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Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence

(In House, April 2, 2002, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.)

(In Senate, April 2, 2002, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence. **READ ONCE**. Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME**.)

On motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, Senate Amendment "A" (S-559) **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Shorey.

Senator **SHOREY:** Thank you, Mr. President, men and women of the Senate. This amendment clarifies that the Department of Economic and Community Development is responsible for the expenses necessary to establish the Maine Rural Development Authority and that the ongoing expenses of the authority are subject to other funding. It also corrects technical errors in the bill. Thank you.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-559) **ADOPTED**.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-559)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (4/2/02) Assigned matter:

Resolve, to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino on the Economy, Transportation Infrastructure, State Revenues and the Job Market

H.P. 1700 L.D. 2200

Tabled - April 2, 2002, by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1035)**, in concurrence

(In House, April 2, 2002, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1035)**.)

(In Senate, April 2, 2002, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**. **READ ONCE**. Committee Amendment "A" (H-1035) **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc, Senate Amendment "B" (S-560) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1035) **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Small.

Senator **SMALL:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm presenting this amendment today as an attempt to, at least, make what I consider a not so good bill a little less bad. I really can't give it my full approval because I have a problem often times with studies that we put out that are supposedly going to look at all the sides of an issue and actually end up being the engine that drives the legislation in the next session. I do have some concerns about that. I have concerns about casinos and I have concerns about many forms of gambling. This, in no way, gives my support for this. But if, indeed, this is a real attempt to look at all the repercussions, good and bad, about having a casino located somewhere in the state, I think we need to be objective about it and put that into the study. What my amendment would do is first, even out the appointments between the Speaker and the President so that there would be three from each body. It would specify that one of the casino opponents appointed must examine the religious, spiritual, and moral impacts of casino gambling, because there are a large number of people who oppose casinos for no other reason than that. It would clarify that the taskforce will examine the net cost of the casino to the state, so we don't look just at the revenues but also look at whatever the additional costs would be and services that would have to be provided. It would also clarify that the taskforce would examine the net effect on jobs in Maine, so not only look at the new jobs created but also look at what jobs might be lost. It would specify that the taskforce would have to examine the effect the casino would have on a 50-mile radius of its location and not the 25 miles as originally proposed, particularly if it's located in a fairly populated area, 25 miles, I don't think, would be enough of a radius to really look at the impact that people are going to feel from traffic and all the other things that would be created. Finally, it would require a survey to the social service agencies that would have to deal with the problems of gambling addictions and find out what services are available and what their cost would be to provide them to Maine people. That is my amendment and I hope that this body will be able to adopt it. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Shorey.

Senator **SHOREY:** Thank you, Mr. President, men and women of the Senate. I rise to tell you that I will be supporting this amendment in that it equals the number of Senators that will be participating with House members. The other piece which changes slightly really doesn't change it as much as to make it objectionable because one of the things, two members of the public opposed. What it does is create a criteria for that and any criteria can be followed. So that works out fine. It also talks about verifying the amount of estimated revenues produced by the casino. This is something the study should look at anyway, as well as the number of new jobs created or lost. That is something the study should be looking at. Also the 50-mile radius compared to the 25-mile radius. A survey of various groups and agencies and organizations to determine which agencies, groups, and organizations would provide educations, assistance, and counseling, is something the study should look at. So I will be supporting this. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc, Senate Amendment "B" (S-560) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1035) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1035) as Amended by Senate Amendment "B" (S-560) 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-1035) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-560)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**ENACTORS**

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

**Acts**

An Act to Dissolve the Ministerial Accounts in the Town of Readfield's Trust Fund

H.P. 1416 L.D. 1860

An Act Relating to Tax Expenditure Review and Other Tax Reporting Requirements

S.P. 828 L.D. 2210

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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An Act to Expand Family Life Education Services in Maine Schools

H.P. 1180 L.D. 1603  
(C "A" H-1024)

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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An Act to Update the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Laws

H.P. 1288 L.D. 1752  
(C "A" H-837; H "C" H-946; S "A" S-526)

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Include all State-supported Institutions of Higher Education in the Clean Government Initiative

H.P. 1642 L.D. 2145  
(C "A" H-1047)

On motion by Senator **GOLDTHWAIT** of Hancock, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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On motion by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc, **RECESSED** until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

**SENATE REPORTS** - from the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Board Governance Study"

S.P. 789 L.D. 2133

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-486)** (5 members)

Tabled - April 3, 2002, by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc

Pending - motion by Senator **EDMONDS** of Cumberland to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR** (Roll Call ordered)

(In Senate, April 1, 2002, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-486)**.)

(In House, April 2, 2002, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Sawyer.