

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
23rd Legislative Day
Thursday, June 8, 2023

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

Prayer by Pastor Jim Przytulski, Central Church, Augusta.

National Anthem by Sharon Hood, Pittsfield.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, 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 John MacDonald, of Pownal

(HLS 411)

TABLED - June 1, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Yarmouth, Representative Graham.

Representative **GRAHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, my Good Colleagues of the House. I stand to recognize the retirement of Corporal John MacDonald from the Maine Warden Service. My experience in the woods of Maine is very, very small, but; and I would look at my IF&W friends and colleagues; sorry; you have much more experience with the Game Warden Service. John is also the son of very, very dear friends, Ted and Linda MacDonald.

If I may, Madam Speaker, I'd like to read a message from the Warden Service. On behalf of the citizens of the State of Maine and the Maine Warden Service, we'd like to thank you sincerely for your years of dedication in law enforcement service. You have served the citizens of Maine and the Maine Warden Service with great honor and distinction and have demonstrated a career-long commitment to personal integrity and the core values of the Maine Warden Service. Yours was an especially diverse career, John MacDonald, overseeing a number of cutting-edge assignments impacting the Bureau in new ways not seen in its 140-year history. You began as a Deputy Game Warden in the early 1990s and became a full-time Warden in 1998, assigned to the Cornish area of Northern York County. From there, you transferred to in 2001 to the district area of Pownal, where you and your wife, Kim, built your home and started your family. After several busy years in the field patrol near Pownal, you were promoted to Corporal and managed several key assignments including the outfitting of Warden Service vehicles throughout the State with mobile computer terminals. You served as a first-ever full-time recruiter for the Warden Service and assisted with the introduction of the Department's website, creating the domain name mainegamewarden.com. You served as a project manager, helping premier the first-ever and highly-popular Game Warden reality TV series, *North Woods Law*. You also served several

years as the public information officer for the Warden Service and, most recently, you headed up for the first-ever wildlife conflict arm of the Warden Service. You were a member of the Warden's Critical Incident Stress Management team for nearly 10 years and worked as an instructor for the Criminal Justice Academy, teaching the emergency vehicle operators course there for another 10 years. I know that especially the folks of the Department and truly all of us in the community greatly appreciate the pride you showed in your work with and your unflinching dedication to making the department better. Your commitment to the Warden Service and caring for its members and the people of Maine is second to none. All our very best wishes to you in your retirement, Maine Game Warden, John MacDonald.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, of Orland and Bucksport, which has been named the 2023 Maine Outstanding Tree Farmer. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 442)

Presented by Representative RUSSELL of Verona Island.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock, Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative RUSSELL of Verona Island, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Verona Island, Representative Russell.

Representative **RUSSELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today to recognize Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust as being named Maine's 2023 Tree Farmer of the Year. It is only the second time; this is a correction thanks to the Executive Director; that a land trust has ever won this honor in the 60-year history of the award. Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust was founded in 1993 to conserve land, water and wildlife for the communities of northwestern Hancock County. The trust covers over 5,000 acres in East Orland, Bucksport and now the Joost Family Preserve on Verona Island. If you haven't experienced the vistas from atop Great Pond Mountain, looking down upon Craig's Pond, Alamoosook Lake, Toddy Pond, Hothole Pond, the Dead River, the Orland River, the Penobscot River and the expansive Penobscot Bay, or traverse the 25 miles of trails in the wildlands, you are missing one of the great treasures of mid-coast Maine and I suggest you add it to your must-visit list of places in Maine. To all the members and volunteers associated with this gem of Maine, congratulations on your award and thank you for your stewardship of this land that is so important and dear to all of us in District 17 and beyond.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chester, Representative Javner, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **JAVNER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, distinguished colleagues. It is my absolute pleasure to have with us today the 2023 Valedictorian of the Stearns Junior-Senior High School, Cody Briggs. Cody has been striving for this goal since the sixth grade, when he told his academic advisor that he had two goals. One, graduate at the top of his class, and two, gain entrance into a great college. Goals achieved. Not only is he the class valedictorian, but he will also be attending the University of New England this fall to major in Biomedical Sciences. Cody grew up in Millinocket, Maine's biggest small town. He has four older siblings. Being the youngest of six, I can empathize greatly with him on this level. Growing up, his family enjoyed trips to Old Orchard Beach and he has traveled internationally and hopes to continue traveling in his future. Beyond travel, Cody enjoys thrifting, cooking and film. He also enjoys peer-to-peer counseling and loves to extend support to those in need. Cody is a Mitchell Scholarship recipient and has earned recognition from the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Maine. He attended Northern Penobscot Technical Center Region 3 in Lincoln where he earned his Registered Medical Assistant Certificate. When I asked him about a memorable piece of advice that he had received, he responded with don't be afraid to eat alone. This will serve him well, since a valuable life lesson is to be confident in your own company.

Cody, you have made your family and community extremely proud and today, I want you to know how proud the Maine State Legislature is of you as well. With young men as yourself leading the charge, our future is bright. In the words of the late, great Robin Williams' character, Professor Keating; *carpe diem*. Seize the day, Cody. Go make your life extraordinary.

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs

(H.P. 352) (L.D. 547)
(C. "A" H-226)

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.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Establish the Companion Animal Sterilization Program in the Maine Revised Statutes

(S.P. 263) (L.D. 595)
(C. "A" S-175)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

(S.P. 370) (L.D. 873)
(C. "A" S-142)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act Concerning the Authority for Pharmacists to Administer Vaccines

(S.P. 478) (L.D. 1151)
(C. "A" S-126)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Rental Subsidy Program

(H.P. 918) (L.D. 1422)
(C. "A" H-239)

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. 106 voted in favor of the same and 11 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Bath

(S.P. 736) (L.D. 1821)
(C. "A" S-147)

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. 115 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act Regarding Enhanced 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points

(S.P. 744) (L.D. 1828)
(C. "A" S-164)

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.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recovery High School in the State
(H.P. 189) (L.D. 291)
(C. "A" H-258)

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. 114 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.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Improvements to Conventional Infrastructure and Storm Water Management at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station
(H.P. 588) (L.D. 941)
(C. "A" H-257)

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 1 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System
(S.P. 520) (L.D. 1283)
(C. "A" S-153)

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. 120 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, to Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State
(H.P. 1090) (L.D. 1701)
(C. "A" H-228)

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. 120 voted in favor of the same and 3 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Pursuant to the Constitution
Public Land**

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Enter into Certain Leases
(S.P. 664) (L.D. 1659)
(C. "A" S-121)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. 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. 119 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act to Ensure a High-quality Education for Students with Disabilities by Clarifying the Definition of "State Agency Client" and Who Provides Special Education Programs and Services
(H.P. 49) (L.D. 79)
(C. "A" H-327)

An Act to Update the Special Education Laws
(H.P. 66) (L.D. 98)
(C. "A" H-328)

An Act to Allow Incentive Continuity Following a Catastrophic Occurrence Under the Pine Tree Development Zone and Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion Tax Credit Programs
(S.P. 80) (L.D. 150)
(C. "A" S-156)

An Act to Provide Funds to the Malaga 1912 Scholarship Fund
(H.P. 171) (L.D. 273)
(C. "A" H-329)

An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center
(S.P. 141) (L.D. 320)
(C. "A" S-168)

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Licensed Professional Engineers on Certain Public Works Projects
(S.P. 161) (L.D. 354)
(C. "A" S-150)

An Act to Allow Nonalcoholic Sparkling Cider to Be Sold in Maine
(S.P. 196) (L.D. 415)

An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities
(H.P. 292) (L.D. 475)
(C. "A" H-256)

An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons
(H.P. 376) (L.D. 599)
(C. "A" H-301)

An Act to Create the Public Art Fund
(H.P. 438) (L.D. 669)
(C. "A" H-247)

An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified
(S.P. 311) (L.D. 753)
(C. "A" S-152)

An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools
(H.P. 518) (L.D. 829)
(C. "A" H-287)

An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Maine Good Samaritan Law
(S.P. 361) (L.D. 864)
(C. "A" S-144)

An Act to Provide Support for the Maine Discovery Museum's Informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Programs Throughout the State
(S.P. 368) (L.D. 871)
(C. "A" S-172)

An Act to Establish Parity in Tipping Laws for Restaurant Workers
(H.P. 559) (L.D. 903)
(C. "A" H-254)

An Act Regarding Temporary Transfers of Elver Fishing Quotas for Medical Reasons
(S.P. 391) (L.D. 920)
(C. "A" S-160)

An Act to Require Employers to Disclose Pay Ranges and Maintain Records of Employees' Pay History
(H.P. 583) (L.D. 936)
(C. "A" H-255)

An Act to Allow Maine Families to Increase Their Savings by Changing the Asset Limits for Eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program
(H.P. 592) (L.D. 945)
(C. "A" H-299)

An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children
(H.P. 594) (L.D. 947)
(C. "A" H-246)

An Act to Improve the Telecommunications Relay Services Council by Reducing Its Membership and Allowing for the Hiring of an Executive Director
(S.P. 434) (L.D. 1065)
(C. "A" S-154)

An Act to Require Presentation of the Maine Charter School Commission's Annual Report
(H.P. 684) (L.D. 1089)
(C. "A" H-271)

An Act to Invest in Maine's Fire Service Training Facilities
(S.P. 517) (L.D. 1280)
(C. "A" S-162)

An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program
(S.P. 522) (L.D. 1285)
(C. "A" S-141)

An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride
(S.P. 533) (L.D. 1315)
(C. "A" S-174)

An Act to Ensure the Rights of Survivors of Sexual Assault
(H.P. 876) (L.D. 1362)
(C. "A" H-251)

