

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
68th Legislative Day
Tuesday, June 30, 2015

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Honorable Roberta B. Beavers, South Berwick.

National Anthem by Angela Pitteroff, Augusta.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

The Journal of Tuesday, June 23, 2015 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 322)

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June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby executing a veto of LD 1019, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General 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, 2015, June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017."

The Maine people made it quite clear in November they want tax relief and welfare reform. As soon as legislators returned to Augusta, they got busy ignoring the wishes of the Maine people. They dilly-dallied for five months, then patched together a business-as-usual budget at the last minute. Secretive, late-night decisions made under the cover of darkness and behind locked doors resulted in a budget based on the best interests of a handful of politicians, not what is best for the 1.3 million people of Maine.

In contrast, the Governor's comprehensive budget was prepared by dozens of people over several months, analyzed by experts and put out for public scrutiny.

Politicians used the false threat of a government shutdown as an excuse to push through a poorly constructed budget that is largely devoid of reform. Their scare tactics were not only morally indefensible, they were completely unnecessary. We submitted a Governor's bill to keep government open during budget negotiations. The bill, LD 1450, "An Act To Enact an Interim Budget," is now awaiting action from the Legislature.

If the House and Senate really want to craft a budget to benefit the Maine people, they can approve this bill to keep government open. They can keep working until they negotiate a truly meaningful budget.

While Mainers want to reduce the size of government, this budget grows state government by \$300 million. Despite a strong desire by the Maine people to continue with welfare reform, this budget

actually expands the welfare system. It is driving us backward down the wrong road.

Although we have increased education funding every year, liberal politicians complain the state does not provide enough money for education. Then they killed a bill to fund an important initiative that would provide zero to low-interest loans to Maine students in the STEM fields.

The Portland school system received so much extra state aid for education, liberals diverted the city's share of school funding to give welfare to illegal aliens and undocumented immigrants. This kind of shell game with the taxpayers' money will be challenged by the Executive Branch.

Even worse, this budget will quite literally be paid for with the lives of Mainers. The drug epidemic continues to ravage our streets—nearly 1,000 babies are born each year addicted to drugs and 208 Mainers died of drug overdoses in 2014.

Rather than fund an adequate number of MDEA agents to hunt down the ruthless out-of-state drug traffickers that are infiltrating our communities and killing our children, Augusta politicians chose to expand welfare to able-bodied people and to de-fund services for our elderly and disabled.

Elderly and disabled Mainers are rightfully entitled to healthcare, but they are left sitting for years on waitlists without basic services. Politicians provided only \$6 million toward the waitlist, when the true need is another \$40 million—which I allocated in my original budget.

Choosing to protect drug traffickers and allowing more babies to be born drug-addicted, instead of providing our most vulnerable with the services they need and deserve, is simply unconscionable.

Politicians in Augusta also rejected my plan to overhaul the state's General Assistance program, which encouraged cities like Portland to spend more of local taxpayers' money so they could get even more funding from the state. They watered down General Assistance reform to reward cities that insist on giving local taxpayers' money to illegal aliens.

Clearly, the health and public safety of Mainers is not a priority of the 127th Legislature. Instead, Augusta politicians snuck in a \$4 million "Christmas tree" adorned with piggy projects for legislators, such as buying federal land in Kittery, buying an unneeded "Frances Perkins Homestead," paying for a commission disguised as initiative to end hunger and creating entirely new projects.

Maine taxpayers deserve to know how every dollar of their money is being spent, but this "Christmas tree" with gifts for certain legislators was presented with no public notice or input. This is exactly the kind of back-room politics the people of Maine sent me here in record numbers to prevent.

Too many elected politicians are willing to disenfranchise the Maine people in exchange for feeding off the public trough, even at the expense of our most vulnerable and needy citizens.

The days of pork-barrel spending—and Christmas in June—must end. At the very least, I will bring these politicians' actions to light for all Mainers to see.

My administration has been working for five years to create an efficient government, but that is an oxymoron to the 127th Legislature. They must set aside their self-serving political agendas and put the hard-working people of Maine first.

Mainers should have a say in how the money they have earned is being spent, and they should be included in the budgeting process. I took my budget directly to the people of Maine, holding 10 public town hall meetings up and down the state.

But legislators failed to embrace transparency in a budget that affects the 1.3 million people they claim to represent. They shut Mainers out of their budget process, and they refused to let them

vote on whether the income tax should be eliminated. Mainers deserve to have the debate over whether the income tax should be phased out.

The future of our state depends on our ability to be competitive with the nation and the world. We must work aggressively each year to cut back the income tax until it is gone—then ensure it never comes back. We need younger people to move to Maine.

I will continue to insist that each bill get a two-thirds vote until the Legislature shows it is willing to give the Maine people the democracy they deserve by allowing them to vote on a Constitutional amendment to get rid of the income tax.

