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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
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Senate called to order by President Pro Tempore Garrett P. Mason of Androscoggin County.

Prayer by Reverend Todd Little, First United Pentecostal Church of Lewiston.

REVEREND LITTLE: Let us pray. O Gracious God, this morning we come to You in humility, seeking Your wisdom, blessings, and favor for these honorable State Senators. I pray that You will guide them in the affairs of our Legislature, ensuring that they serve in a manner that will be most beneficial to the people of the great State of Maine. Lord, please give strength, patience, and understanding to these Senators as they labor more intensively towards finishing the business of this session. Grant Your wisdom, that with a spirit of cooperation, with honest dialog, and with complete listening Your servants may meet the challenges of the day with integrity and justice. We pray today that You would allow each of us to be more aware of You and Your word. Help us to be a virtuous people, responsible for upholding the sound principles that brought our country into being. God, we ask for Your divine wisdom and guidance here today, for You and You alone know the future and the things that are to come. We ask that You would lead us in the decisions that we are part of and that You would give us boldness to honor You. Most importantly, may our focus today be upon Your priorities for us, that we do justly, that we love mercy, and that we walk humbly with You. We pray this all in the wonderful saving name of Jesus. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator G. William Diamond of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Mary Becker, M.D. of Yarmouth.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
H.P. 597 L.D. 848

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **ENACTMENT** in concurrence

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

An Act To Provide Training for Forest Rangers To Carry Firearms
H.P. 9 L.D. 8

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **ENACTMENT** in concurrence

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Support Maine's Employers and Encourage Employers To Hire Young Workers"

S.P. 565 L.D. 1609

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-246)** (6 members)

In Senate, June 13, 2017, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, 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-246)**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Minimum Wage for Minors" S.P. 330 L.D. 991

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-248)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-249)** (6 members)

In Senate, June 13, 2017, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-249)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-249)**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-248)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-248)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Base the Minimum Wage on a New England State Average and To Restore the Tip Credit" S.P. 277 L.D. 831

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-210)** (6 members)

In Senate, June 12, 2017, 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-210)**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland moved the Senate **INSIST**.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Phase-out of Subminimum Wage

S.P. 371 L.D. 1117

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-190)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

In Senate, June 5, 2017, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-190)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit an Electric Utility from Charging a Customer for Using an Electromechanical Meter"

S.P. 75 L.D. 229

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-176)** (6 members)

In Senate, June 13, 2017, 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 Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-176)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **WOODSOME** of York, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to Article X of the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations

H.P. 308 L.D. 428

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

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-432)** (5 members)

In Senate, June 13, 2017, on motion by Senator **KEIM** 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 RESOLUTION **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-432)**.

On motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Regarding Arbitration Privacy with Respect to Executive and Legislative Branch Employees" H.P. 848 L.D. 1216

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

In Senate, June 13, 2017, the Minority **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 Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-433)**.

On motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Formalize the Governance of the Maine Educational and Attainment Research Navigation System, a Longitudinal Data Series for Workforce Information" H.P. 1042 L.D. 1518

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-346)** (6 members)

In Senate, June 13, 2017, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-346) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-219)** thereto 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 **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Senate **INSISTED** and **ASKED FOR A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 519

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

June 13, 2017

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. 244 An Act To Clarify the Use of State Lands Designated for Conservation or Recreation Purposes

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. 520

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

June 14, 2017

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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 254 An Act To Implement a Moratorium on Metallic Mineral Mining (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Thomas B. Saviello
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Volk Packaging Corporation, of Biddeford, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Benjamin and Kenneth Volk incorporated Volk Packaging in 1967 and began manufacturing boxes with five employees in 1968. The company has employed 2,000 people since then, and today the company, led by Douglas and Derek Volk, employs 85 people. We extend to everyone at Volk Packaging Corporation our congratulations on this anniversary;
SLS 472

Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GROHMAN of Biddeford, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Deschambault.

