

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Record**  
**House of Representatives**  
**One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Legislature**  
**State of Maine**

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Yes, 74; No, 72; Absent, 4; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 72 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**ENACTORS**  
**Emergency Measure**

An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013

(H.P. 1412) (L.D. 1907)  
(C. "A" H-931)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 136 voted in favor of the same and 3 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

**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.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Competitive Bid Process for Future Casinos and Slot Machine Facilities"

(H.P. 1400) (L.D. 1897)

TABLED - April 11, 2012 (Till Later Today) by Representative CURTIS of Madison.

PENDING - **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-919)**.

Representative WILLETTE of Presque Isle **PRESENTED House Amendment "B" (H-942) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-919)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Willette.

Representative **WILLETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This amendment is a combination of an amendment I was going to put on originally, so this is a compromise. It's an amendment that all intended parties seem to be happy with. I'm happy with it to a certain extent. I get about half of what I wanted which isn't too bad. I guess in this place sometimes when you can get something, you ought to be happy. If you don't get everything you want, then I think you are over optimistic.

I'll just read the summary to you real quick for those of you who don't have this in front of you. This amendment adds a representative of the Agricultural Fairs and a representative of the hospitality industry to the commission to develop a competitive bidding process for the operation of additional casinos or slot machine facilities. The amendment also allows the commission to recommend a minimum cash bid or license fee in the amount other than the \$5 million. This basically takes care of a right sized casino or racino that is smaller in scale and it takes into account geography and demographics. The last bit, this amendment allows the Joint Standing Committee of the

Legislature having jurisdiction over casino matters to report out legislation, rather than a bill as proposed in Committee Amendment "A" to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. So like I said, everybody's on board with this that had concerns. Thank you.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "B" (H-942) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-919)** was **ADOPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-919) as Amended by House Amendment "B" (H-942)** thereto was **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-919) as Amended by House Amendment "B" (H-942)** thereto and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

**SENATE PAPERS**  
**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Allow the Town of Fort Kent To Create a Downtown Tax Increment Financing District Using the Current Assessed Value of the Downtown" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1414) (L.D. 1910)

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-929) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-933)** thereto in the House on April 10, 2012.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-929) in NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative HAMPER of Oxford, the following House Order: (H.O. 48)

**ORDERED**, that Representative Bruce A. Bickford of Auburn be excused January 17, 19, 31, February 8, 14, 22, March 14, April 4 and 9 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Mark N. Dion of Portland be excused April 5, 6, 9 and 10 for personal reasons.

**READ and PASSED**.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**  
**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-940)** on Bill "An Act To Improve Environmental Oversight and Streamline Permitting for Mining in Maine"

(H.P. 1371) (L.D. 1853)

Signed:

Senators:

SAVIELLO of Franklin  
SHERMAN of Aroostook

Representatives:

HAMPER of Oxford  
AYOTTE of Caswell  
DUCHESNE of Hudson  
KNAPP of Gorham