My budget proposal was widely acknowledged as a bold and comprehensive plan to modernize, reform and restructure how Maine does business. Unfortunately, it proved too big a concept for some of the small minds in the Legislature to grasp.

In exchange for political expediency, they submitted a budget that fails to provide meaningful tax relief, rolls back welfare reforms and endangers the health and safety of our children, our elderly and our most vulnerable citizens.

Therefore, I am vetoing the 127th Legislature's budget. I ask each one of you to stand up for the Maine people and support this veto.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General 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, 2015, June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 702) (L.D. 1019)

(S. "A" S-287 and S. "B" S-288 to C. "A" H-415)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I urge everyone in this chamber today to vote "no." To go back and finish the work that was begun. To address the individuals in this state who have not been addressed in this budget and in prior budgets.

As we took the original vote on this document, a family had loaded up all of their belongings in a U-haul and they were on the road out of this state; the LeVasseur family, Cindy and Paul, whose son, Michael, graduated from high school last year and he's autistic and he was not able to get into appropriate services. I've used him as an example on many of the bills that we've had before this chamber this year and the good Representative from Yarmouth stood up and mentioned that this gentleman does have MaineCare. Well, yes, he does. He does have MaineCare to address his medical needs. But what we're not doing is addressing the specific needs, the specialized needs that this young man has.

We also have other families with children on the spectrum who have graduated from high school and are on waitlists. We have children on the spectrum who don't go to school who are on wait lists. We have seniors who are on wait lists waiting for home services to keep them out of a much more expensive facility level of care. We have disabled on the waitlists. We have traumatic brain injured folks on the waitlists. We have folks with traumatic brain injuries in a facility in New Hampshire.

The total asked for them in this budget, the proposed budget, was \$2.5 million. This final budget funded them at \$1.5 million.

Out of \$300 million of new spending, we couldn't spare one? One for individuals who can't feed themselves? And the facility where they're housed in New Hampshire is closing. We're looking for placements for these individuals in states like Pennsylvania and Illinois. And pardon me, but I know that if they're in New Hampshire, that's a darn long day for families to go visit their loved ones. But now, it's not going to be a day trip anymore.

We are sending Mainers even further from home because we didn't have the fortitude to find an extra million dollars in our budget to care for these individuals, to bring them home where they belong. We pat ourselves on the back saying we've done a great job, a great job giving PNMI's, our assisted living facilities, a four percent increase, one percent up from three percent. Well that would be all well and good except for the fact that we've also taxed them an extra one percent, so it's awash for the facilities; no extra money in their pockets. But who it's going to hit is it's going to hit the seniors who are private pay. So while we are giving with one hand, our other hand is around their back picking their pockets, forcing them onto MaineCare sooner as we dwindle down their resources. This is not right. This is not right.

Meanwhile, we fund pet projects. We buy a Francis Perkin House for \$200,000. While that may be a noble idea, it should not come before the care of the most needy individuals in our state. We spend \$200,000 funding a lighthouse restoration. Again, probably something that has great historical value to us, but what about the needs of the citizens in this state who are not getting care? I urge you all: vote "no." We have a tool available to us to pass an interim budget.

The SPEAKER: The Representative will defer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Grant, and inquires to why the Representative rises.

Representative **GRANT**: Aren't we to keep our comments relative to the matter before us? That is my question.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative GRANT of Gardiner asked the Chair if the remarks of Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea were germane to the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative. Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson, if you would keep your remarks to the pending motion, which is the reconsideration of the veto.

The Chair reminded Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea to stay as close as possible to the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, we do not have to shut state government down if we do not vote to pass this budget today. We do not have to do that and to say that we're going to shut state government down if we don't pass this budget, that's what I hear as a false choice. We've heard a lot about false choices this year; false choices between GA for undocumented immigrants, false choices in choosing to fund waitlists. There is no such thing as a false choice. It's a true choice that we've made. It's a true choice not to set priorities for the individuals of this State of Maine who have lived here all their lives. It's a true choice that we have made not to support seniors in their home who are on the waitlist. It's a true choice that we have made to not fund individuals in front of pet projects. These are true choices because if it were truly were a false choice, then we'd be funding them all, but we're not.

The pot of resources that we have is only this big, yet we have needs this big. I would urge every one of us to vote "no," send our Appropriations individuals, members, back to the table and take a look at what we have in the budget. Remove the junk, support the needs, and let individual bills stand on their own merit. There were many bills in my committee that were rolled

into the budget. Are they good bills? Yes they are. I voted for them. But they're individual projects that we should be looking at as an individual project, not rolling it into the big picture so it gets passed because we are afraid to shut state government down. And the fact of the matter is: we don't have to. We don't have to. Again, I urge you to vote "no." Citizens of this state want welfare reform—true welfare reform. They want our elderly cared for, our disabled cared for. The families with traumatic brain injured folks in New Hampshire, I bet they want their family members closer to home; not in Pennsylvania or Illinois. \$1,000,000 out of \$300,000,000. That's a sad commentary on priorities. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe.

