-sex schools as they would be subject to the sexual discrimination part of the bill. Some may believe that there are no schools in Maine that would be affected by this change but I recently found out that there is a private school in the planning process right now to be established to serve males 13-17 years old that are experiencing challenges, whether it be homelessness or problems at home, behavior, that sort of thing. So, if this passes, they would actually be forced to have to revamp their whole plan and include females or be subject to discriminatory laws under this Act. So, that is one reason why I cannot support the pending motion. Also, there's a question of if this were to be enacted, will it ultimately have an effect on current public or private entity schools that have the boarding facilities where people stay on campus. A lot of schools have single-sex dormitories. This could be interpreted to extend to that as well. So, for these reasons, I ask you to follow my light and actually oppose the pending motion. Thank you.

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

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know I'm speaking quite a bit today. I just wanted to mention today that, you know, my mother stayed in a nursing home that was all women in the nursing home. And so, is this going to spread to that eventually and I'm just saying where does it stop. So, I just feel that this is discrimination in itself, this bill. So, I feel that Ought Not to Pass is appropriate. 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 Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 112**

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, 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'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, 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, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Crafts, Gifford, Lajoie, Lanigan, Paulhus, Rudnicki, Shaw.

Yes, 78; No, 64; Absent, 8; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-254)** on Bill "An Act to Establish Parity in Tipping Laws for Restaurant Workers" (H.P. 559) (L.D. 903)

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot  
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland  
POULIOT of Kennebec

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.**

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" (H-254)** 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-254)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-255)** on Bill "An Act to Require Disclosure of Pay Ranges and Record Keeping of Pay History" (H.P. 583) (L.D. 936)

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, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I do rise in opposition to the pending motion. You may ask, this seems pretty minor and innocuous but I'd like to point out it's one of many, many bills that the business community has had to face the last couple of Sessions, and the theory of a death by a thousand cuts certainly applies here.

Already, it's illegal for a prospective employer to ask a job applicant for pay history. That was supposed to have taken care of all the discrimination that we heard about last Session. And yet this one, this particular bill, part of it applies to employers with 10 or more employees, part of it doesn't. It's a little bit confusing for some of the employers who may wish to expand their number of employees, it also requires a lot of paperwork. Even the State Superintendent and Maine School Boards Association testified against the bill. It's going to create a lot of needless paperwork, really unnecessary. There are more detriments to this bill than there are benefits. So, I hope everybody joins me in voting in opposition to the pending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I did want to point out the 10 or fewer employees exemption in the amendment and that requires that an employer with fewer than 10 employees must disclose on request to the applicant for an employment opening the range of pay the employer will offer to a successful applicant.

The reason this bill was put in was twofold. One, that during the course of my professional life I've heard time and time again from managers, from prospective employees, from interviewees, from pretty much everybody across the workforce the fact that they were frustrated that there weren't clearer pay ranges in job postings. It is a transparency issue; it is something that streamlines the application process and doesn't waste anyone's time. And we know we're in a workforce crisis right now. The other portion of this is something that is directly related to a case that we have heard a lot about, the Mundell case, in which an employee at Acadia Hospital found out she was making half of what men in the same position were making. And this isn't just about transparency, it's about fairness and we do have little carveouts for our small businesses because that was important to me. Thank you.

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

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to bring this up that, you know, we as the State of

Maine have really tried to help the businesses during COVID time. And this is like setting us backwards because what's going to happen is you're going to put a burden on more businesses about their record-keeping and if it doesn't fit, it's going to put a real harder burden on them and they're going to put them out of business. We are trying to get business back, not trying to get rid of business. And I think that this is just one step of getting rid of business. So, let's rethink this and I think that if we can vote Ought Not to Pass and if there is an issue, it seems like there's a different way of doing it. But I was listening to the radio this morning and this is certainly a non-business type bill. Thank you.