An Act to Allow Employers to Shop for Competitive Health Plan Options by Expanding the Disclosure of Health Claims Information
(H.P. 887) (L.D. 1373)
(C. "A" H-259)

An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program
(S.P. 561) (L.D. 1394)
(C. "A" S-169)

An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Access Protections by Allowing Remote Meetings to Be Recorded
(H.P. 921) (L.D. 1425)
(C. "A" H-249)

An Act to Promote the Community School Program
(H.P. 982) (L.D. 1527)
(C. "A" H-268)

An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund
(S.P. 615) (L.D. 1552)
(C. "A" S-161)

An Act Regarding Environmental Justice
(H.P. 1046) (L.D. 1621)
(C. "A" H-318)

An Act Concerning Students Who Experience Educational Disruption Due to Temporary or Permanent Changes Where They Live
(H.P. 1133) (L.D. 1769)
(C. "A" H-332)

An Act to Designate Deer Wintering Areas Under the Jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Lands
(S.P. 742) (L.D. 1826)

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)

An Act to Reduce Chronic Student Absenteeism
(H.P. 1191) (L.D. 1861)
(C. "A" H-331)

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

Resolves

Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County
(S.P. 68) (L.D. 129)
(C. "A" S-173)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services
(H.P. 144) (L.D. 223)
(C. "A" H-253)

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education
(H.P. 812) (L.D. 1264)
(C. "A" H-248)

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Convene a Stakeholder Group Regarding Liquefied Propane Gas Systems and the So-called Dig Safe Law
(S.P. 599) (L.D. 1479)
(C. "A" S-163)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Placing Child Care Facilities in Schools
(H.P. 975) (L.D. 1520)
(C. "A" H-330)

Resolve, to Establish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission
(S.P. 628) (L.D. 1597)
(C. "A" S-170)

Resolve, to Name 2 Brooks in the Town of Orient
(H.P. 1198) (L.D. 1868)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 442) (L.D. 1073) Bill "An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine, Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 526) (L.D. 1289) Bill "An Act to Facilitate Property Redevelopment and Encourage Affordable Housing by Allowing the Conveyance of Unfinished Commercial Condominium Units" Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 793) (L.D. 1950) Bill "An Act to Raise the Debt Limit of the Stonington Water Company" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 85) (L.D. 181) Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Implement Secure Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Services Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-190)**

(S.P. 113) (L.D. 247) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-188)**

(S.P. 271) (L.D. 654) Resolve, Directing the Finance Authority of Maine to Establish a Pilot Program to Encourage the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-177)**

(S.P. 282) (L.D. 724) Bill "An Act to Expand Workforce Housing in Rural Maine by Funding the Maine State Housing Authority's Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program" Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-178)**

(S.P. 298) (L.D. 740) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-187)**

(S.P. 433) (L.D. 1064) Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Teacher Salary" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-176)**

(S.P. 592) (L.D. 1473) Bill "An Act to Protect Certain Unfiltered Drinking Water Sources" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-182)**

(S.P. 728) (L.D. 1803) Bill "An Act to Improve the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-181)**

(S.P. 805) (L.D. 1971) Resolve, to Ensure that Eligible Customers Receive Payments from the Energy Rate Relief Fund (EMERGENCY) Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-196)**

(H.P. 74) (L.D. 106) Bill "An Act to Standardize Service Credit Qualifications for State Retirees" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-376)**

(H.P. 149) (L.D. 228) Bill "An Act to Require Substance Use Disorder to Be Disclosed as a Cause of Death on Death Certificates" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-380)**

(H.P. 244) (L.D. 393) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-391)**

(H.P. 880) (L.D. 1366) Bill "An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-392)**

(H.P. 1106) (L.D. 1719) Bill "An Act to Establish Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-390)**

(H.P. 1149) (L.D. 1786) Bill "An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-393)**

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 as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-191)** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Fair and Timely Payment in the Harvesting of Forest Products"

(S.P. 750) (L.D. 1849)

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

PLUECKER of Warren
COSTAIN of Plymouth
GUERRETTE of Caribou
HEPLER of Woolwich
JAUCH of Topsham
OSHER of Orono
SHAW of Auburn

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

Signed:

Senator:

BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

CRAY of Palmyra

HALL of Wilton

JACKSON of Oxford

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-191)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-191)** 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-191)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-167)** on Bill "An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Providing Tuition Waivers to Eligible Students"

(S.P. 229) (L.D. 512)

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-167)**.

READ.

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

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

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wiscasset, Representative Polewarczyk.

Representative **POLEWARCZYK**: Madam Speaker, I wish to speak in opposition to the motion.

The **SPEAKER**: The Member may proceed.

Representative **POLEWARCZYK**: As I look at the issue here, the real problem, as I see it, is a decreasing enrollment with the University of Maine System. There's a number of reasons for this issue. The primary one, of course, is inflation that we're all trying to deal with, and it's a problem that is beyond us here in the State of Maine. It's a federal government issue. But there are many other causes to the decreasing enrollment that we're seeing. One of those causes, I believe, is the result of an action we have previously taken. We have given the students at the Maine Community College System free tuition. The result is a student is in a position where; why should I go to a four-year college system when I can get two years free at the Maine Community College? I think this is one of the biggest reasons why we're seeing a decreased enrollment in the University System.

Now, LD 152 attempts to correct this problem. And when you look at all the details, I'm not sure if we're correcting it or exacerbating it. We establish some free tuition waivers for a number of students that comply with five different criteria plus an unknown number of additional criteria yet to be established by the universities. In addition, we give waivers to noncitizens. The package comes with a fiscal note of \$6.7 million per year for a four-year period, totaling \$26.8 million. Again, I'm not sure if we're correcting the problem or exacerbating the problem. I oppose the motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to share with you a written statement from Bruce Nadeau, who is the Director of Admissions at the University of Maine at Fort Kent, to underscore a possible underlying problem that we have here in Maine. He wrote, and I quote from the Director of Admissions at the University of Maine at Fort Kent, when asked what testing criteria is preferred, he wrote, and I quote; who you use for your self-assessment will not matter for any of the UMaine school systems. The number of high school graduates has dropped so much, we are admitting everyone who applies, end-quote. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 135

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

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, 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 - Boyle, Dhalac, Eaton, Lajoie, Lookner, Mathieson, Milliken, Moonen, Rudnicki, Supica.

Yes, 75; No, 65; Absent, 10; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-167)** 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-167)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-155)** on Bill "An Act to Improve Consideration of Electricity Rate Increases"

(S.P. 146) (L.D. 325)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

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

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-155)**.

READ.

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

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

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

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

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Improved consideration of electricity rate increases; that sounds great. But often it's difficult for Members to understand what they are voting on with amended bills. I'd like to read from the bill summary. The amended bill prohibits a public utility from including an operating expenses cost whether incurred by the public utility of an affiliated interest associated with political contributions and charitable contributions. It permits educational expenditures to be included in operating expenses if those costs are approved by the Public Utilities Commission as serving a public interest. The amendment requires a public utility to file an annual report with the Commission of the political, charitable and educational expenses of the public utility and its affiliated interests if the public utility has expenses that are subject to the limitations. The report must also include a written itemized description of the political, charitable and educational expenses paid by a membership organization as defined by the Commission by rule of which the public utility is a member. If a public utility or an affiliated interest engages in major political activities, it must also file a quality report with the Commission. The public utility must make the annual report and the quality reports available to the public for inspection. The amendment requires the Commission to amend its rules regarding charitable contributions and educational expenditures by a public utility or an affiliated interest. The amendment also specifies that Commission rules related to political activities, promotional advertising, charitable contributions, educational expenditures and institutional advertising are routine technical rules.

Madam Speaker, this sounds like a good idea, but it's often the case it will likely bring unintended consequences. Currently, the Maine utilities this bill would apply to, Versant and Central Maine Power, are already prevented from including political and charitable contributions and goodwill advertising in customer rates, which are reported to the PUC. These utilities are a member of almost every local Chamber of Commerce in their service territory, as well as several other trade groups. The reporting costs required by LD 325 would be paid for by ratepayers. Those costs are yet to be determined. The utilities have no estimate of what it will cost to do the reporting, mostly because they don't know how they will determine what the reportable political, charitable and educational expenditures of the membership organizations, like our local Chamber of Commerce that they belong to, will be. Besides that, they also cannot compel those local organizations to provide this information. Therefore, one most likely outcome is that the utilities would stop supporting these local organizations, many of which are represented by those of us voting on this bill today. Madam Speaker, I ask that you follow my light and vote down the pending motion on this unnecessary legislation and avoid these unintended consequences. Thank you.

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

Representative **ZEIGLER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill opens transparency. We've had issues going into the last few years in regards to what utilities have been putting out as educational and safety issues and they're putting political messages in that. This would allow them not to do that and it would decrease the cost to ratepayers if they don't put these messages out that are just political. So, this is about transparency going forward.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Embden, Representative Dunphy.

Representative **DUNPHY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. May I pose a question to the Representative from Montville through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **DUNPHY**: Thank you. I would be interested in what sort of political messaging has been sent through these bills. I'm a subscriber to utilities and I have yet to see any political messaging. So, if I could get an answer, I would appreciate it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **KESSLER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. To answer the question from the Good Representative, I think that many people understand that gifts can equate to influence and what this bill is seeking to do is to clarify where those gifts are going and being able to track the frequency and amount of those gifts to those organizations because, let's all be clear, we know what's coming this November around the referendum around Pine Tree Power, and that is primarily what this issue is about. So, I would encourage the Body to please support this motion because we are very supportive of transparency in what the utilities do with our money. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Embden, Representative Dunphy.