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT:** Thank you, President Pro Tem. I would like to speak on this sentiment and make a few comments. Today the Maine Senate recognizes a Maine-based company as they celebrate their 50th year in operation: Volk Packaging Corporation. When I first did this I said, "What is Volk Packaging?" Although I know a little bit about it, Volk Packaging designs, manufactures, and distributes high quality corrugated and foam products, including shipping containers, inner packaging, and stock boxes, throughout New England. Volk Packaging is a third generation family owned and operated business. But what's so special about making a box? Any company can do that. However, they have a special niche in Volk Packaging. They can build packaging solutions through innovative design. Whether you need a rugged container for shipping or a custom painted product to boost retail sales, Volk provides the solution, not only for their product, and you'll later hear how they have positively impacted their host community also. In 1967 Benjamin and Kenneth Volk incorporated their company and the following year they opened a packaging company with five employees. They settled in the little business park on the outskirts of Biddeford and became the anchor for a growing community. Thirty years later, two of their original employees retired. Benjamin Volk passed in '96. After the retirement of Kenneth in 2007, the company is now led by Douglas and Derek Volk. This company, over the years, has been an economic boom for the area, having employed about 2,000 people. Today, they are currently 85 employees working two shifts to keep up with demands. Half of their employees have over ten years with the company. This speaks loudly of the company's reputation as a good place to work. Owners are also proud of the fact that they have given legal immigrants their first job and four have become U.S. citizens. This is evidence of Volk's involvement and commitment to their employees and their families. Volk is a tremendous corporate citizen. The company has donated over 100 different charities in 2016, amounting to almost \$100,000 for the local economy. They expect to spend over \$4 million with Maine vendors this year alone. Volk will manufacture and ship 50 million boxes this year to over a thousand different customers. Alan Casavant, former Maine House legislator and current Mayor of Biddeford, offered the following statement, "Volk Packaging and the Volk family have been an important fixture in Biddeford industrial landscape for 50 years and their longevity is a testament to their values, ethics, and savvy. The number of their employees who have spent decades working at Volk Packaging says a great deal about the workplace and about management. In my opinion," says Alan Casavant, "Volk Packaging is a superb model of a Maine family operated business and I value their presence in the City of Biddeford." Is it any wonder, after hearing all of this, that Volk has been the recipient of one of the Best Places to Work in Maine? Thank you very much.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Diane and Ken Volk, Douglas Volk, and Derek Volk. They are obviously the guests of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Volk. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations and appreciation of the Maine Senate.

David Sherry, of Falmouth, who is retiring as Executive Director of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Governor Baxter School for the Deaf after a more than 40-year career in education. After beginning his educational career as a speech and language therapist, Mr. Sherry became a teacher of the deaf in 1977 and started working for the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf. He has been serving as Executive Director since 2012. We extend to Mr. Sherry our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes;

SLS 478

Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: PIERCE of Falmouth,
SANBORN of Portland.

READ.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations and thanks to David Sherry who is just retiring as Executive Director of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, which used to be known as the Governor Baxter School. It's the only educational institution in the state of Maine dedicated to serving children with hearing loss, no matter how they and their families choose to communicate. Consultants in the early childhood and family services and public outreach school programs; travel to homes, daycares, preschools and public schools; as well as private schools throughout the entire state of Maine to work with families, professionals, and others in their efforts to support deaf and hard of hearing children in their home communities. Mr. Sherry has a forty year career in education, a Masters Degree in Education for the Deaf. He began his career in teaching for the deaf in 1977 in Fort Fairfield, Maine. He took a brief detour and served as Principal in the Yarmouth School System, and he's been the Executive Director of the Maine Center - Maine Educational Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing since 2012. He's been able to accomplish significant advancements for students who are deaf and hard of hearing throughout the state of Maine. During his time as Executive Director David has been instrumental in the establishment of regional programming throughout the state of Maine for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. He's done this by developing collaborative relationships with the State Department of Education, the State's Child Developmental Services, and the Portland Public School System, expanding educational programming there and elsewhere for kindergarten through grade 12. Mr. President Pro Tem, I hope you will join me

in thanking Mr. Sherry for his service to the state and wishing him well upon his retirement. Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Mr. Sherry. He is here as the guest of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Breen. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 295 L.D. 404

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-495).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-495).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-495) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Mental Health First Aid Training for Corrections Personnel"

H.P. 916 L.D. 1322

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-499).**

Signed:

HILL of York
WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
BAILEY of Saco
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
CARDONE of Bangor
GUERIN of Glenburn
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RECKITT of South Portland
SHERMAN of Hodgdon

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
COREY of Windham
GERRISH of Lebanon
GROHMAN of Biddeford
HERRICK of Paris
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MAREAN of Hollis
NADEAU of Winslow
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-500)**.

Signed:

Representative:
JOHANSEN of Monticello

Signed:

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

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Reports **READ**.

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-499)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-499)**.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Reports **READ**.

Divided Report

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-499)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Restrictions Governing Lobbying by Former Legislators and Former Executive Branch Officials"

H.P. 1095 L.D. 1591

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-499) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Signed:

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-499)**, in concurrence.

Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
CARPENTER of Aroostook
COLLINS of York

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Protect Victims of Sexual Assault"

H.P. 902 L.D. 1305

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
DILLINGHAM of Oxford
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor
WHITE of Washburn

Signed:

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

Senators:

KEIM of Oxford

Signed:

Representatives:

CASÁS of Rockport
HICKMAN of Winthrop

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 Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Senator may continue.

