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31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 4 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland to **ADOPT** Senate Amendment "J" (S-546) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-830), **PREVAILED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-830) as Amended by Senate Amendment "J" (S-546) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-830) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "J" (S-546) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1292 L.D. 1805

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-832)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-832)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-832) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BLISS** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-535) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-832) **READ**.

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

Senator **BLISS:** Thank you, Madame President. Men and women of the Senate, the errors and omissions bill is a lot less glamorous than what we just did, but no less important. Over the course of the year lots of bills have been considered and passed and sometimes, not very often but sometimes, words get misplaced or misread or misprinted, and what we finally put in statute is not necessarily exactly what we thought we were going to put in statute. The errors and omissions bill is a result of a lot of hard work, mostly by your committee analysts and Peggy Reinsch, the analyst for the Judiciary Committee, who take a second and a third and a fourth look at what actually gets passed, and the folks in the Revisor's Office, and a lot of other folks around here, who worked very hard to ensure that what we pass is what we intended to pass. Then the Judiciary Committee takes one final look at all of those things and moves it forward. We try very hard not to amend the Errors and Omissions Bill once it has

left the Judiciary Committee. Sometimes one or two last things leak through. This amendment is an example of one of those final things. After the Errors and Omissions Bill was passed by the Judiciary Committee and, in fact, passed by the other Body, there was discovered some incorrect wording in the budget bill that has already been passed and signed by the Governor. This amendment simply clarifies that language to better reflect the intent of this Body, the other Body, and the Chief Executive. Thank you, Madame President.

On motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-535) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-832) **ADOPTED**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "B" (S-545) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-832) **READ**.

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

Senator **BLISS:** Thank you, Madame President. Men and women of the Senate, this second and final amendment has to be presented under Suspension of the Rules because the Rules say that the errors bill cannot be amended unless the amendment has been on your desks for 24 hours. This amendment has barely been on your desks for 24 minutes, but it is what we hope will be the last, final change. This is simply a wording change that was discovered at the last moment by one of the analysts. Thank you, Madame President.

On motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "B" (S-545) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-832) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-832) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-535) and "B" (S-545) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-832) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "A" (S-535) AND "B" (S-545)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **COURTNEY** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.