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Minority Report of the same Committee reporting Ought Not to Pass pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1610 on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BROMLEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

CLOUGH of Scarborough MURPHY of Kennebunk

READ.

Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick moved that the House ACCEPT the Majority Ought to Pass Report.

Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough 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.

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, TABLED pending his motion to ACCEPT the Majority Ought to Pass Report and later today assigned. (Roll Call Ordered)

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT reporting Ought to Pass pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1586 on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Unlawful Sale of Personal Sports Mobiles and the Registration of New Snowmobiles"

(H.P. 1694) (L.D. 2192)

Signed:

Senators:

SHOREY of Washington BROMLEY of Cumberland YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot

Representatives:

THOMAS of Orono
MORRISON of Baileyville
HATCH of Skowhegan
DUPREY of Hampden
RICHARDSON of Brunswick
CLOUGH of Scarborough
DORR of Camden

MURPHY of Kennebunk MICHAUD of Fort Kent

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-960) pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1586 on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

BRYANT of Dixfield

READ

Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick moved that the House ACCEPT the Majority Ought to Pass Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Bryant.

Representative **BRYANT**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As you can see, this is a small divided report, 12 to 1. I would just state clearly that there is a problem with ATVs and snowmobiles being sold within the state and this bill tries to address that. I think the Majority Report goes too far. It goes into the town clerk. It goes into trying to get to the point of where people buy their machines. I request that you vote against

the pending motion and vote Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment "A." Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunlap.

Representative **DUNLAP**: Mr. Speaker, May I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative **DUNLAP**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. To anyone who may answer, what is the jest of the Majority Report as opposed to the Minority Report?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunlap has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Richardson.

Representative RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. To answer that question from the good Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunlap, just strip sections 5 and 6 of the bill. That is the requirement that the town clerk seek verification that this snowmobile has actually been purchased by a dealer. That is really the differences between the two. In order for enforcement to occur, especially along the border of this state, with Canada and New Hampshire, we are going to need that kind of verification from the town clerk. I hope that answers the question and I further move we table this matter until later in today's session.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer that the Representative is out of order. Once a matter has been debated, it can't be tabled.

On motion of Representative COLWELL of Gardiner, TABLED pending the motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick to ACCEPT the Majority Ought to Pass Report and later today assigned.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-961) on Bill "An Act to Strengthen Energy Conservation"

(H.P. 330) (L.D. 420)

Signed:

Senators:

FERGUSON of Oxford TREAT of Kennebec CARPENTER of York

Representatives:

SAVAGE of Buxton RINES of Wiscasset CRABTREE of Hope PERKINS of Penobscot

BERRY of Belmont

McGLOCKLIN of Embden DUNCAN of Presque Isle

BLISS of South Portland

HALL of Bristol

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-962) on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

GOODWIN of Pembroke

READ.

Representative SAVAGE of Buxton moved that the House ACCEPT the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pembroke, Representative Goodwin.

Representative GOODWIN: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I respectfully request that you deny voting on the amendment, Committee Amendment "A" (H-961) and that you defeat that motion and we will go on to Committee Amendment "B" (H-962) on the same bill. I would like to continue. After a very lengthy debate on LD 420 in Utilities where we spoke to every department in government and every department in government came forward and wanted to get their department included in the process of collecting all the money and spending it for conservation. Early on in the debate, I asked everyone present to do a little homework and come in and prove to me that conservation and removal of money from ratepayers was in their best interest and that removal of that money to put into a collective department container and then to put it out in an unknown method in an unknown way and if they could prove that to me, I would vote with them.