Representative **McCABE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, first I rise to thank the good Representative from Newport, Leader Fredette, as well as you, Mr. Speaker, for your work on this budget. I also rise to thank the members of Appropriations, the many committees that put their efforts into this budget. This is a bipartisan budget before us. It has tax cuts in it for 579,000 families. It puts money into our classroom. It invests in our workers. It doubles property tax relief for working families and seniors to help them stay in their homes and to stay in their communities.

Most importantly, Mr. Speaker, today's vote prevents an imminent state shutdown. If we don't vote for this budget, there's no way to prevent a state shutdown. A continuing resolution is not an option. It is not lawful. It violates the Constitution. We are required to pass a balanced budget, and frankly, it just kicks the can down the road.

So, we have a bipartisan agreement before us. It's one that 105 of us in this body have voted for before. I urge all of us to stick with our votes and support a budget that gives tax cuts, property tax relief, and it invests in our workers and it invests in our school and our children. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis.

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, early this year at the beginning of session, many of us were dismayed when starting on schedule seemed to be near impossible. Many of the people that have been around for a while would sort of grin and say, "It's always been like that here." In fact, we came to learn—the new people—come to learn that the running joke around this building is, "It's just simply legislative time."

In the real world, outside these walls, being late is known as being disrespectful and irresponsible. Of course there are obvious occasions when running late is unavoidable but should be expected. Should be the exception, not the rule. I imagine there must've been a time, probably many decades ago, where timeliness was allowed to start sliding down that slippery slope to get us to where we are today.

The SPEAKER: Will the Representative defer? The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Chenette, and inquires why the Representative rises.

Representative **CHENETTE**: I question the germaneness of the topic at hand, Mr. Speaker. We are voting on an override motion, not talking about time or timeliness.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative CHENETTE of Saco asked the Chair if the remarks of Representative STETKIS of Canaan were germane to the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would take that into consideration and would agree to keep the comments strictly to what is before us and that is the budget and the veto reconsideration.

The Chair reminded Representative STETKIS of Canaan to stay as close as possible to the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, is today going to be that day where Representatives of the citizens of Maine say "no" to this budget process and keep the government from sliding down the slippery slope that this process has brought us to? Is today going to be the day the process of an appointed committee of appropriators who work and debate and negotiate the priorities of our state becomes the next running joke in this building? Is it today that this body will place its stamp of approval for all future Legislatures to allow a few politically powerful members to override the process whenever things become difficult?

Mr. Speaker, I would be surprised if a single member here campaigned with the promise that they were going to support Maine's government becoming more like that of our dysfunctional federal government in Washington, DC. Yet here we are. We have a \$6.7 billion budget negotiated behind closed doors, filled with expensive pet projects being a priority over our most needy citizens. A 700-page budget released to those of us tasked with voting on it without adequate time to read or understand it. All the while having wasted so much time, we were pressured with the possibility of a government shutdown.

If I wasn't here to witness it myself, I'd swear we were talking about Washington, DC, not Augusta, Maine. I will be voting today against allowing this process to become the status quo. I will be voting in support of our Appropriations Committee getting back to work and completing what they were tasked to do several months ago. I will be voting today to sustain this veto in an effort to maintain the integrity of the process of the people's house and I invite you all to join me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Amherst, Representative Lockman.

Representative **LOCKMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I want to address the process by which we got here today, debating an override of the Chief Executive's veto of this budget. About two weeks ago, Scott Thistle, State House Reporter, wrote a story for the *Lewiston Sun Journal*. I want to quote from it.

"Legislative leaders on both sides of the political aisle Tuesday defended a \$6.7 billion state budget and tax bill that was largely crafted by secret negotiations among party leaders. Their chief defense for the secretive nature of the negotiations was that they ran out of time to follow a more public process. Those proposed changes were presented to lawmakers in a series of caucus meetings Monday night," two weeks ago, "and Tuesday morning," two weeks ago, "both at the State House and at private locations outside the Capitol complex in Augusta. The public was not invited to these meetings, and no notice was given to the media. By Tuesday morning," two weeks ago, "specific details on the proposed changes were still unclear and at least one staff member for House Speaker Mark Eves told a reporter that they would know what was in the budget once it was voted on by the Legislature.

"The closed-door nature of the negotiations and the tightly controlled dissemination of information prompted the resignation from the Legislature's Right-to-Know Citizen's Advisory Committee of Mal Leary, a veteran state government reporter for the Maine Public Broadcasting Network. Leary did issue a letter to his fellow board members about the secret deal reached by legislative leaders." Quote.

The SPEAKER: Will the Representative defer? The Chair recognizes the Representative from Standish, Representative Shaw, and asks why the Representative rises.

Representative **SHAW**: I wonder if we're talking about the lead-up to the budget or the budget itself.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative SHAW of Standish asked the Chair if the remarks of Representative LOCKMAN of Amherst were germane to the pending question.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair would remind Members to focus their comments on the budget before us. The Chair would determine the process by which we got here is germane and relevant.