Senator **CHENETTE:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. I rise in opposition to the pending motion and in support of the bill before us. When the highest paid lobbyist makes close to \$300,000 and each legislator averages a mere \$11,000 a year that should tell you all you need to know about the power dynamics here at the State House. What convolutes the situation beyond the unlimited amounts of money that flows from these lobbyists to legislative PACs is the revolving door of former lawmakers becoming lobbyists. It's not easy championing reforms like the one before us when members of my own party are the ones on the forefront of recent inquiries, but I believe it's vital. This is not personal. It shouldn't be about one particular person or situation. This is about changing the entire system to make it more honest and accountable to the people. Under current Maine law Senators, Representatives, and Executive Branch State officials cannot become registered lobbyists until a year after their service has elapsed. However, no one is required to register as a lobbyist unless they lobby for more than eight hours in a month. This is a major loophole that allows former lawmakers to participate in lobbying without waiting a year so long as they stay under the registration threshold. Now why is this problem important? Well, it's quite simple. Lawmakers have spent years developing relationships with individuals under the dome, fellow lawmakers, government officials, lobbyists, etcetera so when they themselves become lobbyists you can see where the inner knowledge of the system, combined with key relationships, can be a recipe for placing their corporation or special interest above the rest and above Maine people. This bill prohibits all compensative lobbying at any amount of time for the first year after their service has ended for former lawmakers and Executive Branch officials. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures at least 34 states have enacted a cooling off period before a former legislator can come back to work in the Legislature as a lobbyist. Eight states: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, and New York, have the highest bans for former legislators at two years, and I wish our laws were just as strong but they're sadly not. While former legislators may make good lobbyist, it weakens the integrity of the institution by having a government of the lobbyist by the corporation and for the bottom-line. Maine deserves better. I would really like to hear particularly from someone on the committee defend why they think it's okay to vote against this

bi-partisan reform bill. I think each - I hope each of us here today look beyond the caucus or political talking points to see the good that this bill can achieve and I have a few questions for the Chamber. Do your constituents, the people that put us in these seats, want to limit the influence of lobbyist at the State House? Do your constituents want to increase ethics and accountability in government? Do your constituents want to strengthen the integrity of the Legislature? If you answered yes to any of those questions the answer of how to vote on this bill is very simple. Vote no on the pending motion and support this modest proposal that addresses a major loophole in our ethics laws. I, for one, will side with my constituents over lobbyists any day. Will you?

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter.

Senator **CARPENTER:** Thank you, Mr. President. On the day after our nation suffered a great tragedy in Washington, I think it's important to separate what I believe is fact from fiction and I think it's important to perhaps answer some of Senator Chenette's questions. Do I think that my constituents wish to limit the influence of lobbyists in the Maine Legislature? I don't know the answer to that question. Any time I've ever had a chance to discuss this issue with my constituents I feel comfortable that I've been able to convince them that lobbyists are typically people paid to represent a group, whether it's the Restaurant Association of Maine or the Maine Physicians or some other group. They're fairly easy targets and it's not my job to stand here and defend them. I don't have any particular relationships and I've been a clean elections candidate every time I've run. So I'm not allowed to take money from lobbyists. As far as legislators, I think you all - some of you may, maybe one or two of you might remember my speech here a few weeks ago in which I said I was proud of the people that the people of Maine send to Augusta. I don't think that changes when they leave here, whether they were defeated or they leave here voluntarily. We welcome legislators back all the time. In fact, we hold a special day to welcome legislators, former legislators, back here. We call it Welcome Back Day. If somebody in this Chamber is so weak, if they can't decide an issue based upon their own independent judgment and they are susceptible to the entreaties of some lobbyist, be that lobbyist a former legislator or not, then they probably shouldn't be here. That's the reason I voted against the bill. I, when a bill comes before any committee that I'm on, I try to discern if there's a problem and, if there is a problem, I'll try my best to craft a solution. In this particular situation I searched for a problem I could not find. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing.

Senator **CUSHING:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. Might I pose a question through the Chair in regards to comments?

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **CUSHING:** Thank you, Mr. President. I noticed that we talked a lot about corporations and individuals. Would this also, in this bill, cover those who advocate for organized labor and nonprofits?

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Chenette.

Senator **CHENETTE:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. We are talking about all compensated lobbying. There is no distinction in this bill. We're talking about whether or not former lawmakers should have a cooling off period for a year or should they not. Should they be able to influence public policy decision making working for a corporation, any organization. There is no distinction when we're talking about lobbying. So to answer the good Senator from Penobscot, yes this would include any form of compensated lobbying.