Representative **DUNPHY**: Thank you for allowing me to ask again, if I may ask a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **DUNPHY**: Thank you. So, I serve on this Committee and I've heard two explanations of why the bill is in and I think to one of the previous speakers, it's really not very well-defined what it does. So, if there was someone who could explain in detail what the bill entails, I'd appreciate it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **WARREN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to answer that question.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **WARREN**: Thank you very much for that question. LD 325 makes important updates to 1980s era laws and rules to better reflect how corporate money moves to influence lawmakers, regulators and public opinion today. This bill tightens existing rules and puts them into law. Barring utilities from recovering through rates political expenditures, tax-exempt charitable giving as well as unappropriated educational spending by utility or its affiliated interests. LD 325 includes robust reporting requirements that would strengthen the Public Utility Commission's essential functions of regulating monopoly companies to balance the interests of customers and shareholders alike. Our utility regulators need and deserve a full picture of how our political campaigns are being funded to be able to guarantee that Maine ratepayers aren't paying for these activities through their electric bills. I would urge you to follow my light. Thank you.

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

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think my previous floor speech addressed some of the matters that have come up in that most of this; all of it, I believe, is already reportable to the PUC and that is done so this is looking at some new requirements. But I would like to address my Good Friend from South Portland's message and I would only say that I'm quite certain that this Body does not wish to take a position in any political campaign by passing a bill that we think may stop or may cause influence in that forthcoming election or referendum. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 136

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

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

ABSENT - Boyle, Dhalac, Eaton, Lajoie, Lanigan, Lookner, Mathieson, Milliken, Moonen, Osher, Rudnicki, Supica.

Yes, 75; No, 63; Absent, 12; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-155)** 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-155)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-183)** on Bill "An Act to Modify the Visual Impact Standards for Offshore Wind Port Development"

(S.P. 748) (L.D. 1847)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
CARNEY of Cumberland
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
CAMPBELL of Orrington
DOUDERA of Camden
HOBBS of Wells
O'NEIL of Saco
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representatives:

SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-183) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-211)** thereto.

READ.

On motion of Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Establish Welfare Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents"

(S.P. 343) (L.D. 784)

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 to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-143)** 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 NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ.

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 137

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

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, 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, Schmursal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Boyle, Dhalac, Eaton, Lajoie, Lanigan, Lookner, Mathieson, Milliken, Moonen, Osher, Rudnicki, Supica.

Yes, 73; No, 65; Absent, 12; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Ensure the Right to Work Without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union"

(S.P. 653) (L.D. 1636)

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-171)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford

GALLETTA of Durham

SOBOLESKI of Phillips

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

READ.

Representative ROEDER of Bangor moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 138

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cyrway, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenhus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Montell, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Schmearsal-Burgess, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, 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, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, 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, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Boyle, Dhalac, Eaton, Lajoie, Lanigan, Mathieson, Milliken, Moonen, Osher, Rudnicki, Supica.

Yes, 76; No, 63; Absent, 11; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Protect Employee Freedom of Speech"

(S.P. 702) (L.D. 1756)

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor

GEIGER of Rockland

GERE of Kennebunkport

MALON of Biddeford

RUSSELL of Verona Island

SKOLD of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro

DRINKWATER of Milford

SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

READ.

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

Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro **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 Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I do oppose this motion. I think we have to look at what the real effect of this bill would be if it's passed and enacted. First of all, this bill is patterned after a California bill that is trying to make its way around the country and it's being challenged constitutionally in Connecticut right now and it's pending there. So, I think it's something we need to be very careful about before we go in to passing this.

Also, Section 8-C of the National Labor Relations Act states this; the free speech provision governs an employer's right to communicate with its employees about unions. That section of federal law states; the expressing of any views, argument or opinion or the dissemination thereof, whether in written, printed, graphic or visual form, shall not constitute or be evidence of an unfair labor practice under any provisions of this Act if such expression contains no threat of reprisal or force or promise of benefit.

I'd also like to state that the proposed legislation puts many human resources at risk and could have the unintended consequences of inhibiting employers from addressing language and conduct that is damaging in the workforce. Just think about that for a moment. Additionally, this legislation opens the door to employees claiming they were pressured into attending meetings such as when a political candidate comes up for a coffee or just a meet and greet. We should not want to discourage that.

Also, passage of this LD 1756 only adds to the perception that Maine is an unwelcoming place to do business, not to mention the added cost associated with litigation and settlements. It's likely blatantly unconstitutional by limiting one group's right to free speech. I know that the bill calls for causes for punishments or retaliation and that's what the bill states but this is the real effect of this bill. So, I hope people will join me in voting against it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I did want to mention that this bill requires any meetings about political or religious matters within the workplace to be voluntary. Not necessarily saying that they can't exist at all but that the employee might choose to opt out of those meetings. Also, it does not impact any kind of functioning of the workplace under legal requirements for meetings. So, for example, if diversity, equity and inclusion meetings are part of the workplace and deemed necessary, those are not impacted by this. Anything; any meeting that requires employees to be there for the functioning of the job is not covered by this. It's solely about allowing employees to opt in to meetings that are of a political or religious nature. And I would also like to note that employers that are religious organizations are exempt. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Malon.

Representative **MALON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. I rise in support of the pending motion.

And because my good friend from Vassalboro mentioned constitutional concerns, I wanted to read from the testimony that our Attorney General provided to the Committee to that question directly. This bill does not; quote, this bill does not limit an employer's right to speak on political or religious matters. This bill protects an employee's right to choose not to listen to such speech. The right to speak goes hand in hand with the freedom to choose without adverse consequences not to listen. Many employees may wish to participate while others may not. Each employee should be entitled to make that decision individually, without fear of retaliation by their employer. This bill constitutes minimum labor standards legislation that codifies the concept that employers have the right to speak to their employees on a variety of topics so long as that speech is noncoercive. This bill does not regulate noncoercive speech but it does protect employees against coercive speech and gives them a remedy for prohibited retaliation; end-quote. I urge my colleagues to support the pending motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Milford, Representative Drinkwater.

Representative **DRINKWATER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Now we're going to start mandating and restrict freedom of speech in the workplace. I'd like to draw your attention to the bill itself and it says exemption, this section does not apply to a religious employer, period.

We had an automobile business for 63 years, Madam Speaker, and we were a religious family. So, apparently, we can continue to invite our employees and to devotion on a daily basis. We never have mandated that, we always made it voluntary, come in for a scripture reading and a little prayer. So, apparently, if you're a religious employer, you're okay. It doesn't anywhere in this bill say church, it just says religious employer. And also, Madam Speaker, there's been times I've had employees that; and I know this is going to come as a big surprise; but they go out and spread rumors and false

information. But it would be nice if things could be recorded in the workplace but we've banned that now, also.

So, I'd just like to read you a little something from Hospitality of Maine and this proposal is also known as captive audience legislation. Under this, it would have unintended consequences of discouraging businesses from calling meetings regarding corporate values or various issues such as diversity, equality and inclusion, which could be viewed as political. I would encourage you to vote against the motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just one more comment on what the Attorney General said. He did say in his last statement that it's legally defensible. That's a long way from being sanctioned by the U.S. Constitution and my fear is it's just going to open up for more litigation. We don't need that in Maine anymore. Thank you.

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I wanted to thank my colleague, the Good Representative from Milford, for raising a point about the religious employer. The definition as stated in the bill, religious employer means a church or convention or association of churches or an organization that is operated primarily for religious purposes and that is operated, supervised, controlled or principally supported by a church or convention or association of churches. Thank you.

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. 139

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

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

ABSENT - Boyle, Dhalac, Eaton, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Moonen, Rudnicki, Supica.

Yes, 75; No, 66; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 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** in concurrence.

Six Members of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)** on Bill "An Act Regarding Equines and the Raising and Keeping of Livestock in Certain Motor Vehicle and Tax Laws"

(S.P. 581) (L.D. 1463)

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

ANKELES of Brunswick

CRAFTS of Newcastle

O'CONNELL of Brewer

WHITE of Waterville

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

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

ALBERT of Madawaska

MASON of Lisbon

PARRY of Arundel

THERIAULT of Fort Kent

WHITE of Guilford

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-148)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)** 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-148)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Require School Board Approval of Superintendent Rules and Administrative Procedures"

(H.P. 320) (L.D. 515)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York

LIBBY of Cumberland

PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland

DODGE of Belfast

MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth

MURPHY of Scarborough

SARGENT of York

WORTH of Ellsworth

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-362)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham

LYMAN of Livermore Falls

POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

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

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

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

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill is pretty simple. When a school board adopts a policy, the superintendent is allowed to draft rules to implement that policy. This bill would simply require the superintendent to get board approval of those rules to make sure that everybody is on the same page and the people's representatives on the school board have a chance to weigh in on said rules. So, please follow my light. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 140

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

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

ABSENT - Boyle, Crockett, Dhalac, Eaton, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Moonen, Perkins, Rudnicki, Supica.

Yes, 76; No, 63; Absent, 11; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Require Public Schools to Allow Parents and Guardians to Opt Out Their Children with Respect to Portions of the Curriculum"

(H.P. 756) (L.D. 1196)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

READ.

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

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buxton, Representative Carlow.

Representative **CARLOW**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the mission of public education is one that is close to my heart. All of us here in this Chamber and in every corner of our State, and indeed our country, are beneficiaries of an educated society. This modern world is complicated. It's a tangled, elaborate web and there is a legitimate public interest to prepare our youth for the challenges they will certainly face in the world we are building today. And the educators who are tasked with this essential undertaking deserve this Body's full faith and support.

Madam Speaker, in my second life, I have the great honor and responsibility of serving as the Chairman of my local school board. In this capacity, it is incumbent on me to report that there is conflict in our communities. And the resulting conditions under which our educators live and work is an issue of grave importance to me and, I hope, to all of us. So, the question occurred to me how might we best mitigate this problem. How might we unify and restore trust? And, needless to say, I rise today in sadness and confusion by our current posture.