The Chair reminded all members to stay as close as possible to the pending question.

The **SPEAKER**: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **LOCKMAN**: Continuing. Quoting from Mal Leary: "All of these changes, which include a rewrite of the tax code, will be presented as an amendment to the budget with no hearing or vote by the Appropriations Committee. In short, they are making us as bad as Washington, DC, where votes are taken before members know what they are voting on, let alone the public. I have protested this travesty. I want no part of the process that excludes the public from even knowing about proposed changes in law that affect them."

Mr. Speaker, this is precisely the kind of Washington, DC style politics that has earned the contempt of the American people. Washington is a place where secret, backroom deals are the norm and where legislators vote on bills that nobody has time to read before the vote and now this is the way we do business in the Maine Legislature. Never before has a Maine state budget been drafted and negotiated in secret by partisan leadership with legislators and the public kept in the dark until just hours before the vote. This lack of transparency is unprecedented and it flies in the face of both the letter and the spirit of Maine's freedom of access laws. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I urge you to sustain this veto and we will move on, pass an interim budget, and send this back to the Appropriations Committee for public hearings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Raymond, Representative McClellan.

Representative **McCLELLAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I will try to stay on track because I know there's a rush to get this all done, so, what should be concerning to people. But, I stand, Mr. Speaker, to agree with the Rep. from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson. And earlier in this budget process, Mr. Speaker, I was proud. I work with people with disabilities and I was going around saying, "Wow, we're going to do this. We're going to close this waiting list this year." So, I'm disappointed to be voting on a budget today, or I guess on a veto of a budget, that is built on the backs, in my opinion, of people with disabilities.

I've heard over the last weekend, or last week, overwhelmingly, overwhelmingly from my community to go back and do this correctly. Mr. Speaker, I stand to say that I'm disappointed in the scare tactics, the delays, the last-minute nature of this process. And so I will be supporting the Chief Executive today and I, for one, am ready to go back to work, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from East Machias, Representative Tuell.

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the veto override. I think how we got here, why we're here, we're here. We are here today. Today is June 30th. And there are many different people have many versions of how and why what happened, happened. I would urge folks to keep in mind that if this bill goes down, whatever people think happened this past time, will happen 100 times worse with the

next steps to come. We will be in uncharted waters. It will be a very dangerous, slippery slope.

And I'm trying to be careful about how I say what I want to say because I truly believe everyone on both sides of this is doing what they feel is in the best interests of their people back home. I know I am. I know everyone over here truly is doing that. I believe everyone, I believe you and everyone else in this body is doing the same. But I believe we passed a budget two weeks ago. We made a commitment. We made a commitment to our people. And it's high time we honor that commitment.

Whether people have buyer's remorse or had time to pick it apart or whether people had time to read this or read that, I know there was a lot of chatter in the halls that could've been spent reading the actual document. And, you know, everyone here is guilty of that. I'm pointing the finger at myself. I think everyone here is guilty of that. Everyone who didn't sit in their seat and read through what was presented, that was time. So, I'm tired of hearing, "There's no time." There was plenty of time for people to talk, but more importantly, there was enough time for people to sit and go about their business.

And I guess I'll just leave it at that and say that I think we have a good budget. I think we have the best budget we could get. I think nobody, there's things I don't like that we are spending \$300 million. But guess what more? But guess what? We're also contemplating spending \$265 million more in bonds over the next two years and nobody is up in arms over that one. I'm not going to get onto other bills today, but I can honestly say keep that in mind as you think about this one. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Timberlake.

Representative **TIMBERLAKE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, as one of being part of this process, the process that I feel did not work because it was derailed at the very bottom end of this process. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would've hoped and wished that when the votes started coming out of Appropriations at nine to four, that we'd have had a time-out called and we'd have gone back to re-focus on what the problem was and why we were at where we were at.

Because the process didn't work and because some of the things that I truly believe in didn't happen, I'm very disgruntled over what has happened here today and what's happening here today. So, Mr. Speaker, I only wished that in your leadership and in your tenure here that when that process broke down that you would've called a time-out and we'd have gone back to revisit it. And I will be voting the same way as I voted last time because I think the process failed and I thank you all very much for the indulgence.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Sirocki.

Representative **SIROCKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion and will vote to sustain the veto. I am still voting against this budget because I still know we can do better. While it is not easy, we can and should take the time to make improvements. Essential things should have been included in the budget, but this budget under difficult negotiating conditions made other choices, as the good Representative from Chelsea outlined.

While I can make no promises that sustaining this veto will prioritize our disabled, elderly, autistic, traumatically brain injured, over funding for cherry-picked bills and other costly decisions, I do promise you that it will provide us with the opportunity to right a wrong. The process was compromised. Mr. Speaker, we

should consider these decisions in the open with full public scrutiny. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Amherst, Representative Lockman.

