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that wanted to keep the Pfizer documents sealed for 75 years. It was a court order that forced them to be released to the public. I provided all of the documents to the Committee when I spoke on this bill. I provided ample links to the actual reports that they put forward, that medical professionals, medical professionals, 3,500 medical professionals have been going through and continue to go through these massive tranches of Pfizer documents that continue to roll out. And they're the ones that are putting this information together for the public so that we can be informed.

Now, we can deny the evidence but it's out there. And for people who actually want to know, it's out there. If you want to go to the Health and Human Services, their Committee website and go to this bill, you will find all of those links, they're live links that will give the actual information. This isn't my opinion. I am just delivering the information. Everything I stated to you from those reports were quotes, salient points out of those documents. So, it's rather disgusting that someone would make those accusations and I deeply am offended by that.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to pose a question to the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you. Does bodily autonomy apply to vaccine mandates?

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question to anyone who wishes to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Fredericks.

Representative **FREDERICKS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to emphasize one additional topic that hasn't been discussed in regards to this and that's informed consent. And with this emergency use authorization vaccine, the people weren't really informed of the risk and the benefits. Initially, we were all in a lockdown mode, everybody was, and we heard about this vaccine was almost like the cure-all, and there were three of them; the Johnson & Johnson, the Pfizer, the Moderna; and we were all watching the news in regards to its effectiveness and we all wanted to jump right on the bus and get it and then we started to see other data emerging and that was in result of science, people were starting to study this. And they were seeing that the effectiveness of the vaccine was starting to decline. Initially, it was in the 99 and then it was 98, and also, we were getting news of adverse events. As the effectiveness was coming down; over time, over about a two-year period; and adverse events were climbing. And also, the natural immunity was kind of kept in silence, there wasn't much dialogue about that. We were told to hold for this flattening of the curve, we were told six feet would protect us, we were told masking would protect us, we were told lots of things and, again, I emphasize, it was the informed consent that we were robbed of. We weren't told about the risks and the benefits, we were just led to believe, you know, what the lay media was delivering to us, and I do believe, my personal bias, is that it was influenced by Big Pharma. So, I'm just emphasizing to the Body that's another topic to consider and I am opposed to this motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Yarmouth, Representative Graham.

Representative **GRAHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and my Good Colleagues of the House, I would like to remind you that we were one of the leading States in the country that prevented most; a great amount of illness. We were one of the leading States in the country to have much less death. Also, remind you that we have one of the oldest populations in the country. Vaccines prevent severe illness, they don't prevent all illness, they prevent severe illness and they prevent death. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 179

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Fay, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood.

ABSENT - Adams, Boyle, Lajoie, Lanigan, O'Connell, Supica, Woodsome.

Yes, 76; No, 67; Absent, 7; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-425)** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies"

(H.P. 1003) (L.D. 1558)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:
FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

READ.

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative JAVNER of Chester **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: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chester, Representative Javner.

Representative **JAVNER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This would prohibit pharmacies and retail establishments containing pharmacies from the sale of tobacco products. This is already occurring. CVS has already made the decision not to sell tobacco products. Others have made the decision too. I would urge this Body to allow the free market to remain free. Thank you.

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. 180

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Collings, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hobbs, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, LaRochelle, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Paulhus, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Shaw, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood.

ABSENT - Adams, Boyle, Lajoie, Lanigan, O'Connell, Perkins, Supica, Woodsome.

Yes, 73; No, 69; Absent, 8; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 69 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-425)** 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-425)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare and Health Insurance Coverage"

(H.P. 392) (L.D. 615)

Signed:
Senators:
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin
Representatives:
PERRY of Calais
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
CYRWAY of Albion
MATHIESON of Kittery
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
SWALLOW of Houlton

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-403)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:
RENY of Lincoln
Representatives:
ARFORD of Brunswick
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
PRINGLE of Windham

READ.

Representative PERRY of Calais moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Murphy.

Representative **MURPHY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Colleagues of the House, I oppose this motion. Decades ago, when the American Academy of Pediatrics released the statement saying that they no longer recommended routine newborn male circumcision, insurance companies were quick to remove coverage for the procedure. In 2012, just a few years later, the American Academy of Pediatrics reversed the previous position and released a new statement saying that they do recommend routine newborn circumcisions and, quote, widely documented health benefits outweigh the risks. They went further to say those benefits are so great that it warrants third-party payment, which would increase access to the procedure for families who choose it. Newborn circumcision has a much lower complication rate and lower cost than circumcisions done later in life. Among those circumcised, there have been documented reductions in urinary tract infections in the first year of life as well as among the elderly. Urinary tract infections in the very young and very old can be quite serious and difficult to treat. Not coincidentally, Johns Hopkins released a study on newborn circumcision in 2012. Along with the noted reductions of UTIs, the results cited reduced incidents of penile cancer, sexually transmitted infections and a decreased rate of HIV transmission.

Lack of insurance coverage for newborn circumcisions disproportionately affects low-income families. Depending on where in Maine a family lives, the cost of the procedure can be anywhere from $450 to just under $700. Last year, less than