I want to be clear that there are two principles that are safeguarded by this legislation. The first is that parents shall

have final say over what their child consumes at school. The second is the inverse; that people shouldn't get to decide what other peoples' children consume at school. This policy works. It's sensible. It's mainstream. And it preserves the essential characteristics of a vigorous system of public education while protecting the right of parents to make decisions for their children and only for their children. The schools and parents, the teachers and students, are partners in education. That's how the system functions, that is how it thrives. And while some are working to undermine that system, we surely must do something to protect it. 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. 141

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

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

ABSENT - Boyle, Dhalac, Eaton, Javner, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Moonen, Rudnicki, Supica.

Yes, 76; No, 64; Absent, 10; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents to Withdraw Their Children from Public School Classes or Activities That Include Certain Controversial Viewpoints"

(H.P. 973) (L.D. 1518)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham

LYMAN of Livermore Falls

POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

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

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion on the floor. This is my bill. If it sounds familiar to the last bill that was just voted down, it's because it is similar. And I remember when I introduced it into Committee, I did a Johnny Carson impression and I said Ought Not to Pass 8-5 out of Committee, move the Majority Report on the House floor, 76-64, motion passes. That's coming to fruition today, regardless of my words, but I'll speak my words because I think that they are worth speaking.

This is a straightforward bill, LD 1518, "An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents to Withdraw Their Children from Public School Classes or Activities That Include Certain Controversial Viewpoints." I won't read the entire bill, but I will read an excerpt that addresses 'controversial viewpoints' definition. It means any ideas that espouse, promote or advance or compel students to believe any of the following concepts: A) Individuals of one race, color, sex or national origin are morally superior to individuals of another race, color, sex or national origin; B) An individual by virtue of individual's race, color, sex or natural origin is inherently racist, sexist or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously. And it goes on just to define it. And, essentially, what that definition means is anything that goes against the 'everyone is equal' philosophy shall be considered controversial viewpoints. The summary of this bill, again straightforward; the bill allows a parent to remove the parent's child temporarily from a class or other school activity if the class or school activity conflicts with the parent's religious or moral beliefs or if the parent considers the class or school activity to espouse, promote, advance or compel the parent's child to adopt controversial viewpoints as defined in this bill.

Again, it's a pretty straightforward bill, it's nothing complicated, it's about parents' rights to be able to remove their child from a classroom. My wife is an educator. I love educators. I loved all my teachers. I loved school. This is not in any way derogatory to any educators. It just says if there's a difference, the parents have the ultimate say as to whether or not their child received guidance on that subject. Therefore, I kindly ask that you follow my light for parents' right and vote no on the pending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 142

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

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

ABSENT - Boyle, Dhalac, Eaton, Jackson, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Moonen, Rudnicki, Supica.

Yes, 76; No, 64; Absent, 10; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Increase and Enhance School Safety by Allowing Individuals with Concealed Carry Permits to Possess Handguns on School Property"

(H.P. 1002) (L.D. 1557)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York

PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland

DODGE of Belfast

MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth

MURPHY of Scarborough

SARGENT of York

WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham

LYMAN of Livermore Falls

POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

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

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

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

Representative **PAUL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This is one of the bills I put forward. This bill would allow Mainers with State-issued concealed carry permits to carry on K-12 school campuses. The Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 does not prohibit all people from carrying guns in schools. Law enforcement officers and individuals with valid State-issued concealed carry permits are exempted from the Law's prohibitions. Nobody is trying to recreate the wheel here. This bill would simply align Maine law with existing federal law. Twenty-eight states have also enacted similar laws, thereby honoring the natural right to self-preservation and their constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

There seem to be two different viewpoints here, but I think we see that as a theme in the 131st. Number one; gun-free zones keep kids safe, which is not based on data. Using the FBI's definition of mass public shootings, more than 85% of mass public shootings have occurred in gun-free zones. Or, number two; responsible, trained, concealed carry permit holders save lives and deter potential threats to our children's safety, which is based on data. Up to 20% of mass shootings are stopped by legal gunowners, according to RealClearPolitics.

In life, there's inherent risk to every choice we make. There is risk in having guns but there is more risk in not having guns. We are protected by armed police surrounding the Capitol. I know I would feel less safe without them here. Why? Because they can meet threats with equal or greater force. Our children deserve the same. I won't go into the myriad of data I presented before the Education Committee, but may I remind this Body that we are not here to legislate on our feelings and opinions, but rather to uphold the oath that each of us took and to uphold the right to bear arms, which should not be infringed.

It has been demonstrated that gun-free zones are not gun-free zones already, at least for the bad guys. Why would we put our faith in a sticker that tells the world welcome, we can't defend ourselves? Gun-free zones double as free-fire zones. And turning the other cheek is well and good until it is your child lying dead on the floor. People are tired of mental illness, psychosis and evil being ignored in favor of demonizing an inanimate object. Guns can be vilified all day long, but it is guns that guard our banks, patrol our streets and protect our politicians. Why are our children deemed to be of less worth than an ancient Senator in DC? There's a huge difference between feeling safe and actually being safe. The data shows mass shootings are over in 8-12 minutes and when seconds count, police are often minutes away. Right now, parents and school faculty have no choice but to put their hope in a gun-free zone sticker and a police response time that in the majority of cases will be too late to protect our children from a shooter with murder in their heart. This bill would allow the most responsible citizens to voluntarily choose to exercise their constitutional rights and be able to defend themselves and others. This bill would also not cost taxpayers a single dime. I find it ironic that people have the right to choose when it comes to everything except for protecting themselves against an armed shooter who intends to take their life. This bill gives parents and faculty the choice of how to protect children in schools. If they believe that gun-free zones are sufficient, nothing has to change. If there are individuals that decide that equal or greater force is a better way to protect and

prevent tragedy, that is their right. Give Mainers the right to choose how they protect their children. I urge you to oppose the pending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Everything that the Representative from Winterport just said is absolutely true and it's been proven time and time again, whether you agree with it or not, that the only thing that stops a bad person with a gun is a good person with a gun. Nothing else will stop. So, in every case that we've seen, it ends when a good person with a gun approaches a bad person with a gun. 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. 143

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

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Landry, 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.

ABSENT - Arata, Boyle, Dhalac, Eaton, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Moonen, Rudnicki, Supica.

Yes, 78; No, 62; Absent, 10; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding Instructional Materials, Surveys, Analyses, Evaluations and Events at Public Schools"

(H.P. 1053) (L.D. 1643)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-348)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham

LYMAN of Livermore Falls

POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

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

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

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

Representative **SAMPSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. So, parents have had a long tradition of having tremendous influence on their children. Their direct influence is stronger than that of teachers, friends and media. Countless studies have confirmed this and parental involvement in education and schools is beneficial for students, studies have shown over and over. And, in Maine, most parents agree and a recent poll that was done by the Maine Wire/Co/efficient, their public opinion survey, a large survey, 80% of all Maine voters wanted to have ability to access curriculum and have that transparency online so the taxpayers could see that. We know that parental involvement leads to reduced absenteeism. It promotes better student behavior, it increases student achievement and it improves and promotes both parent and teacher satisfaction. It leads to a continuously positive learning environment in the school and at home.

So, what does this have to do with this bill? Everything. The premise of this bill is quite simple. Number one, the public schools are supported by taxpayers. And, secondly, the most vital component of those taxpayers are the parents. Therefore, what is publicly funded must therefore be accessible and available for inspection, questioning and input by those parents. This includes the inspection of instructional material, surveys, evaluations and communications by parents or guardians. Sadly, we are seeing increased conflict with parents, school boards and administrators; we heard about it just a few minutes ago; and parents are upset. But why? Well, one of the reasons is that personal family autonomy and privacy are being violated. A school system may not take over the role as a parent. School systems are paid to teach academics and not force ideologies on children, trying to mold them in a certain way. Our education system has seen a dramatic shift from academic instruction to behavior modification methodologies. This is largely done through data collection on a child's attitudes, values and belief systems. Once comprehensive data is gathered, it is easy to modify the instruction to become a training mechanism, thereby manipulating young children into conforming to the State's social-emotional learning system. This is not academic knowledge or academic content. This is behavior modification, exactly the way you would train an animal such as a pet. Unlike animals, however, children have dreams, goals and aspirations that must be nurtured.

Why this dramatic shift from academics? Well, it's data. This new goldmine to be mined is our children's data. This current effort has been in the blueprint plans for decades. Sparing you a lengthy history, I will highlight a recent, huge shift that has generated mountains of data on our children which then becomes a permanent record. Parents have no idea and, I dare say, most of us don't, either. This information is not accessible to parents. In 2011, the Common Core state standards were adopted. Did you know that each and every standard being taught now is a data point? This collected data is stored in the State longitudinal data system which was created in 2009. By the way, every other state in the nation has an identical data system. The data collected is not academic in nature. This, in fact, is the harvesting of biometric data about every child in public education, tracking them from K through 12 and into their career. This has been the advent and explosion of biometric data harvesting. It's not just in Maine. This is a national effort to, quote, increase the nonconsensual surveillance of freeborn American citizens and probability of creating a comprehensive national data system on every American. By the way, this is a federal law that went into effect in 2017. The hair on the back of your neck should be standing up by now.