Representative **LOCKMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I want to speak very briefly to the content of this budget, just one piece of it. Maine Revenue Services has found that nearly 188,000, or 17 percent, of Maine households will see a tax increase under this plan. The majority of these households, about 74,000 of them, earn between approximately \$26,000 and \$92,000 and are middle-class Mainers who are already struggling to get by. And although the budget plan would greatly increase the size of the standard deduction, it also phases out itemized and standard deductions starting at \$70,000 for a single taxpayer. The largest itemized deductions for taxpayers are: charitable contributions, mortgage interest deductions, and medical expense deductions, meaning that those who donate to charity, buy a home, or have medical expenses could take a significant tax hit if we override this veto today.

Increasing taxes on these individuals, or on any individual in Maine, is not only counterproductive and detrimental to economic growth, it is unnecessary and unneeded. Maine is raising record amounts of revenue and is spending higher amounts than ever before. A tax increase is not needed and should not even be an option that is on the table at this point in our budget process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Melaragno.

Representative **MELARAGNO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I just wanted to make a quick note—sort of the elephant in the room here—which is: if the folks on the other side of the aisle really wanted to go to bat for the neediest people in our state...

The SPEAKER: The Representative will defer. The Chair is concerned that this might be going down a road of personal intent. So, the Chair would make sure that the Representative stays to the pending motion.

The Chair reminded Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn that it was inappropriate to question the motives of other members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **MELARAGNO**: Sure. I think we need to remember that in this budget, there were certain folks in this room that fought hard to reduce the taxes of the wealthiest in this state. They fought hard. And they got a lot of that. So, what happened was, in terms of income tax breaks, the wealthiest got the biggest tax break in this budget. So, let's remember when we talk about the neediest people in our state that there are certain people who fought really hard to get the tax breaks for the wealthiest in our state, while talking out the other side of their mouth saying that they care for needy people. So, let's give that a thought as well. I'd argue the Republicans got exactly what they want.

The SPEAKER: The Representative will defer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford, and inquires as to why the Representative rises.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, is the Representative questioning integrity of other Members of the body?

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn objected to the comments of Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn because she was questioning the motives of other members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order. The Chair would remind all Members, as emotional as the debate is, to stick to the

substance of what is in front of you, do not question the motives of other Members, and to keep to the content of the motion before you.

The Chair reminded all members that it was inappropriate to question the motives of other members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Pickett.

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today to speak about the budget, not to look at anybody and cast any judgement on why they vote the way they vote. I look very simple to tell you this story: When I was campaigning, I went door-to-door to every door in my district. And I talked with people and looked them in the eye and they looked me in the eye and they told me what they were concerned about. And one of the greatest pieces that they told me they were concerned about was the welfare reform, how it was running rampant in our state.

They also talked about their taxes. But they told me what they felt and what they wanted me to do when I came down here to Augusta. So I came down here and now comes time for the budget. I looked them in the eye and I made promises; promises that I told them I couldn't keep alone. I would have to find other people that wanted to work with me to make those promises come true. But I would go and I would work very, very hard to try to make those promises come true to them.

In a nutshell, I promised to stand up for meaningful welfare reform. I promised to stand up for brain injured people and others truly in need. I promised to support meaningful tax relief on the state level for every Maine income tax payer and I promised to oppose any bill or budget proposal that would pass more mandates and more taxes down to Maine communities and citizens. And finally, I promised to increase support as needed for the elderly Maine people. Those were my promises and those are a solid part of my belief system.

Here's the bottom line to all of this: I believe our responsibility to our elderly Maine people is a sacred trust. Our mothers, our fathers, our aunts, and our uncles were among the builders of Maine. I refuse to compromise with people until they realize that our grandfathers and our grandmothers come first. These people paid their dues. They raised their families and they received no welfare from the state. Welfare, as it is now passed out, did not exist. These folks took personal responsibility for their lives and their families and they formed the bedrock of our once self-sufficient people. I will not abandon them. Sit down in a room and compromise away these people in order to continue to build a welfare state.

I believe that we had a process that we went through and now we have a budget before us. I voted "no" on the budget the other night. I plan to vote to sustain the Chief Executive's veto. And the reason I am is I believe we can do better. I believe we owe it to the people of this state to do better. It's time for us to put welfare reform where it belongs. It's time for us to get busy and take care of the people in this state that really need it. That's what our people want. That's what our people told us when we came here and now it's our responsibility to do it. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's the witching hour. It's 11 o'clock a.m. It's June 30. We have 13 hours to resolve this issue. The reality is, as a factual matter, we are at the end of the fiscal year and we are where we are.

Let's acknowledge a couple things, which I believe are simply factual. One is, is that there was a breakdown in the process.