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

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also rise in opposition to this pending motion. This bill will make it harder for Maine's small businesses, with more record-keeping required, and I don't really see a need for this bill. I have many small businesses in my community that have more than 10 employees that are still small businesses. This would get them trapped in a labor violation because they failed to disclose what they're going to pay. It's always an agreement between the employer and the employee. There is no need for any additional disclosures. This is an added administrative burden on small businesses. The other thing that is not clear in reading the language of the bill is it says more than 10 employees. We're heading in to summer season, that's when many businesses may ramp up their hiring but most of the year, they have less than 10. All of a sudden in the summer, how is this record going to be continued to be kept if they only have to do it when they have more than 10 but when they fall below 10, they no longer have to do it. This bill is just; it's not a good bill. I would encourage this Body to reject it and vote against this motion. 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. 113**

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, 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'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, 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, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Crafts, Gifford, Lajoie, Lanigan, Paulhus, Rudnicki, Shaw.

Yes, 77; No, 65; Absent, 8; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-255)** 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-255)** 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. 51) (L.D. 84) Bill "An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 201) (L.D. 446) Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 659) (L.D. 1654) Bill "An Act to Extend the Time for Certain Public Utilities Commission Proceedings" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 680) (L.D. 1693) Bill "An Act to Amend the Kennebunk Sewer District Charter" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 255) (L.D. 587) Resolve, to Automatically Increase a Residential Care or Nursing Facility Resident's Personal Needs Allowance Under the MaineCare Program When the Consumer Price Index Increases Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-131)**

(S.P. 290) (L.D. 732) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Off-trail Operation of a Snowmobile in an Area Closed to Off-trail Operation" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-136)**

(S.P. 293) (L.D. 735) Bill "An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-123)**

(S.P. 334) (L.D. 775) Bill "An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-132)**

(S.P. 390) (L.D. 919) Bill "An Act to Facilitate Employment in the Field of Emergency Medical Services" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-137)**

(S.P. 406) (L.D. 987) Bill "An Act to Promote Electricity Price Stability for Standard-offer Service" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-127)**

(S.P. 408) (L.D. 989) Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Potential Effects of the State's Adopting Atlantic Standard Time Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-140)**

(S.P. 478) (L.D. 1151) Bill "An Act to Decrease Barriers for Preventive Health Services by Allowing Pharmacy Technicians to Administer Vaccines" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-126)**

(S.P. 508) (L.D. 1271) Bill "An Act to Require a Disclaimer on Promotional Materials for Medicare, Medicaid and MaineCare Products by Private Entities" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-139)**

(S.P. 664) (L.D. 1659) Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Enter into Certain Leases Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-121)**

(H.P. 1198) (L.D. 1868) Resolve, to Name 2 Brooks in the Town of Orient Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 144) (L.D. 223) Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-253)**

(H.P. 189) (L.D. 291) Bill "An Act to Support Young People Affected by Substance Use Disorder" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-258)**

(H.P. 292) (L.D. 475) Bill "An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-256)**

(H.P. 588) (L.D. 941) Bill "An Act Facilitating the Efforts of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority and the Town of Brunswick to Design and Carry Out Improvements to the Storm Water System and Other Infrastructure at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-257)**

(H.P. 594) (L.D. 947) Bill "An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children and to Create a Program to Distribute Leftover School Food Within Communities" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-246)**

(H.P. 812) (L.D. 1264) Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-248)**

(H.P. 887) (L.D. 1373) Bill "An Act to Allow Employers to Shop for Competitive Health Plan Options by Expanding the Disclosure of Health Claims Information" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-259)**

(H.P. 921) (L.D. 1425) Bill "An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Access Protections by Allowing Remote Meetings to Be Recorded" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-249)**

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

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

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

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#### **ENACTORS**

##### **Emergency Measure**

An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program

(H.P. 51) (L.D. 81)  
(C. "A" H-218)

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. 108 voted in favor of the same and 2 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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##### **Emergency Measure**

An Act to Add Gray Squirrels and Red Squirrels to the Species List for the Open Training Season for Hunting Dogs

(H.P. 336) (L.D. 531)  
(C. "A" H-146)

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. 111 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.

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##### **Emergency Measure**

An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee

(S.P. 385) (L.D. 893)

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. 123 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.

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##### **Emergency Measure**

An Act to Authorize Vaccine Administration by Pharmacy Technicians and Reduce Vaccine Administration Training Requirements for Pharmacists

(H.P. 555) (L.D. 899)  
(C. "A" H-202)

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. 105 voted in favor of the same and 15 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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##### **Emergency Measure**

An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards

(H.P. 622) (L.D. 975)  
(C. "A" H-169)

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.

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##### **Emergency Measure**

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24

(H.P. 833) (L.D. 1308)  
(C. "A" H-159)

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. 118 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.