We in Maine are deeply engaged in this invasive data collection for long-term tracking. Biometric data is gathered through habits of work, habits of mind, surveys as well as micro-assessments and all other assessments, for that matter, which are largely nonacademic information. Assessments inherently are psychological profiles whereas achievement tests are academic in nature. They are mutually exclusive. So, let's consider what we are currently witnessing in real life and causing great concern with parents. For years now, school children are being given sexually graphic, psychologically intrusive surveys without parents' knowledge. These surveys also ask youth to reveal their criminal activity, personal family matters and other intimate issues. Although we are told these surveys are anonymous, any data specialist can identify a specific individual student with only three data points. In the early adoption of the Common Core, the biometric data gathering, the purpose for the gathering was stated for efficacy of school-wide programs to promote social and character development and reduce behavior problems in elementary schools. Well, how's that working out? We're hearing on our Committee over and over the increased problems with behavior issues. A note here, these lofty-sounding titles often have very counterproductive agendas behind them.

Let me just allow people to understand some of the intrusive information being continually gathered. So, this is just a brief list. They're gathering personal identifiable information like names, nicknames, birthdates, physical characteristics, a child's bus route, the bus times and bus arrival times, their behavior, whether interpersonal, their communication, their collaboration abilities, their leadership abilities, what's their discipline record, a student's attitudes, student's level of compliance, the behavior of a child, do they have self-regulation, do they have perseverance, do they have grit, what is their compliance level. These are all being gathered. Their medical records, health habits. That's all medical information. Their individual educational plans, eating habits, non-school activities, screen names, voting status of parents, religious affiliations, family income range and it goes on.

Why do schools need this information? Good question. Why is there such an invasion of privacy covertly executed in the schools, often on laptops, hidden from the views of parents and, in many cases, even the teachers are unaware of all of this

data being gathered. And parents have a right to know and a right to object.

So, in conclusion, we've got to consider the over-arching plan in place, the history here. I'm giving you a snapshot only. You can go and dig deeper. Prove me wrong. Prove me wrong. We as policymakers have the authority to stand up now and protect our littlest citizens from this continued stealthy privacy invasion and honor parents. In 1992, Marc Tucker wrote his famous Dear Hillary letter in which he states; this is connected to the plan; we plan to re-mold the entire American system into a seamless web that literally extends from cradle to grave and is the same system for everyone, coordinated by a system of labor market boards at the local, State and federal levels, where curriculum and job matching will be handled by counselors accessing the integrated computer data system. Are we truly going to continue to allow our children to be reduced to human capital used as cogs in the global labor market? Tucker further states that they're changing the mission of schools from teaching children academic basics and knowledge to training them to serve the global economy in jobs selected by workforce boards. Stop and consider where we are right now, folks. We've heard this identical narrative from our own Commissioner recently in the Education Committee when she stated before us that academics; academics will have to take a back seat to all these other things. Well, a vast majority, 80% of Maine; parents, voters; object to this philosophy. They are loudly objecting to this entire agenda and this bill, therefore, proposes opening up communication between schools and parents by developing policies to promote open, honest and transparent interaction for the best outcome of our children. Thank you for your attention and I ask that you follow my light.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, rise in opposition of the pending motion. I'd like to read a quote. This is from Bruce Nadeau, the Director of Admissions at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. His quote was; to a school, who you use for your self-assessment will not matter for any of the UMaine system schools. The number of high school graduates has dropped so much, we are admitting everyone who applies. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **SALISBURY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. When I'm outside of the State House, I have the fortunate pleasure of being the Chair of the School Committee in my hometown of Westbrook and I've been on the School Committee since 2007. And I can tell you very adamantly that the parent concern about these things, I don't see in Westbrook. Perhaps in other communities. The data that's collected, as mentioned, such as bus routes and discipline records, and some of the things, I would hope that the parents already knew, as well as some of these supposed interests that maybe we'll be using that information for wrong.

We have School Committee meetings once a month. Rarely, if ever, are there parents there. We have Policy Committee, educational committees that meet once a month. Rarely are parents there. So, I don't think the issue is with the school departments and the people collecting this data, but perhaps we need to find a way for parents to become more engaged so that they will use this information to help with some of these concerns that they might have. And I find it hard to believe that parents, 80% of parents are concerned with this as much as has been laid out today. Thank you.

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

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me to speak here this morning. Government has no reason to collect data on any of our kids for any reason. Now, if you believe in transparency, you vote against the pending motion. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 144

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

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, 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 - Boyle, Dhalac, Eaton, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Moonen, Rudnicki, Supica.

Yes, 75; No, 66; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 66 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.

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

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (11) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-183)** - Minority (2) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Modify the Visual Impact Standards for Offshore Wind Port Development"

(S.P. 748) (L.D. 1847)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-183)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-211) to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-183)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT Senate Amendment "A" (S-211) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-183)**.

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

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

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the Senate Amendment today. The issue with this is adding project labor agreements into the offshore wind, the adoption of offshore wind projects. I'll read you some testimony. The Senate Amendment as adopted seems to be very similar to another bill that is pending in another Committee, and I'll read you some of the testimony in opposition to that. From Nina Fisher from the Maine Department of Transportation; currently, Maine DOT does not require project labor agreements for highway, bridge, airport, rail or marine port facilities. These projects are performed by qualified Maine companies. The success of these companies is dependent on the ability to bid and perform the type of work that Maine DOT advertises. The requirements set forth within this would limit their ability to do so and limit the number of contractors able to bid any offshore wind power projects. This makes the environment for bidding on these projects less competitive and will likely be an upward cost driver for constructive offshore wind port facilities. This will make it harder for Maine companies to be able to bid on these projects and will likely drive the cost and we'll see more likely Massachusetts companies or companies from out of state being able to get these projects instead of Maine workers. So, I would encourage this Body to reject this amendment. Thank you.

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

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also stand in opposition to the pending motion of Senate Amendment "A". I just will state that in testimony we heard before the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee regarding project labor agreements for the wind industry, two of the major construction associations represented there who represent many of the contractors in the State of Maine that are non-union, told us that 90% of Maine construction workers are non-union. We all represent some of those folks and it would be a shame and I am opposed to restricting them from being able to participate in any of this work. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I voice my objections to the proposed amendment as well, for many of the same reasons the previous two speakers brought up. Anyway, why would we want to pass a bill that would exclude about 90% of the employees and employers in the State of Maine? This would drive up the cost of this proposed offshore wind significantly. Twelve to 20% is the estimate usually the increased cost of a project under such conditions as the project labor agreements which this amendment proposes. You know, Mainers, we all try to stretch our dollars just as much as we can to get the most we can for our hard-earned dollars. And why should we in the Legislature be any different? I hope you join me in voting against this amendment. Thank you.

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I wanted to just speak briefly about project labor agreements and the fact that they do not exclude non-union shops from bidding on a project. They simply set standards prior to the bids for fair wages and fair treatment for the workers. Again, no non-union shop will be excluded from bidding. They may choose to not bid but they are not specifically excluded from a project labor agreement. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Adoption of Senate Amendment "A" (S-211) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-183). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 145

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

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

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Dhalac, Eaton, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Riseman, Rudnicki, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 69; No, 68; Absent, 13; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

69 having voted in the affirmative and 68 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 13 being absent, and accordingly **Senate Amendment "A" (S-211) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-183) was ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-183) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-211) thereto was ADOPTED.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-183) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-211) thereto in concurrence.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-369)** on Bill "An Act to Create a 21st-Century Electric Grid"

(H.P. 599) (L.D. 952)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

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

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-369)** 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-369)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-370)** on Bill "An Act to Support Lower Home Energy Costs by Establishing a Home Energy Scoring System"

(H.P. 696) (L.D. 1101)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield
FOSTER of Dexter
PAUL of Winterport

READ.

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

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

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

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

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. I don't believe this bill is necessary. There is already required disclosures around how much energy is used as required on every disclosure upon the sale of a house. I think that this is a way people can already figure out how much energy they're going to be using, that gives them an idea, I think, that they're concerned about their energy costs, they can already find out this information, we don't need to add a scoring system to this. So, for that reason, I oppose this motion and I would encourage this Body to reject the pending motion. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 146

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

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

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Dhalac, Eaton, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Riseman, Rudnicki, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 70; No, 67; Absent, 13; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

70 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 13 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-370)** 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-370)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to Adopt Rules Promoting Renewable Energy"

(H.P. 927) (L.D. 1431)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock
HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-371)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

GEIGER of Rockland
WARREN of Scarborough

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Resolve, to Implement a 4-year Moratorium on Solar Energy Subsidies and Direct the Department of Environmental Protection to Study the Economic Impact of Industrial Solar Energy Projects

(H.P. 986) (L.D. 1531)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-372)** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

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

READ.

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

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak in opposition to the pending motion. According to the Office of the Public Advocate, the net energy billing that is directly tied to these solar projects will cost ratepayers \$220 million per year by 2025. This is unacceptable. We need to slow down and stop construction of these solar farms before the average person is unable to afford their electric bill. Washouts, large runoffs of water and destruction of usable farmland are just a few reasons we need to make sure we do not harm our State in the future. We need to take a good, hard look at how solar farms will affect our natural resources. The Department of Environmental Protection should be charged with doing just that; protecting our environment from further harm. I urge the Members to vote no on the pending motion.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 147

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

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

ABSENT - Boyle, Carmichael, Dhalac, Eaton, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Riseman, Rudnicki, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 71; No, 67; Absent, 12; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

71 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-373)** on Bill "An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Seek Informational Bids Regarding Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in the State" (H.P. 1001) (L.D. 1549)

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield

BOYLE of Gorham

DUNPHY of Embden

FOSTER of Dexter

PAUL of Winterport

WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York

GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville

GEIGER of Rockland

KESSLER of South Portland

RUNTE of York

READ.