There was a breakdown in the process in terms of House Republicans buying into and having their priorities put into this budget and that created an unusual process. And I, as a former member of the Appropriations Committee back in the 125th Legislature, can tell you, at least from my experience in that session that this was not the normal process that which we would normally follow in terms of getting a budget. And when I served in the 125th Legislature when Republicans controlled both the House and the Senate and we passed a significant budget then that had significant income tax reductions in it, that we did that in a bipartisan manner. We did that in the Appropriations Committee, brought it up to the floor of the House and the other body, and that bill became law. And that's not the way this process happened and that's just a factual matter.

But as the process moved forward, I believe House Republicans stepped forward to say, "These are what our priorities are in this process: some welfare reform, some additional money to be spent on those most needy, approximately \$10 million of additional money put into those with brain injury, Section 21 waitlist, PNMI." And another significant priority of House Republicans, that being an income tax reduction package.

I want to credit the Chief Executive for bringing the matter forward of income tax reform here in Maine and he did that in his biennial budget that he presented before the Legislature and worked on in the Appropriations Committee. And that started six months ago. And then, approximately two months ago, Senate and House Democrats came forward with their own income tax reduction package called "The Better Plan." And then shortly after that, House and Senate Republicans came forward with a package which was the Republican income tax reduction plan. And while this process was going on, approximately two or three weeks ago, there was a number of newspaper accounts in the newspapers that was talking about one of the tax packages that was being worked upon that might, in fact, become law. And so, it was not the right process. But it is the process that we ended up where we are today, 13 hours before the end of the legislative session.

I want to talk about, very briefly, what I think was some important components of that income tax reduction package, which I think was a fair distribution. Talking about Maine residents and exporting a portion of revenue to those people that come to our state—30 million people a year—exporting some of that revenue generating mechanism so that we could give income reduction and property tax relief to Maine tax people. So, what did we do that's important, in my opinion?

We doubled the Homestead Exemption from \$10,000 to \$20,000. That means Maine people who own a residence—young, old, middle-class, those with two young children—are going to get a doubling of their Homestead Exemption. Those in the military who are retiring and they decide they want to come to Maine are going to have the opportunity to come to Maine and have their full pension, full military pension income, be exempt; a major priority of the Chief Executive and both parties. I think that's significant. We raised the Estate Tax from \$2 million to roughly \$5 million, protecting many of those small businesses right here in Maine and many of those small farms so that they can look at passing on a significant asset that they've helped create and generate over their lifetime and generations. And that's significant.

And we also lowered the income tax rate for those in the middle income tax bracket—very important piece here, Ladies and Gentlemen. Roughly speaking, the highest, you are defined as "rich" in this state and you are at the top income tax bracket at approximately \$20,000 under current law. You paid 7.95 percent

at roughly \$20,000 AGI here in Maine. The second year of this package, we expand that bracket from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Up to \$50,000, so we've gone from \$20,000 to \$50,000 and we've gone from a rate of 7.95 percent down to 6.75 percent. That is significant income tax reduction and it is focused on the middle class; many of those people that we want to have stay here in Maine. Many of those people that we focus on who we say, you know, "You're a young family. You have young children. We want you to stay here in Maine. We're going to put more money back in your pocket, not taxing you at 7.95 percent when you're making \$21,000, but taxing you at 6.75 percent." That's real income tax relief, folks. That's real and that's meaningful.

Now there are some things I don't like in this budget. There are things I imagine if you ask all 151 of us in this body, there are things that we don't like in this budget. But we are where we are today. I have to focus on those things that I think that are important to myself and my constituents. I think I've identified those things that I think that are important. We, as Republicans, in our caucus encourage people to speak freely and to have differences of opinions and we obviously have that on this side of the aisle. But I don't think that's a bad thing. I don't think that's a bad thing at all. And I respect those that disagree with me.

But at the end of the day, folks, less than 13 hours from now, in my opinion, if we don't have a state budget, I think that we are faced with a state government shutdown. Now there may or may not be an alternative. Certainly there's not one that's been tried before. But at the end of the day, I'm going to support this budget because I think there's some good things in it. And yes, I think there's some bad things in it, but it is what it is. Ladies and folks, we have divided government. We have a Democratic House, we have a Republican Senate and a Republican Governor. This is divided government, folks. You don't get everything that you want.

I believe the people of Maine sent us here to do a job and I think we can all do that in a respectable, reasonable way. This isn't the end of this, folks. We'll be back here in six months. There may or may not be a Supplemental Budget. There may be new bills in place. There may be bills to amend the tax plan. We'll be back here in six months, continuing to do the job that we can and that we have applied to do and been elected to do. But today, we have a much simpler question before us today and that is we have a budget before us. And at the end of the day, I'm going to support that budget and I'll ask you to follow my light. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 396V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chenette, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Herbig, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Monaghan, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier,

Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Stanley, Stearns, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chipman, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Hickman, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Malaby, McClellan, Melaragno, Moonen, O'Connor, Pickett, Pierce J, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Wallace.

ABSENT - Chapman, Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Theriault.

Yes, 109; No, 37; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

109 having voted in the affirmative and 37 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

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

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

The Following Communication: (H.C. 323)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1080, "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, 2016 and June 30, 2017."

