Senate called to order by President Michael D. Thibodeau of Waldo County.

Prayer by Pastor Chris Grimbilas, New Life Baptist Church in Jay.

PASTOR GRIMBILAS: I would like to take just a moment to thank Senator Keim for inviting me. It’s appreciated, and with that let’s pray. Father, Lord God, I am thankful for the Senate, these men and women who give of their time and of themselves to help guide our State. Lord, I am thankful for all that You do for them. I am thankful for all that You do for us including the free offer of salvation that You make unto us. Lord, I pray today for these men and women, the Senators of our State, that You would give them knowledge to pay attention to the details that make a difference, that You would give them an understanding heart for their constituents, and the needs of their constituents. That, Lord, You would give them the wisdom to do that which is right. That they would recognize the God established government. They would have respect for what is right, Lord, that You would strengthen them to the task. That You would give them gratitude for the privilege of serving. Lord, that they would have dignity and respect one toward another and, Lord, that You would bring the divergent points of view that are represented in this room together for the good of the people of the State of Maine. Lord, I thank You for the privilege of being here and I am thankful to You for all that You do for us. Pray today that we bless this body and bless the work that they do, and we’d ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Susan A. Deschambault of York County.


Doctor of the day, Janis Petzel, M.D. of Islesboro.

OFF RECORD REMARKS

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business.

S.P. 702

In Senate, March 6, 2018, READ and PASSED.

Comes from the House, READ and INDEFINITELY POSTPONED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

On motion by Senator MASON of Androscoggin, the Senate RECEDED and CONCURRED.

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery"

H.P. 1090 L.D. 1586 (C "A" H-614)

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-614) (6 members)

In Senate, March 6, 2018, on motion by Senator HAMPER of Oxford, the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-614).

On motion by Senator HAMPER of Oxford, the Senate INSISTED.

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish the Right To Hunt and Fish

H.P. 12 L.D. 11 (C "A" H-589)

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (9 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-589) (4 members)
In Senate, March 6, 2018, on motion by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the RESOLUTION PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” (H-589) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

On motion by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec, the Senate INSISTED.

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES on Resolve, Regarding Insurance Coverage for Alternative Therapies for Addiction and Recovery S.P. 155  L.D. 453 (C “A” S-353)

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment “A” (S-353) (6 members)

In Senate, March 6, 2018, on motion by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset, the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Comes from the House, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” (S-353) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

On motion by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset, the Senate INSISTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution: H.P. 1238

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BRENDA COMMANDER ON THE COMPLETION OF AN UNPRECEDENTED 5TH TERM OF OFFICE AS CHIEF OF THE HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS

WHEREAS, Brenda Commander, duly elected Chief of the federally recognized Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians for 20 years, is the longest-serving Chief of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the longest-serving Chief east of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, during her service, Chief Commander has dramatically improved the living conditions of her tribe and its members by expanding services related to housing, economic development, child welfare and violence against women; and

WHEREAS, by attracting funding through federal, state and local sources for important improvement projects, Chief Commander has inspired Maliseets to rise to the challenge of making a prosperous future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Chief Commander has inspired men and women of all ages to follow in her footsteps, to seek out opportunities and to assert their ideas and leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize Brenda Commander as a dedicated leader and congratulate her on her service to her tribe, to the community and to the State of Maine.

Comes from the House, READ and ADOPTED.

READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: H.P. 1299

JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING IRISH HERITAGE

WHEREAS, millions of Irish people emigrated from Ireland in the 1800s to escape brutal poverty and starvation due to the Irish potato famine, and most of those people came to America to start new lives and to embrace and contribute to a new land; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Irish immigrants arrived in New England and many came to Maine, and the Irish have been and remain an important part of Maine's culture, history and society; and

WHEREAS, within a few years of their arrival in the United States and in Maine, these Irish immigrants became part of the American cultural landscape while preserving the best of their native culture, and they dedicated themselves to helping build this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, 4 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Irish-born and 9 signers were of Irish ancestry and 19 Presidents of the United States have proudly claimed Irish heritage, including George Washington, the father of our country; John Fitzgerald Kennedy; Ronald Reagan; and Barack H. Obama; and