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##### **Emergency Measure**

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

(H.P. 895) (L.D. 1400)  
(C. "A" H-203)

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. 95 voted in favor of the same and 46 against, and accordingly the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and was sent to the Senate.

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##### **Emergency Measure**

Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Barriers to Use of Cross-laminated Timber

(H.P. 547) (L.D. 881)  
(C. "A" H-182)

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. 105 voted in favor of the same and 16 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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##### **Emergency Measure**

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity

(H.P. 829) (L.D. 1304)  
(C. "A" H-220)

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. 90 voted in favor of the same and 47 against, and accordingly the Resolve **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE** and was sent to the Senate.

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**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Study the Scarcity of Licensed Clinical Behavioral Health Professionals Across the State

(H.P. 961) (L.D. 1506)  
(C. "A" H-209)

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. 99 voted in favor of the same and 37 against, and accordingly the Resolve **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE** and was sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource

(H.P. 1051) (L.D. 1641)  
(C. "A" H-197)

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. 93 voted in favor of the same and 46 against, and accordingly the Resolve **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE** and was sent to the Senate.

**Pursuant to the Constitution  
Public Land**

Resolve, to Authorize the Conveyance of Real Property to the Capitol Area Recreation Association

(H.P. 486) (L.D. 797)  
(C. "A" H-144)

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

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

Representative **PLUECKER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to remind the House what we're voting on here. This is giving the opportunity to some Little Leaguers here in the City of Augusta to play on their own fields that they've been playing on for a long time and for CARA; it's named there, the Capitol Area Recreation Association; to own and improve those facilities. So, I really hope we can get together. This has been a unanimous vote out of Committee and I hope we can stay together on this. Thank you.

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

Representative **BRIDGEO**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. Just briefly, this facility that we're discussing has been under lease from the State to the Capitol Area Recreation Association, a regional not-for-profit, for almost 50 years now. There's another 50 years on the lease but it is the desire of the Board of Directors of the not-for-profit and the communities that benefit from it that they acquire ownership of it so that they can comfortably go forward with their fundraising, their improvements.

It will mean an awful lot to not just the residents of Augusta but neighboring communities where the kids take advantage of it. It's a fabulous facility. It's just across from the East Side Campus, it's called the Piggery Road, it's developed over the years. Years ago, when my kids were growing up, I mowed lawns and took wrenches to bleachers and, like many other parents, did our best to provide a really wonderful facility.

As the Representative said, this was unanimous out of Committee. It's before us in this fashion because the Constitution ensures that before the State parts with any public lands that it's done by a two-thirds vote. So, I would ask for your blessing on this one and for your support. Thank you very much.

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

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thought it would be timely to add my voice to the two previous speakers and make this a tri-partisan message of support. This group has managed the softball fields on the roads across from the East Campus for many, many years. I've had occasion to play on those fields multiple times. Impressed by the dedication of the group and the worthiness of our transferring whole responsibility for those athletic fields to them. I can't say enough about the CARA group and I support the enactment of this Resolve.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 23 of Article IX of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 132 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Acts**

An Act to Update Provisions of the Department of Corrections Laws Regarding Operation and Administration of Jails, Women's Services and Juvenile Detention

(H.P. 8) (L.D. 4)  
(C. "A" H-141)

An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code

(S.P. 31) (L.D. 39)  
(C. "A" S-112)

An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves

(S.P. 38) (L.D. 46)  
(C. "A" S-106)

An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors

(H.P. 37) (L.D. 62)  
(C. "A" H-190)

An Act to Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency Is Declared

(H.P. 55) (L.D. 87)  
(C. "A" H-212)

An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units

(H.P. 95) (L.D. 154)  
(C. "A" H-153)

An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology

(S.P. 104) (L.D. 204)  
(C. "A" S-107)

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Water Supply Protection Funds

(H.P. 132) (L.D. 211)  
(C. "A" H-191)

An Act to Support Manufacturers Whose Products Contain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

(H.P. 138) (L.D. 217)  
(C. "A" H-200)

An Act Regarding Appeals of License or Permit Decisions of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection (H.P. 140) (L.D. 219) (C. "A" H-204)

An Act to Add Electric Bicycles to the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program (S.P. 122) (L.D. 256) (C. "A" S-114)