A sound transportation infrastructure, especially roads and bridges, is critical to a good quality of life and economic prosperity. Many in the Legislature have asked me to raise the gas tax to fund these improvements, but there is another way. My Administration has adopted a policy of stretching the transportation dollar to ensure funding for the basics, such as quality roads, safe bridges and prosperous ports. No longer do we spend millions of dollars planning projects that we know we will never build.

We must scrutinize the Highway Fund Budget to ensure we are directing as much funding as possible to core infrastructure. Paying per diems for legislators to meet in the summer, funding cold case squads or computer crimes do not result in better roads and bridges. Moreover, the Constitution of the State of Maine mandates that highway fund dollars be spent solely on highway fund activities. I took an oath to uphold the Constitution, and I intend to honor that oath.

Early this month, I exercised my authority to line-item veto those items in the Highway Fund Budget that were not related to transportation. The Legislature decided to override those vetoes and the Constitution. Therefore, I am compelled to veto the underlying bill. I ask each one of you to honor your oath to uphold the Constitution as I have and sustain this veto.

For this reason, I return LD 1080 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item 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, 2016 and June 30, 2017 (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 740) (L.D. 1080)

(C. "A" H-457)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 397V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Malaby, Noon, Sanderson, Theriault, Timmons.

Yes, 143; No, 0; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

143 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 299)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 111, "An Act To Ensure That Defendants Receive Proper Notification in Foreclosure Proceedings."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 111 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Ensure That Defendants Receive Proper Notification in Foreclosure Proceedings

(H.P. 83) (L.D. 111)

(C. "A" H-391)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 398V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Stearns,

Stetkis, Timberlake, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Malaby, Noon, Pierce J, Skolfield, Theriault, Timmons.

Yes, 85; No, 58; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

85 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 300)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 560, "An Act Regarding Patient Information Under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act."

This bill, which attempts to prevent providers from using the medical marijuana portal to transmit identifiable information, is dangerously overbroad. The language of the bill does not limit the application of the law to the medical marijuana patient portal, and therefore, this bill could be construed to prevent other departmental functions that are conducted over the internet. The Department of Health and Human Services has voluntarily addressed the issue of data transmission using the medical marijuana certification portal, and so, on top of being overbroad, this law is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I return LD 560 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act Regarding Patient Information Under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

(H.P. 384) (L.D. 560)

(C. "A" H-330)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 399V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan,

Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Pierce J, Pierce T, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Campbell R, Crafts, Dillingham, Edgecomb, Foley, Gerrish, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Higgins, Hilliard, Kinney M, Long, Lyford, Martin J, McClellan, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pouliot, Reed, Stetkis, Timberlake, Tuell, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Skolfield, Theriault, Timmons.

Yes, 120; No, 25; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

120 having voted in the affirmative and 25 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 301)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 834, "An Act To Clarify the Use of "M.D." To Represent Achievement of a Graduate Degree by an Individual Not Licensed To Practice Medicine in Maine."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 834 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Clarify the Use of "M.D." To Represent Achievement of a Graduate Degree by an Individual Not Licensed To Practice Medicine in Maine

(H.P. 568) (L.D. 834)

(C. "A" H-350)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 400V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Buckland, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Farrin, Fredette, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Kinney J, Long, Lyford, Malaby, McClellan, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Skolfield, Stetkis, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Wood.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Theriault.

Yes, 107; No, 40; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

107 having voted in the affirmative and 40 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 302)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 851, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Standards for Qualifications of Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on

both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 851 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Standards for Qualifications of Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 582) (L.D. 851)

(C. "A" H-412)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 401V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Fowle, Hamann, Herrick, Noon, Theriault.

Yes, 146; No, 0; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

146 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

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

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Direct-care Workers Serving Adults with Long-term Care Needs

(H.P. 920) (L.D. 1350)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on June 12, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-371)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-371) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-317)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Encourage the Redevelopment of Upper Floors of Buildings in Downtowns and on Main Streets

(H.P. 930) (L.D. 1372)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 10, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-311)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-311) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-329)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Protect Older Adults from Financial Exploitation (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 917) (L.D. 1348)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 1, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-196)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-196) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-318)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Fully Fund the Family Caregiver Respite Program

(H.P. 909) (L.D. 1337)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on May 28, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-173)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-173) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-319)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Promote Food Self-sufficiency for the People of the State

(H.P. 877) (L.D. 1291)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 17, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-447)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-447) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-330)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Strengthen the Protections for Senior Citizens in the State (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 454) (L.D. 1272)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 17, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-277)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-277) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-320)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Protect Taxpayers by Regulating Personal Services Contracts

(H.P. 800) (L.D. 1166)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 10, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-170)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-170) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-321)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Improve Tax Expenditure Transparency and Accountability

(S.P. 332) (L.D. 941)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 19, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-296)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-296) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-322)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Strengthen the Right of a Victim of Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence To Take Necessary Leave from Employment