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence. (Roll Call Ordered)

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **COLLINS** for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Handheld Phones and Devices While Driving"

S.P. 360 L.D. 1089

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-272).**

Report **READ.**

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.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT.** (Roll Call Ordered)

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by
President Pro Tempore Mason.

HELD MATTER

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Create a Plan for the Establishment of a Probate Court System with Full-time Judges (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 423 L.D. 1260

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-231)**

(In House, **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE.**)

(In Senate, June 14, 2017, **FINALLY PASSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**)

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION.**

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/31/17) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Expand Opportunities for Moose Permit Winners To Swap Their Permits" H.P. 446 L.D. 630

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-312)** (11 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-313)** (1 member)

Tabled - May 31, 2017, by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-312)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-312).**)

Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-312)** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter.

Senator **CARPENTER:** Mr. President, this is a big day for me. I've been waiting for weeks to talk about my favorite bill. I call it E-Harmony.Moose. I would ask you to oppose the pending motion. Presently, it's against the law. I'm not a moose hunter but this is the way I understand it. So bear with me. If two people apply for, pay for, and win moose permits they are allowed to swap them for different gender moose, different zones, and different times. Up until a few years ago it was allowed that if I want to do that, and I didn't know who to contact to make that swap or didn't have time, I could call the Brownie Carson Outfitter Service and ask them to broker this for me and they could be compensated for that. So the question I asked in the committee

was: what piece of property in the State of Maine that I lawfully own, and lawfully may possess, may I not transfer for compensation, for consideration? Read Uncle Henry's. You can sell everything in Uncle Henry's imaginable. You can't sell moose permits, you can't swap a moose permit. I'm not talking about selling moose permits. No more moose are going to die because of this. This is moose matchmaking for money. Just E-Harmony.Moose. So if you defeat the pending motion, and accept the Minority Report, you are putting - this is good for business. This is a free enterprise bill. This is good for those who want to get in the business of being compensated. Trust me, it's not a business I'm going to start up. Maybe Senator Carson is. But it would allow this. The present law and the amendment pending would prevent swaps for consideration. You can still swap. You just couldn't get compensated for it. Just think how quickly E-Harmony would go out of business if they couldn't be compensated. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-312)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-312) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, Senate Amendment "A" (S-257) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-312) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-312) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-257) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-312) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-257)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/9/17) matter:

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Promote Impartiality in the Probate Court"
S.P. 345 L.D. 1043

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-230)**

Tabled - June 9, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-230) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ A SECOND TIME**.

On motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, Senate Amendment "A" (S-254) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-230) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-254).

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/12/17) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Support the Professional Development of Principals in Maine Schools"
S.P. 291 L.D. 891

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-237)** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (3 members)

Tabled - June 12, 2017, by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-237) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/13/17) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Make a Needed Clarification to the Term 'Heroin' as Used in the Maine Criminal Code"
S.P. 576 L.D. 1623

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

Minority - **Ought to Pass** (5 members)

Tabled - June 13, 2017, by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw her motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing The United States Congress To Reduce Tariffs On Lobster And Seafood Products To Keep Maine And Domestic Lobster And Seafood Products Competitive With Canadian Lobster And Seafood Products
H.P. 1120

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **ADOPTION AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-490)** in concurrence

(In House, **READ** and **ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-490)**.)

House Amendment "A" (H-490) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-490), in concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by
President Pro Tempore Mason.

Off Record Remarks

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/8/17) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Increase Efficiency in Enforcement of the Maine Human Rights Act"

H.P. 862 L.D. 1239

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-434)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

Tabled - June 8, 2017, by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in **NON-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-434)**.)

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.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**. (Roll Call Ordered)

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/8/17) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Lien Recordings on Statutory Road Associations"

H.P. 908 L.D. 1311

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-435)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

Tabled - June 8, 2017, by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in **NON-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-435)**.)

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.

Same Senator moved to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by
President Pro Tempore Mason.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**. (Roll Call Ordered)

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/13/17) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Restore Community Support Services for Adults with Mental Illness"
S.P. 253 L.D. 808

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-241)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

Tabled - June 13, 2017, by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report

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.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report. (Roll Call Ordered)

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Build Greater Accountability into the General Assistance Program by Increasing the Penalty for Falsely Representing Information on an Application for General Assistance"
H.P. 11 L.D. 10

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ADHERE**

(In Senate, June 9, 2017, on motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-129)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

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

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin to **ADHERE**. (Roll Call Ordered)

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations"
S.P. 466 L.D. 1358

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook

Pending - motion by same Senator to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**

(In Senate, June 12, 2017, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

(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" (S-232)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

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

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**. (Roll Call Ordered)

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Indexing of the Minimum Wage to Inflation"
H.P. 558 L.D. 778

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-356)** (6 members)

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

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

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**. (Roll Call Ordered)

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates To Disclose Their Federal Income Tax Returns"

H.P. 980 L.D. 1422

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-269)** (6 members)

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in concurrence

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence. (Roll Call Ordered)

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Recognize and Provide for the Right of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Operate a Casino on Houlton Band Trust Land Exempt from Certain Gaming Laws" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 999 L.D. 1447

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

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-437)** (5 members)

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-437)**.)