An Act to Clarify the Process for Admission to the Bar on Motion (H.P. 169) (L.D. 264) (C. "A" H-160)

An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Local Central Administrative Offices (H.P. 184) (L.D. 286) (C. "A" H-180)

An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times (S.P. 156) (L.D. 335) (C. "A" S-101)

An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools (H.P. 217) (L.D. 343) (C. "A" H-214)

An Act to Expand Funding Sources Within the Public Utilities Commission for Intervenor and Participant Funding (H.P. 246) (L.D. 395) (C. "A" H-187)

An Act to Preserve the 207 Area Code and Impede So-called Robocalling (H.P. 247) (L.D. 396) (C. "A" H-188)

An Act to Clarify the Provision of Notice of Proposed Rate Increases to Public Utility Customers (S.P. 195) (L.D. 414) (C. "A" S-108)

An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect (H.P. 291) (L.D. 474)

An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry (H.P. 307) (L.D. 490)

An Act to Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis (H.P. 360) (L.D. 555)

An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure (S.P. 248) (L.D. 580) (C. "A" S-84)

An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education (H.P. 389) (L.D. 612) (C. "A" H-155)

An Act to Amend the Social Work Education Loan Repayment Program (H.P. 409) (L.D. 632) (C. "A" H-156)

An Act to Support Community-based Volunteer Organizations (H.P. 435) (L.D. 666) (C. "A" H-151)

An Act to Protect Birds in the Construction, Renovation and Maintenance of Public Buildings (H.P. 439) (L.D. 670) (C. "A" H-102)

An Act to Reduce the Cost of Energy in Maine and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through the Effective Use of Renewably Sourced Gas (H.P. 467) (L.D. 698) (C. "A" H-185)

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Signature Requirements on Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (S.P. 318) (L.D. 760) (C. "A" S-110)

An Act to Ensure Access by Parties and Attorneys to Records in Child and Adult Protection Proceedings (S.P. 332) (L.D. 773) (C. "A" S-109)

An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds (H.P. 585) (L.D. 938) (C. "A" H-181)

An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance (H.P. 596) (L.D. 949) (C. "A" H-173)

An Act to Authorize Kickboxing and Muay Thai Competition Under the Combat Sports Authority of Maine (H.P. 597) (L.D. 950) (C. "A" H-170)

An Act to Facilitate Stakeholder Input Regarding Forest Policy in Maine (H.P. 628) (L.D. 993) (C. "A" H-143)

An Act to Require All Uniformed Patrol Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty (H.P. 672) (L.D. 1036) (C. "A" H-176)

An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration (S.P. 421) (L.D. 1052) (S. "A" S-124 to C. "A" S-103)

An Act to Extend the Comparable Health Care Service Incentive Program Beyond 2023 (H.P. 680) (L.D. 1085) (S. "A" S-125)

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program (H.P. 741) (L.D. 1169) (C. "A" H-157)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Time Estimates for Responding to Public Records Requests (H.P. 768) (L.D. 1208) (C. "A" H-161)

An Act to Include Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat in the Definition of "Significant Wildlife Habitat" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act (H.P. 794) (L.D. 1246) (C. "A" H-205)

An Act to Increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery (H.P. 806) (L.D. 1258) (C. "A" H-215)

An Act to Clarify the Producer Licensure Required to Act as a Pet Insurance Producer

(H.P. 814) (L.D. 1266)  
(C. "A" H-219)

An Act to Amend the Tax Credit for Major Business Headquarters Expansions Regarding Employees' Location and Time of Hire for Purposes of the Credit

(S.P. 531) (L.D. 1313)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation

(H.P. 837) (L.D. 1322)  
(C. "A" H-213)

An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services

(S.P. 557) (L.D. 1390)  
(C. "A" S-113)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Records of Disciplinary Actions Against Public Employees

(H.P. 892) (L.D. 1397)  
(C. "A" H-162)

An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources

(H.P. 937) (L.D. 1441)  
(C. "A" H-175)

An Act Regarding Limits on Medication in Vending Machines

(H.P. 1040) (L.D. 1615)

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy by Funding the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund and Amending Related Provisions of Law

(H.P. 1068) (L.D. 1670)  
(C. "A" H-145)

An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming

(H.P. 1083) (L.D. 1684)  
(C. "A" H-206)

An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication

(S.P. 692) (L.D. 1728)

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.