WHEREAS, the over 33,000,000 Americans of Irish ancestry, like their forebears, continue to enrich all aspects of life in the United States, in science, education, art, agriculture, business, industry, literature, music, athletics, entertainment and military and government service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the valuable contribution to our State and to our Nation of all Irish-American citizens and we urge the citizens of the State to commend and celebrate the integrity and richness of the Irish culture.
Comes from the House, READ and ADOPTED. READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 900

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE

March 16, 2018

The Honorable Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Daniel Brennan of Winslow for appointment as the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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The Following Communication: S.C. 899

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

March 15, 2018

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives

128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act (GEA), Title 3 of the Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35, we are pleased to submit the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology (Committee) resulting from its review and evaluation of the Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Council (Council).

As a result of our review, the Committee generally found that the Council is operating within its statutory authority. However, recognizing that due to the very specific nature of the Council and the sometimes limited universe of vendors for specific purposes, the Committee has voted to report out legislation pursuant to 3 MRSA §955(4), in order to consider implementation of the following statutory changes relating to the administration of the Council that the Council proposed in its report to the Committee. Specifically the legislation would do the following.

1. Changes the name of the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council to the Telecommunications Relay Services Council.
2. Establishes the Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund.
3. Allows members and individuals to be reimbursed for costs associated with the participation in conferences related to the telecommunications relay services and assistive telecommunications devices or technology.
4. Removes the requirement that the Public Utilities Commission provide technical assistance to the Council.
5. Allows the Council to pay costs associated with scheduled meetings.
6. Explicitly defines duties of the Council to include the ability to contract for intrastate telecommunications relay services and outreach services, to organize and fund projects to assist with promoting the use of telecommunications relay services, and to develop, administer and fund pilot projects to provide access to telecommunications relay services.
7. Changes the funding of the Council to require that the Council develop a yearly budget not to exceed $600,000 instead of requiring that the Public Utilities Commission determine the funding level for the Council.
8. Requires that the requested budget amount be transferred by the commission into the Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund.

It is our Committee’s intent that this legislation be referred back to the Committee for a public hearing, work session(s) and a Committee vote before it is considered by the full Legislature.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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The Following Communication:  S.C. 901

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

March 15, 2018

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs from its review and evaluation of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Representative Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 902

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

March 15, 2018

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs from its review and evaluation of the Maine Community College System under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Maine Community College System is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Representative Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 903

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

March 15, 2018

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs from its review and evaluation of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Representative Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 894

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

March 15, 2018

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from its review and evaluation of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Representative Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
March 6, 2018

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 637  An Act To Protect Maine's Lands  
L.D. 939  An Act To Protect Maine's Agriculture  
L.D. 1839 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Interest Rate for State Loans under the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michelle Ann Dunphy  
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 895

STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

March 14, 2018

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1016  An Act To Provide Funding for Career and Technical Education Based on Projected Enrollment

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tori P. Kornfield  
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 896

STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 9, 2018

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 411  An Act To Add Addiction to or Dependency on Opiates or Prescription Drugs to the List of Qualifying Conditions for Medical Marijuana

L.D. 762  An Act To Allow a Percentage of Funds from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund To Fund Health Care Research

L.D. 763  An Act To Support Individuals with Disabilities by Exempting Certain Wages from Consideration for MaineCare

L.D. 1098  An Act To Ensure Reasonable Accommodations for Children for Whom Medical Marijuana Has Been Recommended

L.D. 1135 An Act To Strengthen the Efficacy of the Medical Marijuana Laws

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patricia Hymanson  
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
The Following Communication:  S.C. 897

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

March 12, 2018

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out “Ought Not to Pass”:

L.D. 1236  An Act To Improve Maine’s Heritage Fish List

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 898

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

March 9, 2018

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out “Ought Not to Pass”:

L.D. 1718  An Act To Empower Maine’s Rural Economy and Workforce

L.D. 1768  An Act To Reduce Impairment on the Job and Improve Workplace Safety by Amending the Laws Governing Employment Practices Concerning Substance Use Testing

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 891

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE

13 March 2018

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1030, “An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage for Covered Services Provided by Naturopathic Doctors.”