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

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**. (Roll Call Ordered)

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Legislative Political Action Committees"

S.P. 405 L.D. 1211

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (9 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass** (4 members)

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report (Roll Call Ordered)

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

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Would debating this bill be appropriate at this time?

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: Absolutely.

Senator **CHIPMAN**: Great. Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. In 2015 Maine implemented a new law prohibiting candidates for office who run as Clean Election candidates from simultaneously having a Political Action Committee. That was a good step toward ensuring that legislators are responsible to their constituents and that their constituents, alone, by removing the potential, or appearance of potential, for being beholden to wealthy donors, lobbyists, and special interest groups. This bill simply takes that one step further by also prohibiting traditionally funded candidates from running a PAC. This bill levels the playing field by ensuring that both Clean Election and traditionally funded candidates are playing by the same rules when it comes to PACs. Candidates for the Legislature should be focused on their constituents, not dialing up lobbyist for dollars to support leadership ambitions. I know that when I talk to my constituents I hear over and over that there is too much money in our political process and too much potential for influence and that candidates who choose to run Clean Elections shouldn't be at a disadvantage compared to others. This bill makes progress on all three of these fronts and I hope you will join me in opposing the pending motion when we take the vote. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing.

Senator **CUSHING**: Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. Mr. President Pro Tem, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, while I consider the present legislation before us a noble objective, I think we have to be honest with ourselves. If we are going to eliminate money completely from the political process that's fine, but when we have outside interests that are going to expend money in identifying what they believe are the horrific reasons why electing said candidate is not in the best interest of the State or why we should, through the instant gratification of referendums, do something that effects the policy of this State, I think it's appropriate for us to have this discussion further. But, frankly, Mr. President, free speech is something that has been determined to take many courses and the ability to disseminate that, while in many cases is free - as exhibiting here in this Chamber, the sad reality is that to reach people in these busy times, in this diverse State and this country, requires the investment of money. So we have to be real about this. I think, as I've indicated, it's a noble thought, but I think it's unfortunate that we're using this as a political whipping child. I guess I would like to pose a question through the Chair, Mr. President Pro Tem.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **CUSHING**: Could somebody in this Body really define, so we understand what we're talking about, what the word wealthy contributor is? Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT**: Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. I had my button pushed before the question was asked. This is not to the question. Should I give a minute for someone who might answer the question?

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: That might be appropriate. The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Chenette.

Senator **CHENETTE**: Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. To me, I'd like to comment on political whipping child because, to me, this is about strengthening ethics. This bill prohibits a legislative candidate from establishing Political Action Committees for which the candidate is a treasurer or principle officer or for which the candidate is primarily responsible for fundraising or decision making. While "Leadership PACs" aren't officially defined in statute, they are prevalent in our politics. In 2016 35 of these PACs were in play, taking in hundreds of thousands of dollars from lobbyists, corporations, and special interest groups. You can consider that wealthy or not. It's your choice. In one recent election year Leadership PACs raised more than \$1 million. Now what makes these particular Political Action Committees unique is the fact that they are run by legislators, sitting lawmakers who's responsibility is to regulate the same industries that can dump unlimited amounts of money into their accounts. Some of the top contributors, I think, were very interesting. The Portland Press Herald did a nice little piece - beer and wine wholesalers, banks, big pharma, insurance companies, casinos, large lobbying firms, just to name a few. What this bill seeks to do is simply to deny one particular fundraising mechanism from sitting lawmakers. It would still allow members of the public, including lobbyists, corporations, and special interest groups, the ability to contribute to every political party and to every other Political Action Committee that are not run by lawmakers. This will still allow lawmakers to contribute to other PACs and to political parties. This is about strengthening ethics of our system, so I hope you follow our light and vote no on the pending motion.