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

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-384)** on Bill "An Act to Support Extraction of Common Minerals by Amending the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act" (H.P. 877) (L.D. 1363)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland

CARNEY of Cumberland

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach

BELL of Yarmouth

BRIDGEO of Augusta

CAMPBELL of Orrington

DOUDERA of Camden

HOBBS of Wells

SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico

SOBOLESKI of Phillips

WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representative:

O'NEIL of Saco

READ.

Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending the motion of Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-385)** on Bill "An Act to Impose a Moratorium on New Point Source Waste Discharge Licenses on the Lower Presumpscot River" (H.P. 1231) (L.D. 1926)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland

CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach

BELL of Yarmouth

BRIDGEO of Augusta

DOUDERA of Camden

HOBBS of Wells

O'NEIL of Saco

WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington

SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico

SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-385)** 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-385)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Reduce the Shortage of Municipal Emergency Medical Services Personnel by Removing Certain Vaccination Requirements"

(H.P. 378) (L.D. 601)

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 to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

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

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Repeal So-called MaineCare Expansion"

(H.P. 558) (L.D. 902)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York
MOORE of Washington

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 to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-355)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

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

READ.

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative JAVNER of Chester **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 Chelsea, Representative Lemelin.

Representative **LEMELIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill is probably the greatest bill to ever come before the Health and Human Services Committee. The reason I say this is because it begins to solve the drug crisis problem and gives us money to help the people who desperately need our help.

Year after year, every department within DHHS and all health care services, come before our Committee and tell us how desperate they are for money and resources. Regardless of how much we help, they are back for more the next year. Why? We cannot continue to throw darts at a dartboard in an attempt to solve issues. Money is not the issue; functionality is. And, Madam Speaker, I give you permission to use that. Money is not the issue; functionality is. Very important. We must take a step back and look at the catalyst, the root cause of the issues facing the Department and the stakeholders. As of now, Maine is known as the welfare State. And this is not a compliment to our State. We want to be known as the State that cares for the poor, the elderly and those with special needs. The MaineCare system was designed to help the very poorest of the poor, people with special needs and to help those who have fallen on hard times get back on their feet and to help the poor people with addictions recover and get back on track.

First, we must change our way of thinking. Today, Maine spends nearly 34% of its budget on MaineCare, which in part pays for health care services for nearly 93,000 able-bodied childless adults who have the wherewithal to support themselves. We must realize that welfare and MaineCare is not a way of life. I have had hundreds of conversations with people who have explained to me that they are using the system to stay home and live free because they can. I have heard from people on MaineCare expansion with drug addiction say they love being able to continue to do drugs safely free, off the State.

People need motivation to move on in life. Educating people to live on the system is why we are in the position we are in. MaineCare expansion makes welfare a way of life for more Mainers. This degrades our State. We must help everyone in need move on. One hundred thousand Mainers are on MaineCare expansion. Of that amount, 94% are individuals who have mental illness and drug abuse. These individuals are not on their way to recovery. These people are getting money to do drugs safely and live free on the State. Imagine an all-expenses-paid life to do illegal drugs safely. Who, exactly, would ever quit? This is why we have a drug crisis in Maine. I, personally, would agree to any amount of money to help the poor individuals suffering from addictions. However, our money should not pay to do drugs safely. We pass many bills here which force people to take vaccinations and shots they do not want. However, we refuse to force criminal drug addicts to go through recovery. Look closely at the fiscal note on this bill. So, with \$82 million of State money and \$600 million of federal tax dollars being used to help end our drug crisis through MaineCare expansion, why do we have such a serious drug crisis? If you give \$700 million to experts to fix a crisis, why is our crisis getting worse? It is because MaineCare expansion is not fixing anything. It provides safe drug use and not recovery. Do not believe that the 600 million federal dollars, if not used by Maine, will be used elsewhere. Our Chief Executive can send a strong message to our President that we want to decrease the

severe debt in America by giving the \$600 million of federal aid back and telling him to use it to decrease the debt. The Maine Legislature and the Chief Executive would be heroes.

Look again at the fiscal note on my bill. This money can now be used to remove the waitlist and pay for the services people desperately need who belong on MaineCare and to fix a broken system. When we expand MaineCare, we invite people to our State to live on the system. Remember, Maine should provide a safety net for those who truly cannot support themselves. Providing benefits to able-bodied adults without children, especially those under 50, has a significantly detrimental effect on labor force adaptability. So, not only does MaineCare expansion increase our drug problems, but it also increases our labor force issues. It's like that snowball that's rolling down the hill and getting bigger and bigger and bigger. So, Madam Speaker, I ask everyone to really rethink this and consider following my light and using common sense for a moment and let's end MaineCare expansion so we can move on and end the labor force issue and the drug crisis. Thank you.

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

Representative **MEYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Esteemed Members of the House. I would like to offer some numbers. One hundred and six; more than 106,000 Mainers, our constituents, are insured through expansion. For every dollar that the State invests in care for someone who's enrolled in the expansion group, the federal government matches with \$9. In four short years, Medicaid expansion has brought well over \$1 billion into our State, supporting our health care providers and ensuring people have access to critical health care. Through 2022, expansion has meant the following: More than 23,000 of our constituents have received breast or colorectal cancer screenings, more than 25,000 of our constituents have received treatment for diabetes or hypertension, more than 94,000 of our constituents have received treatment for mental health or substance use disorder. At a time of unprecedented workforce challenges, it is so very important that we ensure that Maine people have the resources they need to be healthy, work ready, to keep their families stable and secure and to keep our economy robust. Repealing Medicaid expansion is simply wrong for Maine.

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. 148

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

NAY - Adams, Andrews, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, 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, Thorne, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Arata, Boyle, Carmichael, Collamore, Dhalac, Eaton, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Riseman, Rudnicki, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 78; No, 58; Absent, 14; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 14 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Resolve, to Establish a Comprehensive Integrated Co-occurring Behavioral Health Home Model Within the MaineCare Program (H.P. 564) (L.D. 908)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-381)** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Representative:

MADIGAN of Waterville

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Provide Training, Professional Development and Wellness Supports for Child Protective Services Workers" (H.P. 649) (L.D. 1013)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-382)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

MADIGAN of Waterville

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-389)** on Bill "An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water"

(H.P. 796) (L.D. 1248)

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
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services"

(H.P. 848) (L.D. 1334)

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 to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-340)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

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

READ.

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative JAVNER of Chester **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 Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As the sponsor of LD 1334, I want to first express my appreciation to the Committee of Health and Human Services for affording me an open and transparent public hearing in which they listened to some experts who have been successfully involved in converting portions of the MaineCare eligible populations elsewhere into a managed care kind of delivery system. Good questions were answered, I think there was interest in and support from both sides of the political aisle.

As it comes down to the wire today and we're looking at a Divided Report, I choose not to consider this a partisan issue. But I would express my support and appreciation to the minority for giving me a chance to at least air the issue and tell you that this is an issue that sooner or later Maine will have to give more attention to and look at the possible benefits not just on the cost side but in the quality-of-care side. Previous administrations prior to the current administration have expressed support for managed care. Previous departments have expressed support. This is my third time sponsoring the same bill. Each time, the Department has straddled the issue, speaking in favor at times but then backing away with using one reason or another to say it's not timely. I have taken the approach this time around that maybe we ought to try it with a limited population. So, the bill before us really said let's try it with the TANF and the CHIP populations. Give us a chance to see if this actually will work to provide better service and provide it at cheaper cost. It's too late in the year, I'm sure, to make this change. Had I been there at the work session, I would at least have made the plea to carry this bill over. I do feel it is worthy and well timed and I acknowledge the timing of the report that's in front of us.

With that thought in mind, and with no criticism of anyone, I would ask that you consider the Minority Report on the Roll Call and perhaps we can convince some of the folks who really have an interest here that maybe this is an issue worthy, if nothing

else, of being carried forward to live another day. And I thank you.

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

Representative **MEYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Esteemed Members of the House, and all due respect to the Representative from Waterford for bringing forward this bill and for his wise words. The magnitude of a MaineCare transition to managed care cannot be overstated. The move would dramatically overhaul MaineCare member experience, provider experience, provider reimbursement and DHHS provider operations. It would be costly to implement and administer, as it requires heavy vendor support to design the program, conduct required actuarial analyses and rate calculations, engage stakeholders, procure and contract with managed care organizations and seek CMS approval. There would be very significant changes to claims, processing systems and the need to reassess and restructure staffing at both the individual and team levels. All of that is up-front time, effort and cost. There would be ongoing administrative overhead for the State to manage the managed care organizations, in addition to substantial fees paid to the managed care organization. Given the cost, the need for additional staff, and the timing involved, it would clearly be a massive transition.

Managed care is not a panacea. It has shown mixed results nationally in terms of cost savings, improved access to health care and improved quality care. It is true that managed care might offer states more predictable costs but once a state has implemented managed care, it can be very difficult to change the State's approach to the delivery of care to alter rates, for example. What Maine might gain in predictability, it would lose, potentially, in responsiveness and control. Managed care needs to be done with exceptional caution, ensuring that the benefits to the State are paired with the benefits, not a disservice to MaineCare members. MaineCare is exploring managed care thoughtfully and transparently. Let's allow them to do just that.