This bill mandates that health insurance carriers in Maine include naturopathic doctors in their networks. Maine law has traditionally provided latitude to carriers to determine the providers for their networks subject to statutory network adequacy requirements. In practice, this bill would restrict their ability to construct provider networks to deliver quality and cost-effective services. If this bill passes, naturopaths will have no incentive to join insurance networks to perform their services as primary care physicians.

For these reasons, I return LD 1030 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator DION, and further excused the same Senator from today’s Roll Call votes.
The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage for Covered Services Provided by Naturopathic Doctors

S.P. 337  L.D. 1030

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Chenette.

Senator CHENETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I just wanted to take an opportunity to thank Senator Whittemore and the entire Insurance and Financial Services Committee for the great bipartisan work of the Committee. It is not easy to come to a unanimous report of any committee. So I really wanted to flag for everybody here that the Committee directed the Bureau of Insurance to conduct about a six month study, extensive study, on this particular bill and it was determined by the Bureau of Insurance that not only there was no negative impact on premiums if this goes through, there is actually a strong potential that this is actually going to be a positive one, that it could actually reduce costs in our health insurance marketplace. That's a very positive thing for our constituents and I just wanted to read quickly just what this bill actually does in case you don’t know. The compromise bill requires coverage for services provided by licensed naturopathic doctors if those services are within the scope of license and would be reimbursed if the services were provided by other licensed providers. This bill also prohibits carriers from excluding a naturopathic doctor from their networks as long as the naturopathic doctor is willing to meet the same terms and conditions as other participating providers. So quite simple, it’s modeled after our neighbors New Hampshire and Vermont. So I hope- I urge this Body to override the veto.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of overriding the veto of the Governor. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#538)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLET, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, CUSHING

EXCUSED: Senator: DION

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 2 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be OVERRIDEN and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Secretary will inform the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Senate's action.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Establish the Total Cost of Education and the State and Local Contributions to Education for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and To Provide That Employees of School Management and Leadership Centers Are Eligible To Participate in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

S.P. 712  L.D. 1869

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock. Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Reorganize the Provision of Services for Children with Disabilities from Birth to 5 Years of Age"

S.P. 713  L.D. 1870

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock. Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

On motion by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock, REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Pursuant to Joint Order

Task Force To Address the Opioid Crisis in the State
Senator BRAKEY for the Task Force To Address the Opioid Crisis in the State, pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 210 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force To Address the Opioid Crisis in the State Regarding Respectful Language" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 714  L.D. 1871

Be REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report READ.
On motion by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Report ACCEPTED.

REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS
Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator CHENETTE of York, the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 707

STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MARY'S WALK IN ITS 20TH YEAR RAISING MONEY FOR CANCER RESEARCH

WHEREAS, Mary Kerry Libby lost her courageous battle with cancer on March 7, 1997; and
WHEREAS, her husband, Gene Libby, and the Libby and Kerry families founded the Mary's Walk event in her memory to raise money to support cancer research and provide programs that support Maine cancer patients; and
WHEREAS, Mary's Walk was formed as a Maine nonprofit corporation in 1999 and is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors; and
WHEREAS, over the course of 20 years, Mary's Walk has been supported by over 60,000 participants and thousands of volunteers and has raised and donated over $3,000,000 to the Maine Cancer Foundation; and
WHEREAS, Mary's Walk has funded programs that include early cancer detection, rural transportation initiatives and navigator programs to assist cancer patients with access to medical care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Mary's Walk and to recognize the selfless devotion of its volunteers and the financial support it provides that makes a difference in the fight against cancer for the people of Maine; and be it further
RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Board of Directors of Mary's Walk.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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On motion by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senator: KATZ of Kennebec, Representative: TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214.), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 711

STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO STRENGTHEN LAWS AGAINST MASS VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC TERRORISM, CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA AND EXPRESSING THE COMMITMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE TO UPHOLD CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