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

Senator **MIRAMANT**: Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. Men and women of the Senate, I chose last time not to have a PAC, even though it was usually something you do when you're thinking about leadership, before I even came up against the rules because I'm a Clean Election candidate. I thought no, but as the good Senator says, the money has been shown, or has been ruled to be a component of speech. In prohibiting Clean Election candidates from using PACs, it did not stop groups from spending money to try to influence the way they would like to see the country go, the State go. What they do is they send it to the campaign committees now and that little degree of separation - I don't know if I'm the only person - and I don't think so because it's been talked about many times - who, when someone gives you something, especially a large sum of money, you feel like 'I kind of owe them something.' So then what do you start? A battle in your head. Well, but I'm not going to do that. I'm not going to feel that because it wouldn't be appropriate to buy something. That whole battle. It's eliminated in my world because I don't have a PAC. I won't have a PAC. I'm not allowed to have a PAC. So this eliminates that without restricting a group from spending money. They go directly to a campaign committee. That campaign committee uses it. So there is support for that idea. It also has shown to have a few good candidates from both sides of the aisle, as well as Independent - wherever we consider their side of the aisle to be - that they get conflicting messages from the Ethics Commission about what's appropriate to do with a PAC or

they decide without checking with it because it just seems absolutely clear that a PAC could be used in the way they think that they've determined that it should be, and then they make an expenditure and later they become a headline over the way they spent it. Some are still saying, 'Well, that seems fine,' and the others are saying, 'How could you even think that.' I mean, there's just so much room and where your ability to be effective in State government is based on reputation, innuendo, and idea, this just removes it for everyone, Clean Election or not, from getting yourself into that morass of misunderstanding and destroying your career when you're doing good work. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing.

Senator **CUSHING:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. Mr. President Pro Tem, I apologize to the Body for rising to speak again, but I think we need to clarify something. We're talking here about a Political Action Committee purportedly operated by a member of the Legislature. We're not talking about eliminating the influence of large sums of dark money or special interest money that flows into this State to Political Action Committees on a regular election basis. I think we saw in the referendum process, Mr. President Pro Tem, vast sums of out-of-state money from nonprofits and organized labor that was poured into elections and it was handled by some of the same people that we vilify here as lobbyists - some of those people who represent teachers' unions, who sit in this Chamber regularly, and probably sit in other meetings, coordinating activities in the election cycle; members of nonprofits that sit in those positions of authority in PACs. So if we're going to call a spade a shovel, Mr. President Pro Tem, I think we need to decide whether we're going to be honest about this or we're just going to use this for political gamesmanship in whipping up on legislators as if we are a different class who are much more malleable than those who have great interest at risk before the legislative process. Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report. (Roll Call Ordered)

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by
President Pro Tempore Mason.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until 1:00 in the afternoon.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by
President Pro Tempore Mason.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by
President Pro Tempore Mason.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Increase Efficiency in Enforcement of the Maine Human Rights Act"

H.P. 862 L.D. 1239

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-434)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

Tabled - June 15, 2017, by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in **NON-CONCURRENCE** (Roll Call Ordered)

(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-434).**)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#300)

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

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE, PREVAILED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Lien Recordings on Statutory Road Associations"

H.P. 908 L.D. 1311

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-435)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

Tabled - June 15, 2017, by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in **NON-CONCURRENCE** (Roll Call Ordered)

(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-435).**)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#301)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, KEIM, MAKER, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, VITELLI, VOLK, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MASON

10 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 25 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, **FAILED**.

The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-435) **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 Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Restore Community Support Services for Adults with Mental Illness" S.P. 253 L.D. 808

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-241)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

Tabled - June 15, 2017, by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report (Roll Call Ordered)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#302)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, CUSHING, DAVIS, HAMPER, KEIM, LANGLEY, THIBODEAU, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MASON

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CYRWAY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, LIBBY, MAKER, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME

8 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 27 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **FAILED**.

The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-241) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, Senate Amendment "A" (S-270) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-241) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Might I pose a question through the Chair?

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **DAVIS:** Does this amendment have a fiscal note on it, and if so, what is it? Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bellows.

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, the amendment has a fiscal note which removes the General Fund appropriations so that it costs zero dollars. The Department worked with OFPR and believes it can add these services within existing budgeted resources. So the fiscal note removes all out appropriations and allocations for a total of zero.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, Senate Amendment "A" (S-270) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-241) **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-241) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-270) thereto, **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-241) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-270)** thereto.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled matter:

Bill "An Act To Build Greater Accountability into the General Assistance Program by Increasing the Penalty for Falsely Representing Information on an Application for General Assistance"

H.P. 11 L.D. 10

Tabled - June 15, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin to **ADHERE** (Roll Call Ordered)

(In Senate, June 9, 2017, on motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-129)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**)

(In House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#303)

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

NAYS: Senator: CHIPMAN

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 1 Senator having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin to **ADHERE PREVAILED.**

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled matter:

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations" S.P. 466 L.D. 1358

Tabled - June 15 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR** (Roll Call Ordered)

(In Senate, June 12, 2017, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**)

(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" (S-232)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#304)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, VITELLI

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, HAMPER, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MASON

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR FAILED**.

The Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

NOMINATION - of the Honorable Ethna Mary Kelly of Portland for reappointment as a District Court Judge

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, June 14, 2017, Communication (S.C. 509) from the Committee on **JUDICIARY READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.)

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#305)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Ethna Mary Kelly** of Portland for reappointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

NOMINATION - of the Honorable Peter L. Darvin of Bridgton for reappointment as a District Court Judge

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, June 14, 2017, Communication (S.C. 510) from the Committee on **JUDICIARY READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.)

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#306)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Peter L. Darvin** of Bridgton for reappointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

NOMINATION - of the Honorable David J. Soucy of Fort Kent for reappointment as a District Court Judge

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, June 14, 2017, Communication (S.C. 511) from the Committee on **JUDICIARY READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#307)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **David J. Soucy** of Fort Kent for reappointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

NOMINATION - of Lani M. Smith-McNabb of East Machias for appointment to the Washington County Development Authority

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, June 14, 2017, Communication (S.C. 514) from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#308)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Lani M. Smith-McNabb** of East Machias for appointment to the Washington County Development Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Require the Completion of Courses of Study in Home Economics and Industrial Arts Education Prior to Graduation from High School"

S.P. 139 L.D. 412

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, May 31, 2017, **FINALLY PASSED** in concurrence.)

(In Senate, June 14, 2017, Veto Communication (S.C. 512)
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.)

The President Pro Tempore 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 (#309)

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

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, DOW, VOLK, WHITTEMORE

31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 4 Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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 **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Increase Efficiency in the Enforcement of Restitution and Bail Orders"

S.P. 322 L.D. 983

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

In Senate, May 31, 2017, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in concurrence.)

(In Senate, June 14, 2017, Veto Communication (S.C. 513)
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.)

The President Pro Tempore 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 (#310)

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

NAYS: Senator: BRAKEY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 1 Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 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 **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Indexing of the Minimum Wage to Inflation"

H.P. 558 L.D. 778

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-356)** (6 members)

Tabled - June 15, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in **NON-CONCURRENCE** (Roll Call Ordered)

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ and ACCEPTED.**)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#311)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, CARPENTER, CARSON, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MASON

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DION, JACKSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, VITELLI

25 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE, PREVAILED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-356) **READ.**

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bellows.

Senator **BELLOWS:** Mr. President Pro Tem, the title on the board did not reflect this bill when it was first posted. This is what we thought we were voting on - 46. I know because when I cast my vote this is the title I was looking at.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: No, it was correct. The Senator from Penobscot noted the error and we changed it. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby? The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bellows.

Senator **BELLOWS:** Mr. President Pro Tem, does anyone on the prevailing side wish to move reconsideration on Item Unfinished 45?

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: It is not a proper motion. That motion is out of order.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-356) **ADOPTED.**

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

(See action later today.)

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates To Disclose Their Federal Income Tax Returns"

H.P. 980 L.D. 1422

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-269)** (6 members)

Tabled - June 15, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in concurrence (Roll Call Ordered)

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**)

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing.

Senator **CUSHING:** Just for the good of the order in the Chamber, Mr. President, we'll verify that we are voting on Unfinished 46?

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: We are.

Senator **CUSHING:** Thank you, Mr. President.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#312)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, HAMPER, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MASON

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

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 17 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in concurrence **PREVAILED.**

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Legislative Political Action Committees"

S.P. 405 L.D. 1211

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (9 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass** (4 members)

Tabled - June 15, 2017, by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report (Roll Call Ordered)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#313)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, HAMPER, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MASON

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

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 17 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Allow Delivery Vehicles To Display Lighted Advertising Signs"

S.P. 122 L.D. 381

Tabled - June 14, 2017, by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR** (Roll Call Ordered)

(In Senate, June 12, 2017, 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-238)**.)

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#314)

YEAS: Senators: COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, HAMPER, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MASON

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

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR FAILED**.

The Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Restrictions Governing Lobbying by Former Legislators and Former Executive Branch Officials"

H.P. 1095 L.D. 1591

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (11 members)

Minority - **Ought To Pass** (2 members)

Tabled - June 15, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in concurrence. (Roll Call Ordered)

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#315)

YEAS: Senators: CARPENTER, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, HAMPER, HILL, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, MILLETT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MASON

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DION, GRATWICK, JACKSON, LIBBY, MIRAMANT, VITELLI, WOODSOME

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by
President Pro Tempore Mason.

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** the following:

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Indexing of the Minimum Wage to Inflation"

H.P. 558 L.D. 778

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

(In Senate, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-356).

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ACCEPTED** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report 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.

Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot moved to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE** of the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Same Senator requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his motion to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE** of the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#316)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, HAMPER, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MASON

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

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 17 Senators having voted in the negative, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-356) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Epidemic of Opiate Abuse"
H.P. 983 L.D. 1429

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended** by **Committee Amendment "A" (H-510)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-510)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-510) **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 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Establish Ordinances Banning or Restricting Marijuana Caregivers within 500 Feet of a School" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1129 L.D. 1636

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-509)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-509)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-509) **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 Remove Time and Acreage Limits for Placing Land in Trust Status under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement"

H.P. 649 L.D. 921

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-513)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-513)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-513) **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 **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Making Unified 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, 2018 and June 30, 2019" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 995 L.D. 1440

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-504)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-504)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-504) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Restore the Tip Credit to Maine's Minimum Wage Law
S.P. 235 L.D. 673
(C "A" S-209)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 22 Members of the Senate, with 13 Senators having voted in the negative, and 22 being less than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, **FAILED ENACTMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by
President Tempore Mason.

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill **FAILED ENACTMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Clarify the Opioid Medication Prescribing Limits Laws
S.P. 338 L.D. 1031
(C "A" S-242)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 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 Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled matter:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Restore the Tip Credit to Maine's Minimum Wage Law
S.P. 235 L.D. 673
(C "A" S-209)

Tabled - June 15, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Volk.

Senator **VOLK:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. I'm not going to say much other than it looks as though it's very likely this bill will become law and enacting it on an Emergency basis, as this motion would do, would actually allow it to go into law before the tourist season, which would send a very strong message to our tourism industry.

Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin moved to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Mr. President, may leadership approach the rostrum?

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by
President Pro Tempore Mason.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bellows.

Senator **BELLOWS:** A question for Mr. President Pro Tem. This is a roll call on a tabling motion?

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: Correct. Tabling motions are not debatable.

Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his request for a Roll Call.

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

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:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Modernize the Laws Governing Maine Harness Racing
H.P. 1052 L.D. 1532
(C "A" H-478)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 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 Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11: Rules Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program and Prescription of Opioid Medications, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

H.P. 940 L.D. 1363
(C "A" H-477)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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 Improve the Funding of County Jails
H.P. 329 L.D. 463
(C "A" H-487)
- An Act To Improve the Management of Inmates in County and Regional Jails
S.P. 177 L.D. 516
(C "A" S-264)
- An Act To Prohibit Certain Gifts to Health Care Practitioners
H.P. 639 L.D. 911
(C "A" H-481)
- An Act To Increase Reporting on Wage and Hour Violations
H.P. 705 L.D. 1004
(C "A" H-389)
- An Act To Promote Fiscal Responsibility in the Purchasing of Debt
H.P. 836 L.D. 1199
(C "A" H-468)
- An Act To Provide Youth Mental Health First Aid Training to Secondary School Health Educators
H.P. 929 L.D. 1335
(H "A" H-471 to C "A" H-421)
- An Act Regarding the Licensure of Appraisal Management Companies
H.P. 939 L.D. 1349
(C "A" H-467)
- An Act To Make Community Paramedicine Services Permanent
H.P. 981 L.D. 1427
(C "A" H-489)
- An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Motor Vehicle Dealers
S.P. 509 L.D. 1463
(C "A" S-267)

An Act To Update the Statutes Governing the Bureau of Labor Standards To Promote Clarity for Workers and Employers
S.P. 553 L.D. 1575
(C "A" S-252)

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

An Act To Establish an Additional Veterans Treatment Court
H.P. 79 L.D. 111
(H "B" H-488 to C "A" H-331)

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

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Develop a Long-range Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State
H.P. 273 L.D. 367
(C "A" H-493)

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

An Act To Increase Access to Vaccinations
H.P. 323 L.D. 456
(S "B" S-263 to C "A" H-208)

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

An Act Regarding Absentee Voting by Residents of Nursing Homes and Other Residential Care Facilities
H.P. 840 L.D. 1204
(C "A" H-494)

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

An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Landowner Relations Program
H.P. 965 L.D. 1391
(C "A" H-321)

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

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

An Act To Encourage Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine
S.P. 477 L.D. 1399
(C "A" S-223)

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **ADJOURNED** until Friday, June 16, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute of all those wounded in the Arlington shooting and in special honor of Officer Crystal Griner and Officer David Bailey.

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

An Act Regarding Prescription Drug Step Therapy
S.P. 485 L.D. 1407
(C "A" S-245)

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

An Act To Stabilize Funding for the County Jails
S.P. 519 L.D. 1490
(C "A" S-268)

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/20/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program"

S.P. 164 L.D. 503
(C "A" S-31)

Tabled - April 20, 2017, by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-31)**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-31).

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks