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. 149

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

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

ABSENT - Boyle, Carmichael, Dhalac, Eaton, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 74; No, 63; Absent, 13; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 13 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews, and inquires as to why the Member rises.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Sorry, Madam Speaker, to interrupt, but we have one of the most serious work sessions going on on the fourth floor right now. Trying to get an idea of the time we will continue to be in the Chamber voting, because we literally got three sentences out between a witness and a Member last time and not a good way to run the show, so to speak. So, I'm just trying to get some insight as to maybe how we can address that. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer that the House is going to continue to do its business.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Treatment for MaineCare Recipients with Serious Mental Illness by Prohibiting the Requirements for Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 924) (L.D. 1428)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-383)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representative:

MADIGAN of Waterville

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-379)** on Bill "An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner"

(H.P. 387) (L.D. 610)

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

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-379)** 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-379)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-374)** on Bill "An Act to Provide Rural Sober Living Housing for Mothers"

(H.P. 712) (L.D. 1116)

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
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-374)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-374)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-378)** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Fairness in Unemployment Benefits by Clarifying Laws Regarding Labor Organizations"

(H.P. 882) (L.D. 1368)

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

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. I understand the reasoning behind the bill and I know that there's probably some advocates here who could vie for its advisability but just as a matter of principle, this particular bill stipulates that if you are a member of a union, and you get laid off, you do not have to go through the normal routine that a non-union worker would do. You could even wait for the union shop to find a job for you, which is all well and good, but on the other hand, you could also be able to refuse a job if the new job precludes from joining a union and I don't think that's right. I think the rest of the Maine employers are paying for that and it's not right on principle. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this bill was put in specifically to allow union members to utilize the union hall's placement services as a work search requirement for unemployment. Also, there is a piece in there about fringe benefits being substantially lower as a determination of whether or not work is suitable. 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. 150

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

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

ABSENT - Boyle, Carmichael, Dhalac, Eaton, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 73; No, 63; Absent, 14; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 14 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-378)** 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-378)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Inform Fair Minimum Rates of Wages and Benefits in Bids for Public Contracts Using State and Federal Data"

(H.P. 915) (L.D. 1419)

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

READ.

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

Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro **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 Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm going to read a little bit from the testimony from the Department of Labor regarding this bill.

The most basic concern we have with LD 1419 is that we do not fully understand precisely what problem it is intended to address nor how it would do so. Beyond that, we worry that adding this third component will further complicate the calculation and may well exacerbate the occasional unexplained volatility of Maine's prevailing wage rates. It goes on, it says, a more puzzling issue has been the occasional unexplained volatility, extreme and sudden increases and decreases from one year to the next that are not clearly explained by conditions in the industry of certain rates which I'll discuss further below; which we don't need to do; but on balance, though, we believe that rates will be published accurately, reflect the reality of what is happening in construction employment in Maine. And they go on. With the help of the Board and others, we are in the midst of implementing changes that we believe will address some of the concerns that may be behind LD 1419. Among them are increasing the transparency of our process by publicly disclosing which construction employers are included in our mailed survey which respond to that and to our certified payroll survey in which are fined for not responding. Through this and other methods, we plan to broaden the survey population and thus increase the quantity of data we use to determine rates. These measures are available at our discretion under current law and we anticipate among other improvements they will help diminish the unexplainable volatility we occasionally observe. And, finally, that is the purpose of the program, it is what we in the Bureau are striving to do. To the extent that they do not, our constant goal is to improve the process by which they are derived and, from our view, LD 1419 offers little to accomplish that purpose and may actually interfere with it.

I hope we take this seriously, Madam Speaker, because this bill could actually be counterproductive. I hope you join me in voting no and I hope we all vote quickly. Thank you.

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, and in the interest of my good friend from Vassalboro, I will speak very quickly. This bill is narrowly focused on improving data collection. It's just saying that the Department of Labor must use a third set of data available under the Davis-Bacon Act in determining prevailing wage. I am a data nerd from way back. I went to a tier-1 research university, so, I know that when we have more data, we have more accurate results. That's all this bill does. Thank you.

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

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to ask why do we not listen to the Department of Labor when we get the information from them? I think that's very important to listen to who's actually dealing with it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the question and would like to assure my colleagues that there was a great deal of discussion and I did a lot of listening. And, in fact, at the end of the day, the fiscal note from the Department said that they could do this within their existing resources. Simply, this bill proposes that the Davis-Bacon wage data will be used to develop prevailing hourly wage and benefits. This survey process is well established and the results are widely accepted and thorough. In addition, there is no cost to using this data. This is a great opportunity to strengthen our State's system to ensure a more accurate reflection of wages and benefits in our construction industry and support good important jobs. In fact, there was testimony provided that said that there have been issues identified in our State's prevailing wage data system. And I agree that, always, more data provides better data. If we are serious about addressing Maine's construction workforce challenges and meeting the urgent need for more housing, then let's take this reasonable and easy step and pass this bill to better inform our prevailing wage system. 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. 151

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

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Landry, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint,

Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Boyle, Carmichael, Dhalac, Eaton, Galletta, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 73; No, 62; Absent, 15; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 15 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.

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

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

Representative **LIBBY**: Madam Speaker, I wish to address the House on the record.

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

Representative **LIBBY**: Madam Speaker, the process that is happening right now for the work session on LD 1619, the most serious bill that we will address this session, is a joke. It's clearly been orchestrated this way and it is a disservice to the Judiciary Committee work process to this very serious bill discussing literally life and death and, most importantly, a disservice to the people of Maine. Madam Speaker, I move the House adjourn until the calling of the bell Monday, June 12th, at 10 a.m.

The same Representative moved that the House **STAND ADJOURNED** until Monday, June 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Representative **TERRY** of Gorham **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADJOURN**.

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 Emden, Representative Dunphy.

Representative **DUNPHY**: I'm all set, Madam Speaker. I was going to request a Roll Call. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 152

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

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

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Cloutier, Dhalac, Eaton, Galletta, Hasenpus, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 60; No, 73; Absent, 17; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

60 having voted in the affirmative and 73 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 17 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **ADJOURN FAILED**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-377)** on Bill "An Act to Provide Public Sector Labor Unions Reasonable Access to Information Regarding Employees"

(H.P. 1033) (L.D. 1588)

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:

DRINKWATER of Milford
GALLETTA of Durham
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 rise in opposition to the pending motion. I understand that the current law already allows written notification for new hires to be contacted by a potential union representative if it's not later than 30 days after the hire. This amendment specifies that a union agent may request personal contact information for all; [sirens

heard] I think they're coming for me. Anyway; for all employees, regardless if they're union members or not.

We had a lot of opposition to this bill. We think it's too much intrusion into the everyday work life of not only private employers but the school boards, the School Boards Association are opposed to it, Maine Municipal is opposed to it and the County Commissioners are opposed to it. It's too much intrusion into their everyday working affairs and it strikes me as a little bit ironic because a little while ago, we passed a bill that stated that, you know, people shouldn't be forced to hear things that they don't agree with and here we are, if people have not been contacted, or if they've been contacted when they're first hired and chose not to join a union, now we're going to give them the right to contact them again. It's obviously something that they do not want to hear again. So, not only are we violating the premises of the first bill that we passed but we're going to provide the phone numbers, too. I think that's unfortunate. I hope you join me in voting against this motion. Thank you.

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm not sure if the sirens were for the Good Rep from Vassalboro or myself but, hey, we can go down together.

Just wanted to mention that the public sector unions have an obligation to represent all members of a bargaining unit, whether or not they are members of the union or not, and if they do not adequately represent the members who are part of the union or not part of the union, that could lead to charges before the Maine Labor Relations Board. The reason that this bill came forward was because the unions were reaching out to members, the bargaining unit, and finding out that there were bad telephone numbers, bad email addresses, and there was no way to contact them. We did hear the objections from people saying that that was an onerous amount of information to provide, so, the amended bill asks for the information to be delivered quarterly at most. 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. 153

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

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

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Cloutier, Dhalac, Eaton, Galletta, Hasenpus, Lajoie, Mathieson, Milliken, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 71; No, 62; Absent, 17; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

71 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 17 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-377)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-377)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-375)** on Bill "An Act to Promote Workforce Development by Establishing a Workforce Development Program"

(H.P. 1243) (L.D. 1935)

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.

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-375)** 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-375)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-361)** on Bill "An Act to Provide Staffing for Ongoing Study Commissions During Legislative Sessions"

(H.P. 1066) (L.D. 1668)

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-361)** 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-361)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Provide Consistency of Process for Maine's Electoral Votes by Prohibiting Enactment of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact"

(H.P. 957) (L.D. 1502)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-349)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

READ.

Representative RIELLY of Westbrook moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative HYMES of Waldo **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. 154

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

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

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Cloutier, Dhalac, Eaton, Galletta, Hasenus, Lajoie, Lanigan, Mathieson, Milliken, Poirier, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 72; No, 59; Absent, 19; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

72 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 19 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Six Members of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-350)** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Model Residential Ventilation Design and Installation Standard"

(H.P. 867) (L.D. 1353)

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook

LOOKNER of Portland

MADIGAN of Waterville

MATHIESON of Kittery

MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senators:

HARRINGTON of York

LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello

NEWMAN of Belgrade

NUTTING of Oakland

PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

READ.

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

Representative NUTTING of Oakland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended.**

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

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

Representative **KESSLER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I need to just clarify what exactly this amended version of the bill does. What this does is adds a new ventilation standard in which new construction can use to meet our current building code standards. It does not require any municipality to adopt this standard, it simply gives a nod to a better standard for builders to build to. I understand that there has been criticism and heartburn from builders around the added expense of a more expensive ventilation system. But this is not requiring anybody to do so. It is just saying that we have to meet this certain standard, this is another way that you can meet that standard. And just a little factoid for you, we spend approximately 90% of our time indoors and as we are building new housing stock that is more efficient and more airtight, it is crucial that we are at least moving towards a better standard that's going to keep our indoor air healthy because that's where we spend all of our time. So, thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 155

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

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

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Cloutier, Dhalac, Eaton, Galletta, Hasenus, Lajoie, Lanigan, Lavigne, Mathieson, Milliken, Poirier, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 68; No, 62; Absent, 20; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

68 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 20 being absent, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

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

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

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

Eight Members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** report in Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Quality of Care Provided via Telehealth by Prohibiting Physicians from Prescribing Abortion-inducing Drugs or Devices Through Telehealth or Other Electronic Communication"

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

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

Three Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-386)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HENDERSON of Rumford

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-387)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

HAGGAN of Hampden

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "D" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (H-388)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-386)**.