WHEREAS, on the night of Friday, August 11, 2017, a day before a white nationalist demonstration was scheduled to occur in Charlottesville, Virginia, hundreds of torch-bearing white nationalists, white supremacists, Klansmen and neo-Nazis chanted racist and anti-immigrant slogans and violently engaged with counter-demonstrators on and around the grounds of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville; and
WHEREAS, on Saturday, August 12, 2017, ahead of the scheduled start time of the planned march, protestors and counter-demonstrators gathered at Emancipation Park in Charlottesville; and
WHEREAS, the extremist demonstration turned violent, culminating in the death of peaceful counter-demonstrator Heather Heyer and injuries to 19 other individuals after a reported neo-Nazi sympathizer drove a vehicle into a crowd, which resulted in a charge of 2nd-degree murder, 3 counts of malicious wounding and one count of hit and run; and
WHEREAS, 2 Virginia State Police officers, Lieutenant Pilot H. Jay Cullen and Trooper Pilot Berke M. M. Bates, died in a helicopter crash as they patrolled the events occurring below them; and
WHEREAS, the Charlottesville community is engaged in a healing process following this horrific and violent display of bigotry; and
WHEREAS, the State fully supports the right to free speech, the right to assemble peaceably and the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances; however, the assembly in Charlottesville turned violent and it became clear that some in attendance were there to promote racial tensions, destroy our principles and do harm to the fabric of our nation; and
WHEREAS, any organization that perpetuates violence and terrorism has no place in a civil society; and
WHEREAS, any crimes committed by such organizations should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to condemn the violence and the attack that took place during the events on August 11 and August 12, 2017 in Charlottesville, Virginia; recognize the first responders who lost their lives in the course of monitoring the events; offer our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed; extend our deepest sympathy and support to those individuals injured in the violence; and express our support for the Charlottesville community; and be it further
RESOLVED: That We reaffirm our sworn oaths to defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Maine and reaffirm our solemn commitment to continue to protect and champion the rights and liberties of Maine citizens that are guaranteed under the state and federal constitutions, including freedom of expression; freedom of association, including the right to attend meetings without being illegally monitored and the right to belong to an organization without fear of reprisal; freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures; and the right to due process protections; and be it further
RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to call upon our United States Representatives and Senators to review and, where warranted, strengthen laws to ensure law enforcement agencies have the necessary tools to prevent and prosecute acts of mass violence and domestic terrorism committed within the boundaries of our nation, as long as the laws do not infringe upon fundamental rights and liberties as recognized and enshrined in the United States Constitution and its amendments; and be it further
RESOLVED: That suitable copies of the resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation as well as the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator CHIPMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I introduced this Resolution shortly after the horrific attack of August 11th in Charlottesville. As you all know, we were not in session at the time. It needed approval from Legislative Council and we needed some time to work through the language to come up something that hopefully everybody can support. I am really proud of the work that we did, Mr. President, working together with your staff, Rob Caverly, with Senator Katz, with some members of the other Body to come with some language that I hope all of you can support. This was a terrible event, a terrible tragedy that I wish nobody would have to experience ever in this country. And while we express our strongest condolences and taking a stand against this kind of activity, words are not enough and we need action. In this Resolution we have an opportunity to more than just express our condolences but actually take action by calling on Congress to strengthen the laws against mass violence and domestic terrorism. There have been several more incidences unfortunately of mass violence and domestic terrorism around the country since this attack August 11th, and the only way we are going to be able to stop this type of incidences is if we strengthen the laws and if we go after the people who perpetrate this kind of violence and so that’s what we are calling on Congress to do in this Resolution is to strengthen the laws against mass violence and domestic terrorism, but doing so in a way that does not violate anybody's constitutional rights. So it is a well-rounded Resolution. I hope all of you can join me in supporting it and, Mr. President, when the vote is taken I request that it be taken by the yeas and nays. Thank you.

On motion by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator MASON, to the rostrum where he assumed the duties as President Pro Tempore.

The President took a seat on the Floor.

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tempore GARRETT P. MASON of Androscoggin County.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the President.

