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Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-201)** on Bill "An Act To Amend and Improve the Education Laws"

(S.P. 538) (L.D. 1577)

Signed:

Senators:

DOUGLASS of Androscoggin
BRENNAN of Cumberland
MITCHELL of Penobscot

Representatives:

CUMMINGS of Portland
GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield
DAVIS of Falmouth
LEDWIN of Holden
NORTON of Bangor
MURPHY of Kennebunk
ANDREWS of York
THOMAS of Orono
FISCHER of Presque Isle

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-202)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

FINCH of Fairfield

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-201)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-201)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, May 22, 2003.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-205)** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of Independent Expenditures Under the Election Laws"

(S.P. 402) (L.D. 1196)

Signed:

Senators:

LEMONT of York
GAGNON of Kennebec

Representatives:

CLARK of Millinocket
GLYNN of South Portland
HOTHAM of Dixfield
BROWN of South Berwick
MOORE of Standish
LANDRY of Sanford
PATRICK of Rumford
BLANCHETTE of Bangor
CANAVAN of Waterville
JENNINGS of Leeds

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-206)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MAYO of Sagadahoc

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-205)**.

READ.

Representative CLARK of Millinocket moved the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

Representative GLYNN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise very much in support of the pending motion and would like to share some comments with members of the House about a very important issue that was considered by the Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee. During this session there were a plethora of bills, an enormous amount of bills that arrived at Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee dealing with the issues surrounding the last election cycle regarding independent expenditures and those last minute ads that were being placed by third parties on behalf of candidates and a lot of effects that came from that. The committee has worked a number of bills dealing with this subject. Before you represents the compromise position of the Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee on this issue. I think that it really goes to the heart of the problem. This legislation will set a new standard whereby candidates who have ads who are done on their behalf, those independent expenditures are going to count for matching funds for clean election candidates. Additionally, if you are running as a traditional candidate and one of these ads is done on behalf of a clean election candidate, the amount of money that you can spend in your election campaign without triggering matching funds of your opponent also will be raised. This is truly a compromise position by the Legal and a Veterans Affairs Committee. It is one that doesn't favor clean election candidates and it doesn't favor traditionally funded candidates, but what it does favor is a level playing field and I am in hopes that the House will join with all the fellow House members who signed onto the Majority Report and passed this important legislation. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-205)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, May 22, 2003.

Majority Report of the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-200)** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Energy Resources Council"

(S.P. 233) (L.D. 669)

Signed:

Senators:

HALL of Lincoln
YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Portland
RINES of Wiscasset
FLETCHER of Winslow
LUNDEEN of Mars Hill
MOODY of Manchester
BERRY of Belmont
BLISS of South Portland
RICHARDSON of Skowhegan