I believe that the only way that we are going to return any money in this session to our folks back home is to defeat this motion and repeal it completely so that we do not deduct from the ratepayers any money that is piled up in kiddies here in Augusta waiting for someone to sell them a magic light bulb. The administrative cost of the light bulb program, let's be honest, I can't see where there was any benefit to the ratepayer. We have a residential bundle up program, they got 391 installations in one year for the total of \$213,000. Administrative costs, the direct cost, interest cost on 391 installations is not a very good use of money from ratepayers. We have a power platinum program that was designed to provide CMP with police department resources through a competitive bidding process. Administrative costs were \$24,000. Energy claiming in the current quarter was zero and the total year was zero. There were no savings to anybody. We have a strategic platinum program. The platinum program encourages customers whose maximum demand is in excess of 400 kilowatts to improve the efficiency of their use of electricity. The program started March 4, 1997 and installations is zero. The total program since 1997 was 20. We have a residential lighting efficiency program. The program goals are to make compact fluorescent lamps available to Central Maine Power Company's residential customers at an affordable price and to encourage residential customers to purchase and install compact fluorescent lamps. The program is designed to extend the company's price discount for bulk purchases. Each bulb is estimated to save 67 kilowatts per year based on a survey of participants completed in November 1997. The useful life of a bulb is estimated to be 10,000 hours or seven years. The sale for these bulbs in the current quarter is zero. The sales in the current year was zero. It must be a real good program. Annual savings from current installation of light bulbs is zero for the current quarter and zero for the year. We have an industrial customer lighting retro kit program. The retro kit program offers customers energy efficient lighting products at a subsidized cost to eligible customers. The sales in the current quarter is zero. The sales in the coming year is zero. The program total is \$1,110. The energy savings, annual savings, from current installed in kilowatts is zero in the current quarter and zero in the current year. The benefit is there, \$750,000 to the utilities.

Mr. Speaker, men and women of the House, as I said earlier, we are going to leave here in a week or 10 days and I would suggest to you that you could go home and tell your folks that we did something really good for them. We stopped deducting money from them to go into conservation programs and we will go back 10 or 12 years that have done nothing for them, but they

continue to take it out on a monthly rate. It is an enormous amount of money coming into the system and I ask this body to defeat the present motion and accept mine. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **SAVAGE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The good Representative from Pembroke is right about a number of things that he said. The existing status of conservation programming in this state is not acceptable and that is why the committee in a 12 to 1 report is recommending that it be changed. The committee, including the good Representative from Pembroke, Representative Goodwin, worked very hard. Representative Goodwin is exactly right. We heard from every department in government. We spent a lot of time considering all the options and I am very proud of the committee and I am very proud of the work that they put out. I ask you to support it. Thank you.

Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke REQUESTED a roll call on the motion to ACCEPT the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 531

YEA - Annis, Ash, Belanger, Berry DP, Berry RL, Blanchette, Brannigan, Brooks, Bruno, Bryant, Bull, Bumps, Bunker, Canavan, Chick, Colwell, Cote, Cowger, Crabtree, Daigle, Davis, Desmond, Dorr, Dudley, Duncan, Dunlap, Duplessie, Etnier, Fisher, Foster, Fuller, Gagne, Gerzofsky, Green, Hall, Hatch, Hawes, Honey, Hutton, Jacobs, Jones, Kane, Koffman, LaVerdiere, Laverriere-Boucher, Ledwin, Lemoine, Lessard, Lundeen, Madore, Mailhot, Marley, Matthews, McDonough, McGlocklin, McGowan, McKee, McNeil, Mitchell, Murphy E, Nass, Norbert, Norton, Nutting, O'Brien JA, O'Brien LL, O'Neil, Paradis, Patrick, Peavey, Perkins, Perry, Pineau, Povich, Quint, Richard, Richardson, Rines, Rosen, Savage, Schneider, Simpson, Skoglund, Sullivan, Tarazewich, Tessier, Thomas, Tobin D, Twomey, Usher, Volenik, Watson, Weston, Wheeler GJ, Winsor, Young, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Bouffard, Bowles, Buck, Carr, Chase, Chizmar, Clark, Clough, Collins, Cressey, Duprey, Goodwin, Gooley, Heidrich, Jodrey, Kasprzak, Labrecque, Landry, MacDougall, McKenney, Mendros, Michael, Morrison, Pinkham, Sherman, Shields, Smith, Snowe-Mello, Stanley, Stedman, Tobin J, Tracy, Trahan, Treadwell, Tuttle, Waterhouse, Wheeler EM.

ABSENT - Bagley, Baker, Bliss, Cummings, Dugay, Estes, Glynn, Haskell, Lovett, Marraché, McLaughlin, Michaud, Murphy T, Muse C, Muse K.

Yes, 98; No, 38; Absent, 15; Excused, 0.

98 having voted in the affirmative and 38 voted in the negative, with 15 being absent, and accordingly the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED.

The Bill was READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-961) 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-961) and sent for concurrence.