Senator THIBODEAU: Thank you, President Pro Tem. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, racism is not a partisan issue. As a matter of fact, I believe it is un-American, and folks that perpetrate and encourage and live a life based on racism do great harm to the fabric of our nation. I think that every person in this room believes that. Yet, as Americans we recognize that people that have thoughts that are very, very different than our own, values that are very, very different than our own also enjoy protections as Americans. I personally want to thank Senator Katz, as well as Representative Talbot-Ross, for working really, really hard with my office to make sure that we send the exact right message about the State of Maine, sent the right message to the folks that are making laws in Washington D.C. about how we feel about this very, very important issue. See we understand the First Amendment. We don’t want American citizens surveilled based upon their associations. That’s un-American. Yet we do want to be clear, there really isn’t any place in our nation for people to base their opinion off another human being based upon the color of their skin. It’s un-American. So I know that Senator Katz, as well as Representative Talbot-Ross, worked for hours and hours, along with the staff here in the Senate, trying to find the exact right balance. They made it incredibly clear that we reject hatred and bigotry in the State of Maine and we want our federal leaders
to do anything and everything they can to strength laws so long as they don’t run afoul of the First Amendment. So I think that this sends that message in a very, very clear way. It makes it abundantly clear how we feel as a State, and I think we all should be very proud of this document. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#539)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VITELLI, VULK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MASON

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: DION

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and No Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, on motion by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, the Joint Resolution was ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President Pro Tempore requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Waldo, Senator THIBODEAU, to the rostrum where he resumed his duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator MASON, to his seat on the floor.

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator KEIM of Oxford, under unanimous consent on behalf of President THIBODEAU of Waldo (Cospurred by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, DUNPHY of Old Town, STEARNS of Guilford), the following Joint Resolution: S.P. 715

**STATE OF MAIN**

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD**

**TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN**

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING THE MAINE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO MAINE CITIZENS**

**WHEREAS,** the Maine Snowmobile Association was formed in 1968 by a group of concerned snowmobile enthusiasts dedicated to the safe and responsible operation of snowmobiles in the State; and

**WHEREAS,** the 289 snowmobile clubs of the Maine Snowmobile Association now represent approximately 26,800 individuals and 2,100 businesses from Sanford to Allagash; and

**WHEREAS,** these citizens, through dedication to landowner relations and volunteer effort, have created a 14,500-mile trail system that is regarded as one of the finest snowmobile systems in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** these citizens have persevered in maintaining and improving the image of family snowmobiling in the State and support the safe operation of snowmobiles throughout the State through adoption of appropriate legislation and enforcement of the State’s laws; and

**WHEREAS,** snowmobiling generates hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity statewide every winter, promoting the local economies of many rural areas; and

**WHEREAS,** the Maine Snowmobile Association celebrates its 50th anniversary this year; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, recognize this occasion and offer the Maine Snowmobile Association our heartiest congratulations on this milestone, with continued good wishes for many years of service to the people of Maine; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Snowmobile Association in honor of this occasion.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

Pursuant to Resolve

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Computer Science Education Task Force

H.P. 1296  L.D. 1861

Reported that the same be REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, pursuant to Resolve, Chapter 21, Section 4.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.
Bill and accompanying papers REFERRED to the Committee on
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, in concurrence.

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Ought to Pass

The Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on
Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 28: Advanced
Deposit Wagering, a Major Substantive Rule of the Gambling
Control Board (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1248 L.D. 1803

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED
and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Resolve READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE
DAY.

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Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on
Bill "An Act To Lower the Costs of Broadband Service by
Coordinating the Installation of Broadband Infrastructure"

H.P. 1011 L.D. 1472

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by
Committee Amendment "A" (H-643).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED
and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-643).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-643) READ and ADOPTED, in
concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and
PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

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The Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Address Hunger, Support Maine
Farms and Reduce Waste" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1054 L.D. 1534

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by
Committee Amendment "A" (H-634).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED
and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-634).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-634) READ and ADOPTED, in
concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and
PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

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The Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on
Resolve, Regarding Increases in Reimbursement Rates for
Certain Children's Habilitative Services under MaineCare
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1262 L.D. 1820

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by
Committee Amendment "A" (H-642).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED
and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED
BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-642).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Resolve READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-642) READ and ADOPTED, in
concurrence.
Under suspension of the Rules, Resolve READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

The Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Bill "An Act Regarding the Termination of the Authority To Issue a Permit for a Noise Suppression Device on a Firearm for Hunting" H.P. 1266  L.D. 1824

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-639).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-639).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-639) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

The Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Trust Code Regarding Reporting by Trustees and the Duties of Trustees to Settlors" H.P. 1269  L.D. 1827

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-636).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-636).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-636) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

The Committee on MARINE RESOURCES on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11.14: Atlantic Sea Scallop Limited Entry Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Marine Resources (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1221  L.D. 1767

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-632).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-632).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Resolve READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-632) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, Resolve READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

The Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Create a Centralized Authority To Combat Opiate Addiction in Maine" H.P. 73  L.D. 105

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-645).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-645).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-645) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

The Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Maintain Mail Routes and Access to Residential Structures" H.P. 1092  L.D. 1588

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-646).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-646).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-646) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.
Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

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Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Hydroelectric Generators under the Renewable Resources Laws"  
H.P. 376  L.D. 532

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:  
DION of Cumberland

Representatives:  
BERRY of Bowdoinham  
COOPER of Yarmouth  
DeCHANT of Bath  
RILEY of Jay  
RYKERSON of Kittery  
SANBORN of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass.

Signed:

Senators:  
WOODSOME of York  
CUSHING of Penobscot

Representatives:  
HANLEY of Pittston  
HARVELL of Farmington  
O’CONNOR of Berwick  
WADSWORTH of Hiram

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Reports READ.

Senator WOODSOME of York moved the Senate ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT TO PASS Report.

On motion by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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Senate at Ease.

The Secretary opened the vote.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

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ROLL CALL (#540)

YEAS:  Senators:  BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING,  
CYRWAY, DOW, HAMPER, LANGLEY,  
MAKER, MASON, ROSEN, VOLK,  
WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME,  
PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS:  Senators:  BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER,  
CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN,  
DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND,  
DILL, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON,  
KATZ, KEIM, LIBBY, MILLETT,  
MIRAMANT, SAVIELLO, VITELLI

EXCUSED:  Senator:  DION

14 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 20 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator WOODSOME of York to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT TO PASS Report FAILED.

The Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

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Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on MARINE RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Continue the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative"  
H.P. 1236  L.D. 1791

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-640).

Signed:

Senators:  
MAKER of Washington  
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:  
KUMIEGA of Deer Isle  
ALLEY of Beals  
BATTLE of South Portland  
BLUME of York  
DEVIN of Newcastle  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor  
SIMMONS of Waldoboro  
TUELL of East Machias

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-641).
Signed:

Senator:  
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representative:
SUTTON of Warren

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-640) Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-640).

Reports READ.

On motion by Senator MAKER of Washington, the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-640) Report ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-640) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-640), in concurrence.

Signed:

Senator:
DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:
GRIGNON of Athens  
HARRINGTON of Sanford  
PICKETT of Dixfield

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Reports READ.

Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis moved the Senate ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report, in concurrence.

Senator CUSHING of Penobscot moved to TABLED until Later in Today's Session pending the motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report, in concurrence.

Senator at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot, TABLED until Later in Today's Session pending the motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report, in concurrence.

Signed:

Senator:
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:
McLEAN of Gorham  
AUSTIN of Skowhegan  
BRYANT of Windham  
GRANT of Gardiner  
SCHNECK of Bangor  
SHEATS of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-644).
Signed:

Senators:  
COLLINS of York  
ROSEN of Hancock  

Representatives:  
GILLWAY of Searsport  
PARRY of Arundel  
PERKINS of Oakland  

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Reports READ.

Senator COLLINS of York moved the Senate ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator MIRAMANT: Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise to speak in opposition to this motion. It’s not that we don’t need some comprehensive reform on the way we fund our infrastructure, it’s that this single mechanism will do almost nothing. It’s a drop in the bucket to the $60 million annually that we are short, and I expect soon to take up comprehensive overhauls of that program and others within Transportation. Everyone agrees it’s not a partisan issue and we are going to be faced with even greater shortfalls as the cost of oil goes up, which is a big bases for most of our infrastructure. So this isn’t the way. It does one thing, and it doesn’t do it well. So I hope you reject this and we reject the bill.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carson.

