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**Mandate**

An Act To Make Owners of Cooperative Housing Eligible for the Homestead Exemption

(H.P. 1093) (L.D. 1552)  
(S. "A" S-668 to C. "A" H-584)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Crosby.

Representative **CROSBY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to thank all of the members. We had 106 cosponsors on this bill and I'm very happy tonight that we're going to pass, I hope by two-thirds margin or better, this bill to correct an issue that was not foreseen when LD 1 passed to allow owners of cooperative housing the same rights afforded to all other tax payers in Maine, the \$13,000 homestead exemption. I would appreciate your votes tonight and I thank you for all your support.

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of Article IX of the Constitution, 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 14 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**SENATE PAPERS**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act

(S.P. 477) (L.D. 1379)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 15, 2005. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-365)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-365) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-696)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative **BLISS** of South Portland, the House voted to **RECEDE**.

On further motion of the same Representative **Senate Amendment "A" (S-696) to Senate Amendment "A" (S-365)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-1108) to Senate Amendment "A" (S-365)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

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

Representative **BLISS**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I'll try to make this as unconfusing as possible. This is a bill about wind power. It's a bill that passed the Utilities and Energy Committee unanimously. We have, for this whole season, been promoting alternative sources of energy including wind power and promoting wind power and solar power and other possibilities as vigorously as we possibly could. One iteration of this bill included something called "community wind" and authorized the Commissioner of DECD to make some decisions about those community wind projects, because in that version of the bill they were automatically granted pine tree zone status. Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" was an amendment in appropriations which took all of those pine tree zones out of this bill. Not a bad thing. Not a good thing. Just a change. But, now this bill is clearly about energy and there's no reason for the Commissioner of DECD to have anything to do with it. So, this

amendment replaces the Commissioner of DECD with the Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission. This is, in fact, an amendment that changes the commission of jurisdiction, if you will, to the commission that most properly deals with issues of energy. Thank you very much.

**House Amendment "A" (H-1108) to Senate Amendment "A" (S-365) was ADOPTED.**

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-365) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-1108) thereto was ADOPTED.**

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-365) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-1108)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Comply with the Federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986"

(S.P. 864) (L.D. 2119)

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, under suspension of the rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **FIRST READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a committee.

Under further 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.

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

The House recessed until 9:15 p.m.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

**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.

**HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1012) - Minority (6) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-1013) - Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Health Insurance Products"

(H.P. 1285) (L.D. 1845)

**TABLED - April 14, 2006 (Till Later Today)** by Representative **PERRY** of Calais.

**PENDING - Motion of same Representative to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report.**