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS OFFICIALS AND FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

(H.P. 1058)

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

READ.

Representative STOVER of Boothbay moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending the motion of Representative STOVER of Boothbay to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report and later today assigned.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (9) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-199)** - Minority (4) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Reestablish Annual Reporting on Solid Waste in Maine"

(H.P. 744) (L.D. 1172)

TABLED - May 23, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-199)** 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-199)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (9) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-198)** - Minority (4) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Require the Adoption of Sector-specific Greenhouse Gas Emissions Limits"

(H.P. 907) (L.D. 1411)

TABLED - May 23, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-198)** 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-198)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (11) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (2) **Ought to Pass** - Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds in Municipal Referenda with Lower Approval Thresholds"

(H.P. 692) (L.D. 1097)

TABLED - May 23, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

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

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (4) **Ought to Pass** - Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Allow for the Recall of an Elected Municipal Official for Any Reason"

(H.P. 753) (L.D. 1181)

TABLED - May 23, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Representative STOVER of Boothbay moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative GREENWOOD of Wales **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. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the bill before us would allow for the people of the State of Maine to hold their elected officials accountable without having to navigate a complex bureaucracy of enacting a municipal charter or an ordinance or a town charter. Municipal officials should always be accountable to their constituents, their communities and their campaign promises. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay, Representative Stover.

Representative **STOVER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, towns have ordinances and charters that do address and provide a mechanism for holding elected officials accountable and, additionally, we vote and reelect our municipal officials and there did not appear to be any necessity for additional ways in which to recall an elected official beyond whether or not they committed a crime. It can be addressed locally and that's why I'm moving the Ought Not to Pass Report.

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. 156

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

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

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Cloutier, Dhalac, Eaton, Galletta, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Lanigan, Lavigne, Mathieson, Milliken, Poirier, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood, Zager.

Yes, 75; No, 54; Absent, 21; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 21 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (9) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (4) **Ought to Pass** - Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Amend a Circulator's Oath for Petitions and Nomination Papers by Including the Number of Signatures Collected"

(H.P. 1178) (L.D. 1846)

TABLED - May 23, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

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

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Report "A" (6) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-231)** - Report "B" (6) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Resolve, to Study Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Study Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates

(H.P. 795) (L.D. 1247)

TABLED - May 30, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

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

Representative NUTTING of Oakland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended.**

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

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

Representative **PERKINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. On the Committee, I was one of those that voted for Report "B." And those of us that reported on Report "B," it's not that we didn't think that any of these issues were important, but I can tell you as a law enforcement officer myself who receives training through the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, we have mandatory trainings every year and the issues that were brought up were already offered to us. And I think the academy does a fairly good job at offering trainings on dealing with people from different ethnic groups, dealing with racial justice issues and wide varieties of other issues, you know, people that are in disenfranchised groups and it just came down to a matter of reinventing the wheel and having yet another study group doing something that didn't need to be done. And I understand there's a fiscal note on there and it's only tens of thousands of dollars and not millions of dollars like some of our fiscal notes, but I was raised on the belief that pennies make dollars and dollars turn into hundreds of dollars and I just really don't think there's a need for yet another group and another study. So, I would vote that we not support the motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 157

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil,

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

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

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Cloutier, Dhalac, Eaton, Galletta, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Lanigan, Lavigne, Mathieson, Milliken, Poirier, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 71; No, 59; Absent, 20; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

71 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 20 being absent, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED.**

The Resolve was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-231)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED.**

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-231)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (10) **Ought to Pass** - Minority (3) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** 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)

TABLED - June 1, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

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

Representative BOYER of Poland **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 Poland, Representative Boyer.

Representative **BOYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I listened to the work session in this bill and there's no conclusive scientific evidence that suggests our current policy here in Maine is negatively affecting Maine's loon population. In fact, the Department said that Maine is a stronghold for the loon population in New England. So, it doesn't make sense to ban the sale and possession of popular traditional tackle for Maine's anglers.

If this bill goes through, small businesses in Maine will lose thousands of dollars in product on their shelves and presumably go under for those that manufacture these painted lead jigs. And everyday Maine anglers are going to have to spend hundreds replacing what's already in their existing tacklebox. And this is 10 years after the current law was passed, there hasn't been one violation of using lead jigs in Maine. There's been one

warning. How do you tell if a painted jig is lead or tungsten, Madam Speaker? If I could use props, I'd take these jigs that are on my desk and hold them up and I would guess that not one Member could figure it out. It's because they look identically the same.

So, what's the probable cause to figure out if a jig is painted lead or not? Are Wardens going to come on boats and ask to see jigs? They said it's not a priority of them, of their Department, but the law would allow it to some degree. So, you know, the Audubon talked about a buy-back program, you know, we talked to some tackle shops. It's rarely used and won't begin to cover the losses that's going to happen if this bill goes through. And, really, we're talking about a handful of loons, tops, out of thousands and thousands of loons in our State. The number one cause of loon death, the department said, is trauma, physical trauma; boats, all these new boaters over the last couple years. Number two is a fungal respiratory disease. So, it's just; there's no evidence, the law is unenforceable and it's going to negatively affect Maine's small businesses, anglers and our tourism in our State for a problem we don't even know exists, really. So, I hope folks follow my light. 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. 158

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

NAY - Adams, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Collamore, Costain, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Javner, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Reckitt, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Theriault, Walker, White J, Wood.

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Cloutier, Dhalac, Eaton, Galletta, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Lanigan, Lavigne, Mathieson, Milliken, Poirier, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 76; No, 54; Absent, 20; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 20 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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

Representative **HENDERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We still have a lot of work to do tonight. The chatter is really distracting and although it seems to be a theme this evening, I don't appreciate the disrespect.

Subsequently, 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.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (6) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-305)** - Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Create a Liaison Position Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services on Early Childhood Education Matters"

(H.P. 595) (L.D. 948)

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

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls **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 Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, LD 948 is a simple bipartisan bill to help address a complex issue. The purpose of this bill is to create a liaison position within the Department of Education's Office of Early Learning. The role of this liaison position is to act as a bridge between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services for early childhood educators.

To make it really simple, Madam Speaker, we have a child care crisis, especially in our rural areas. We need more child care centers and a huge deterrent to starting a new center is all of the back and forth a new provider has to do between the two Departments. Madam Speaker, I speak about this from experience that I had when I considered opening my own center. The number of times I called one Department to be told that I have to call another for the same issue is too numerous for me to account and remember from them. This bill will allow early childhood educators to have their one point of contact for all of their questions. Madam Speaker, I urge you to please follow my light, defeat this motion and allow early childhood educators to have easy access to the information they need to start and/or continue to run quality child care centers. 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. 159

YEA - Abdi, Andrews, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hobbs, Hymes, Jackson, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Matlack, Meyer, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paul, Pluecker, Rielly, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Terry, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Ankeles, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette,

Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hepler, Jauch, Javner, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Millett R, Morris, Ness, Nutting, Parry, Paulhus, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Pringle, Quint, Rana, Reckitt, Sayre, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Walker, Warren, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Cloutier, Dhalac, Eaton, Galletta, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Lanigan, Lavigne, Mathieson, Milliken, Poirier, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 65; No, 65; Absent, 20; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

65 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 20 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the Bill be **TABLED** until later in today's session pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report.

Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **TABLE** the Bill until later in today's session pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either 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 to Table the Bill until later in today's session pending Acceptance of either Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 160

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

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

ABSENT - Albert, Boyle, Carmichael, Cloutier, Dhalac, Eaton, Galletta, Hasenfus, Lajoie, Lanigan, Lavigne, Mathieson, Milliken, Poirier, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Sampson, Supica, Underwood.

Yes, 72; No, 58; Absent, 20; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

72 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 20 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment in Memory of Sarah Watson, of Vassalboro

(SLS 328)

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

TABLED - April 5, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

PENDING - **ADOPTION**.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 203)

STATE OF MAINE

CLERK'S OFFICE

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

June 8, 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:"

Taxation

L.D. 758 An Act to Account for the Impact of Inflation on the Taxation of Capital Gains and Losses

L.D. 1213 An Act to Reform Income Taxes by Reducing Tax Rates for Each of the 3 Income Tax Brackets

L.D. 1225 An Act to Protect Housing by Increasing the Property Tax Fairness Credit

L.D. 1504 An Act to Exempt Broadband Equipment from the Sales and Use Tax

L.D. 1582 An Act to Clarify What Constitutes a Homestead for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption

L.D. 1946 An Act to Amend the Income Tax Law to Expand the Middle Tax Bracket, Increase the Lodging Tax and Increase the Short-term Automobile Rental Tax

Transportation

L.D. 413 An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Upgrade Route 1 from Fort Kent to Van Buren

L.D. 861 An Act to Identify the Canadian Pacific Railway Railroad Lines from Hermon Station Through Brownville and Jackman to Quebec and Montreal as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative WHITE of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 28)

ORDERED, that Representative Michael F. Brennan of Portland be excused May 9 and 30 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lucas John Lanigan of Sanford be excused May 30 for legislative business reasons and Jun 1 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Ambureen Rana of Bangor be excused May 30 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Walter N. Riseman of Harrison be excused Jun 6 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Holly T. Sargent of York be excused May 11 and 23 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kathy A. Shaw of Auburn be excused Jun 7 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 831)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Monday, June 12, 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.

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

On motion of Representative SHAW of Auburn, the House adjourned at 7:27 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 12, 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. 831).