Senator CARSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I, too, rise in opposition to the proposal pending. We need to fund our roads, our bridges, our infrastructure in a realistic fashion, and those people who drive hybrids or electric cars, and I have a Honda Civic Hybrid which I bought in the summer of 2002, so I have got nearly sixteen years and 235,000 miles on the car and it has served me well. I am happy to pay more gasoline taxes for the gasoline that that car uses when I drive from Harpswell up to the Senate, or anywhere else in the State. But we can’t do, we should not embrace a proposal like this because it does essentially nothing other than offer a signal that we are going to penalize people who drive hybrids or electric cars, which is not the signal that we want to send. These cars avoid air pollution. They use less fossil fuel. They get people from point A to point B in a much more efficient fashion, and a proposal like this makes absolutely no sense. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Collins.

Senator COLLINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, these hybrid vehicles and total electric vehicles are becoming increasingly popular as the technology advances and the affordability is more apparent, more and more are sold. This bill, in the report that I asked the Senate to move, is a step in the right direction. You have got to start somewhere about picking up the slack of vehicles who get fifty to sixty miles per gallon. I mean that’s commendable we have the technology to allow that but nevertheless the road use tax which in the case of Maine is a gasoline tax. They are getting a break however the rest of us are not. We have to pick up the slack. So it seems only fair to me and along with many others that an additional fee be charged on hybrid vehicles as well as total electric vehicles. So I urge you to follow my light. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#541)

YEAS: Senators: COLLINS, CUSHING, DAVIS, HAMPER, HILL, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, ROSEN, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CYRWAY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, GRATWICK, JACKSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SAVIELLO, VITELLI

EXCUSED: Senator: DION

15 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 19 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator COLLINS of York to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report, in NON-CONCURRENCE, FAILED.

The Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

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Senate
Ought to Pass As Amended


Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment “A” (S-385).
Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-385) READ and ADOPTED.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator ROSEN for the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act Regarding the Victims' Compensation Fund"

S.P. 650  L.D. 1751

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-386).

Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-386) READ and ADOPTED.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senator WOODSOME for the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Ensure That Low-income Residents of the State Have Access to Telephone Services"

S.P. 645  L.D. 1746

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-390).

Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-390) READ and ADOPTED.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senator DAVIS for the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Require Education and Training Regarding Harassment for Legislators, Legislative Staff and Lobbyists"

S.P. 695  L.D. 1842

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-387).

Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-387) READ and ADOPTED.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Divided Report

Ten members of the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 646  L.D. 1747

Reported in Report "A" that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-388).

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DILL of Penobscot
SAVIELLO of Franklin

Representatives:

DUNPHY of Old Town
ACKLEY of Monmouth
BLACK of Wilton
HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft
MARTIN of Sinclair
McELWEE of Caribou
O'NEIL of Saco
SKOLFIELD of Weld

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-389).

Signed:

Representative:

CHAPMAN of Brooksville

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Representative:

KINNEY of Knox

Reports READ.
Senator Davis of Piscataquis moved the Senate ACCEPT Report “A” OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” (S-388).

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

Emergency Measure
An Act To Repeal the Sunset Date on the Laws Governing Licensure of Appraisal Management Companies
H.P. 1268  L.D. 1826

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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Emergency Measure
An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility
H.P. 1184  L.D. 1704
(C “A” H-593)

Comes From the House, FAILED ENACTMENT.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate SUSPENDED THE RULES.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment “A” (S-393) READ and ADOPTED.

The President: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Jackson.