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### Resolves

Resolve, Directing the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to Study Incentives for the Provision of Child Care in Maine

(H.P. 71) (L.D. 103)  
(C. "A" H-168)

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Public Safety to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Examine the Responsibilities, Fees and Duties of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board

(H.P. 128) (L.D. 207)  
(C. "A" H-150)

Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

(H.P. 151) (L.D. 230)  
(C. "A" H-183)

Resolve, Regarding Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19

(H.P. 159) (L.D. 238)  
(C. "A" H-171)

Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George

(H.P. 233) (L.D. 382)  
(C. "A" H-189)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Regulation of Waste Discharge from Finfish Aquaculture Facilities

(S.P. 225) (L.D. 508)  
(C. "A" S-118)

Resolve, to Evaluate a Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project Using Electric School Buses

(H.P. 324) (L.D. 519)  
(C. "A" H-186)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the Educare Model

(H.P. 453) (L.D. 684)  
(C. "A" H-154)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Examine Issues Related to Moose Hunting Seasons

(H.P. 520) (L.D. 831)  
(C. "A" H-148)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Amend Its Rules Regarding Adjunct Faculty at Public Colleges and Universities

(H.P. 593) (L.D. 946)  
(C. "A" H-174)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs

(H.P. 1077) (L.D. 1678)  
(C. "A" H-211)

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

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An Act to Address Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund

(H.P. 4) (L.D. 2)  
(C. "A" H-221)

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

On motion of Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, was **SET ASIDE**.

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

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

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

Representative **GERE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in support of enactment of LD 2. LD 2 creates the Housing First Program to address the needs of people in Maine who have been chronically unhoused. These are folks who have had ongoing and profound difficulties in maintaining stable housing. The Housing First Program provides funding for the housing and services needed to help these folks stay stably housed and recover from the trauma of long-term homelessness. Housing First is not only the right and compassionate thing to do for Maine, it is also fiscally responsible; saving money on emergency services, providing tools to our shelter system to address the problem of chronic homelessness and helping people stabilize their lives, become their best selves and contribute to their communities.



Madam Speaker, I am grateful for your leadership and for the leadership and collaboration of colleagues on both sides of the aisle in moving this legislation forward. It will allow us to address the deeply troubling and important aspect of our housing crisis that is chronic homelessness. With this legislation, we are exemplifying Maine's motto, Dirigo, and we are leading together. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 114**

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Blier, Boyer, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Carlow, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, 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 H, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Theriault, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Abdi, Bradstreet, Crafts, Gifford, Lajoie, Lanigan, Paulhus, Rudnicki, Shaw.

Yes, 83; No, 58; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

(H.P. 245) (L.D. 394)

(S. "A" S-102)

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

On motion of Representative SAMPSON of Alfred, was **SET ASIDE**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **FINAL PASSAGE**.

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 Final Passage. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 115**

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, 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'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Abdi, Bradstreet, Crafts, Gifford, Lajoie, Lanigan, Paulhus, Rudnicki, Shaw.

Yes, 78; No, 63; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Adjustments for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Municipal Valuation"

(S.P. 828) (L.D. 2006)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

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The following Joint Order: (S.P. 826)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

Representative **BRENNAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I request permission to speak on the record to the House.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Portland, Representative Brennan has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **BRENNAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. On Tuesday, the House adjourned in memory of Hayden Anderson. Unfortunately, I was not here to speak to the Sentiment that recognized him but for over 10 years, he was my neighbor. But, more importantly, he was the Executive Director of the Maine Humanities Council. In that role, he catapulted Maine to national prominence in art and cultural affairs and he spoke regularly to the importance of culture in the State of Maine. There's not one person in this Chamber, not one person in the State of Maine that didn't benefit from the leadership that he showed on the Humanities Council. I wanted to make sure that we recognized that and knew that. He is a tremendous loss to the State of Maine but especially to his wife, Meredith, to his son, Gus and to his daughter, Lucy. So, I wanted to enter into the record a recognition of the service that he provided to the State of Maine and share the loss of his passing last week. Thank you.

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

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On motion of Representative RANA of Bangor, the House adjourned at 1:58 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 6, 2023, or until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 826).