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THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **DAUGHTRY**: I would like to know if anyone can answer where the Department of Transportation is on this measure as well as why this is something that we're seeing so late in the session.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN**: Thank you, Mr. President. So, the department doesn't support this version of the bill, they did draft their own amendment that was different than this bill, so they don't support this version of the bill. We did meet with them, we took some things out of the original version to satisfy them. There were sections in this bill as drafted that they do support, there's some parts of it that they don't support, which is fine. But the reason that it came out late, as I mentioned earlier in my comments, is because the bill had some errors in the language of the not only the fiscal note but in the language of the bill that needed to be fixed. We got that language fixed, we got the bill out, we had the bill about a week ago and we're taking it up now. So, that's why we're just getting it. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN**: Thank you, Mr. President. Just to answer that question specifically about the department because when I saw this, I contacted the Commissioner as well as the Assistant Commissioner. They do not support LD 406 and ask us not to support that bill.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Indefinite Postponement. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#486)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, RENY, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BEEBE-CENTER, CHIPMAN, DUSON, LIBBY, ROTUNDO

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, HICKMAN, KEIM, RAFFERTY

26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and accompanying papers **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Acts

An Act to Make Agricultural Workers and Other Related Workers Employees Under the Wage and Hour Laws
H.P. 249 L.D. 398
(S "A" S-423 to C "A" H-630)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature
H.P. 538 L.D. 849
(C "A" H-530; S "A" S-437)

An Act to Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services
H.P. 855 L.D. 1341
(S "A" S-435 to C "A" H-295)

An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services
S.P. 557 L.D. 1390
(S "A" S-434 to C "A" S-113)

An Act to Protect Employee Freedom of Speech
S.P. 702 L.D. 1756
(S "A" S-291; S "B" S-436)

An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates
H.P. 1262 L.D. 1965
(S "A" S-433 to C "A" H-499)
PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President , were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT : The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Reny.

Senator **RENY**: Thank you, Mr. President. So, somewhat recently, a constituent of mine was named and spoken about in a floor debate and she was upset about it and I feel it's only right for

her to have the chance to speak for herself so I will be reading her words into the record right now. My name is Shannon Carr and I live in Bristol, Maine. I'm a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist who provides abortion care. I'm reaching out to you today to make you aware of grossly inappropriate and unethical comments about myself made by - redacted - a State Senator as part of his debate commentary on the Senate Floor on June 27, 2023. As background, I testified as a physician expert before the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of LD 1619 on May 1, 2023. I attended the Senate debate regarding LD 1619 on June 27, 2023. As part of his remarks, this Senator named me personally and told lies regarding an abortion case I was part of in another state. He clearly cherrypicked aspects of this case from a source espousing disinformation. He mischaracterized and took elements of the case out of context as the basis for his comments. He ended by making extremely defamatory comments about my morality and character. Obviously, given the setting, I was unable to respond. I recognize that the work I do places me in the crosshairs of people who want to sully my name and character or even harm me and my family. But I ask you, is this the cost that Maine citizens must pay for providing good faith testimony to the Maine State Legislature? Personal attacks and lies for which citizens cannot respond to or ameliorate? I appreciate your consideration of this matter. Respectfully submitted, Dr. Shannon O. Carr. As we are all on our way home tonight - or maybe to a hotel, I'm not really sure how you all live, that's fine - I think it's important to point out things can get really heated here. But even if it gets heated and even when it is things that we care a lot about, it's really important that we remember and consider no matter how strongly we feel that we need to be showing Maine citizens and our constituents respect. Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President .

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.