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Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor moved that **House Amendment "A" (H-635)** be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bar Harbor, Representative Koffman.

Representative KOFFMAN: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have great respect and admiration for the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Makas who I served with for two years on the Natural Resources Committee as this issue of water quality and water classification has been discussed at great length and I appreciate her untiring efforts to work to improve the water quality on the river on behalf of the communities of the Androscoggin and the citizens of Maine generally. But, I do think that the Natural Resources Committee in its unanimous and collaboratively developed a report on LD 1450, actually share the ultimate goal that we all want to achieve for the Androscoggin – a goal that has been in the process for probably more than 30 years. We have seen enormous improvement in the river, astonishing improvement on the river and we are going to continue to see improvement on the river and that segment that represents about 50 miles out of 1100 miles of Class C rivers is currently in non-attainment. I can't speak to LD 1450. I have to speak to this amendment and so I will limit my remarks to this. While I appreciate the objective that Representative Makas has in introducing this amendment and trying to improve the bill, I am afraid that the language would actually diminish the impact of the bill and of the direction that we are trying to take as a committee and I, therefore, urge the House to support Indefinite Postponement. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "A" (H-635)**.

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 Bar Harbor, Representative Koffman.

Representative KOFFMAN: Mr. Speaker, may I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative KOFFMAN: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. There are members in the House who are unsure of how you just described the vote. Was it Indefinite Postponement of LD 1450 or House Amendment "A" (H-635).

The SPEAKER: It is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "A"

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "A" (H-635). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

#### ROLL CALL NO. 253

YEA - Annis, Ash, Austin, Beaudette, Berube, Bierman, Bishop, Blanchette, Bowen, Bowles, Brannigan, Brown R, Browne W, Bryant, Burns, Campbell, Carr, Cebra, Churchill, Clough, Collins, Cressey, Cummings, Curley, Curtis, Davis G, Davis K, Duchesne, Duplessie, Duprey, Eberle, Eder, Edgcomb, Emery, Faircloth, Finch, Fischer, Fisher, Fitts, Fletcher, Flood, Glynn, Hall, Hamper, Hanley B, Hanley S, Hotham, Jacobsen, Jennings, Jodrey, Joy, Kaelin, Koffman, Lansley, Lewin, Marean, Marley, Marraché, McCormick, McFadden, McKane, McKenney, McLeod, Millett, Moody, Moulton, Muse, Nass, Nutting, Paradis, Pelletier-Simpson, Percy, Perry, Pilon, Pineau, Pingree, Pinkham, Plummer, Rector, Richardson D, Richardson E, Richardson M, Robinson, Rosen, Sampson, Saviello, Seavey,

Sherman, Shields, Stedman, Sykes, Tardy, Thomas, Thompson, Trahan, Watson, Webster, Wheeler, Woodbury, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Babbidge, Blanchard, Brautigam, Cain, Canavan, Clark, Craven, Crosby, Driscoll, Dudley, Dugay, Farrington, Gerzofsky, Goldman, Grose, Harlow, Hogan, Hutton, Lerman, Lindell, Lundeen, Makas, Merrill, Miller, Norton, O'Brien, Patrick, Rines, Smith W, Tuttle, Twomey, Valentino, Walcott.

ABSENT - Barstow, Bliss, Bryant-Deschenes, Crosthwaite, Daigle, Dunn, Greeley, Jackson, Mazurek, Mills, Moore G, Ott, Piotti, Richardson W, Schatz, Smith N, Vaughan.

Yes, 100; No, 34; Absent, 17; Excused, 0.

100 having voted in the affirmative and 34 voted in the negative, with 17 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-635)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-291) as Amended by SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-315)** thereto in concurrence.

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The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Valentino who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative VALENTINO: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. In reference to roll call number 251 on LD 564, had I been present I would have voted yes. In reference to roll call 240 on LD 1573, had I been present I would have voted no.

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

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On motion of Representative HOTHAM of Dixfield, the House adjourned at 3:40 p.m., until 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 6, 2005 in honor and lasting tribute to Gladys E. Conant, of Canton, Nathalie Preston Bennett, of Sanford and Joseph Myers Koch III, of Cumberland Foreside.