Senator Jackson: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just quickly want to say that thankfully for the hard work of many people, including the Senator from Washington County Senator Maker, hopefully we’ll have a much better result of this bill. I think the court case yesterday was very clear that full amount of the people, staff, that was working at Downeast Correctional Facility, and the full amount of prisoners should be returned there. We don’t always get what we want in this building but whenever decisions are made like this it is important to respect it and hopefully that’s what’s going to happen in this case, and I just want to reiterate that is a case, it was resolved. There is a decision. It is important for all of us in state government to respect that decision. So I just wanted to get up and make sure that that was, I mean clearly I know that everyone in this room feels that way, but it’s important that all of state government understands what that case decided and so with that, again, Senator Maker, great job.
PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-593) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-393), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

H.P. 1247  L.D. 1802

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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Pursuant to Constitution
Public Land

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Transfer Land in the Town of Pittston

H.P. 1222  L.D. 1773
(C "A" H-620)

On motion by Senator HAMPER of Oxford, placed on the SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE pending FINAL PASSAGE, in concurrence.

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Acts

An Act Regarding Municipal Satellite Wastewater Collection Systems

H.P. 290  L.D. 399
(C "A" H-613)

An Act To Prohibit Gross Metering

S.P. 499  L.D. 1444
(C "A" S-359)

An Act To Allow Veterans Free Admission to the Maine State Museum

H.P. 1141  L.D. 1656
(C "A" H-606)

An Act To Increase Flexibility in the Temporary Medical Allowance for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders

H.P. 1200  L.D. 1720
(C "A" H-616)

An Act Regarding Maine’s Liquor Laws

H.P. 1231  L.D. 1786
(C "A" H-619)

An Act Regarding the Penalties for Hunting Deer over Bait

S.P. 684  L.D. 1816

An Act Regarding the Repeal of a Provision of Law Allowing Certain Nonresidents To Hunt Deer before the Open Season on Deer

H.P. 1265  L.D. 1823

**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 Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits

S.P. 212  L.D. 650
(C "A" S-370)

On motion by Senator HAMPER of Oxford, placed on the SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE pending ENACTMENT in concurrence.

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An Act To Simplify Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Licenses

H.P. 548  L.D. 768
(C "A" H-615)

On motion by Senator HAMPER of Oxford, placed on the SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE pending ENACTMENT in concurrence.

These matters were ordered sent forthwith.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

House Papers

Bill “An Act To Increase Youth Mental Health Awareness in Schools”

H.P. 1302  L.D. 1866

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator MASON of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed, in concurrence.
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Bill "An Act To Reestablish Certain Positions within the Department of Health and Human Services" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1303  L.D. 1867

Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

On motion by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Resolve, To Increase Funding for Evidence-based Therapies for Treating Emotional and Behavioral Problems in Children (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1304  L.D. 1868

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/15/18) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission" H.P. 769  L.D. 1095 (C "A" H-625)

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-625) (8 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - March 15, 2018, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report in concurrence

(In House, the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-625).)

On motion by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin, the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-625) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/15/18) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Create Equity for Wine and Spirits Container Deposits" H.P. 1183  L.D. 1703 (C "B" H-627)

Report "A" - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Report "B" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-626) (4 members)

Report "C" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-627) (2 members)

Tabled - March 15, 2018, by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin to ACCEPT Report "C" OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-627) in NON-CONCURRENCE

(In House, Report "A" OUGHT NOT TO PASS, READ and ACCEPTED.)

On motion by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.
The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator KATZ, and further excused the same Senator from this Roll Call vote.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#543)**

**YEAS:** Senators: CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, JACKSON, LANGLEY, MASON, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

**NAYS:** Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, KEIM, LIBBY, MAKER, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, VITELLI

**EXCUSED:** Senators: DION, KATZ

11 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 22 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin to ACCEPT Report "C" OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-627), in NON-CONCURRENCE, FAILED.

Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin moved the Senate ACCEPT Report "B" OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-626), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator KATZ, and further excused the same Senator from this Roll Call vote.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#544)**

**YEAS:** Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, DAVIS, HAMPER, LANGLEY, MASON, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

**NAYS:** Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, KEIM, LIBBY, MAKER, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, VITELLI

**EXCUSED:** Senators: DION, KATZ

12 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 21 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin to ACCEPT Report "B" OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-626), in NON-CONCURRENCE, FAILED.

Report "A" OUGHT NOT TO PASS ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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On motion by Senator MASON of Androscoggin, ADJOURNED until Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 10:00 in the morning.