(H.P. 640) (L.D. 921)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 8, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-240)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-240) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-323)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Allow Secondary Schools To Grant Certificates of Academic Proficiency

(H.P. 587) (L.D. 853)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 9, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-294)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-294) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-324)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Increase Conservation District Funding

(H.P. 573) (L.D. 839)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on May 7, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-325)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Reduce MaineCare Spending through Targeted Prevention Services

(H.P. 565) (L.D. 831)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on June 8, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-281)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-281) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-326)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Provide Tax Credits for Adult Day Care and Respite and Hospice Care

(H.P. 536) (L.D. 787)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on May 14, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-95) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-72)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-95) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-72) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-328)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Prohibit the Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images

(H.P. 460) (L.D. 679)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 16, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-430)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-430) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-331)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Ensure That Schoolchildren with Dyslexia Receive the Assistance Needed

(H.P. 163) (L.D. 231)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 10, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-279)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-279) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-327)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 303)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 909, "An Act To Help Older Adults Age in Place through Comprehensive Planning."

This bill exhibits many of the characteristics of far too many bills that reach my desk. It is a "feel good" piece of legislation, it gets government involved in more aspects of our everyday lives, and lastly, it has no teeth.

I question the impact this piece of legislation has when it uses such ambiguous language as "may" and "consider". The state already meddles enough in our daily activities. Now we want to have municipalities get involved in everyone's everyday living. We need to move in the opposite direction and move away from being a "nanny" state.

For these reasons, I return LD 909 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbidge.

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, LD 909 promotes age-friendly communities and allows municipalities to take advantage of the models that have pioneered senior planning in order to help our elderly population age in place to maximize their opportunity to live in and contribute to their community. I thank the bill's cosponsors, representing both sides of the aisle in both chambers.

The words "may" and "consider" were specifically added to this bill so that the important benefits of this planning could be accomplished by towns on a voluntary basis. There is no heavy-handed directive in this bill; no burden, no mandate, no fiscal note, no problem to any town. It does provide for opportunity. If you don't believe that planning for elders is right for your town, I ask you to allow others to use this vehicle to plan for theirs. You know about Maine's aging population. Not only do we have the nation's highest median age, but we are at the front edge of the Babyboom reaching their senior years. During the next 15 years, the State of Maine's senior population above age 65 will grow by an average of 10,000 per year. Towns who elect to do comprehensive plans, a voluntary process itself, have certain areas that they will address if they go forward.

This bill adds an important option. I say "option," a voluntary action which is badly needed to address a growing need. It is imperative that any planning we do provides that our towns and the cities become more friendly, more utilitarian to our aged population. Older Mainers have reason to be worried about housing and transportation. This planning, which will include an assessment of seniors access to vital goods and services is important to older Mainers' quality of life, as well as to the state's economy. Our slow population growth means we must plan ahead to take full advantage of the skills and experience of our senior citizens. They want to remain involved and contribute and a little planning will make that more possible and we'll all be better off for it. In conclusion, fellow House Members, I ask that you take this easy but significant step on behalf of aging Mainers by voting "yes" in consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Communication was **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The accompanying item An Act To Help Older Adults Age in Place through Comprehensive Planning

(H.P. 628) (L.D. 909)

(C. "A" H-299)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 402V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pickett, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Vachon, Verow, Ward, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Marean, McClellan, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Bickford, Campbell R, Fowle, Hawke, Herrick, Malaby, Noon, Theriault.

Yes, 89; No, 54; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

89 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

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

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Strengthen Laws Regarding the Manufacture and Sale of Methamphetamine and Other Drugs

(S.P. 451) (L.D. 1246)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 23, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-280)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-280) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-337)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following item:

Recognizing:

Chief Clair Allison Sabattis, of Littleton, for his significant life achievements as Tribal Chief of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, President of the Aroostook Association of Indians and United States Army veteran. Chief Sabattis was born on the Woodstock First Nation reserve in New Brunswick, Canada and grew up in Houlton. He joined the military in 1965 and retired from the Maine Army National Guard with a SAG E6 rank. He was President of the Aroostook Association of Indians from 1977 to 1982, and part of his work involved researching the Maliseet history that helped establish the foundation to validate original tribal members. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians gained federal recognition in 1980, and he was elected Tribal Chief in 1984. During his 13 years in office, he helped the tribe establish its own land base, acquire housing and establish administrative offices, a health department, a language program and more. Chief Sabattis has a long history working with both state and federal governments on issues regarding the tribes in Maine. During his service as tribal chief, Chief Sabattis held a seat on the Maine Human Rights Commission. We send him our

appreciation for his many years of service and commitment to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and to the State of Maine and we send him our best wishes;

(HLS 629)

Presented by Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Cosponsored by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Representative LONG of Sherman.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Representative Bear.

Representative **BEAR**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today to ask this body to join with me to honor a good man and a great Tribal Chief, Maliseet Chief Claire Sabattis who is present with us today, both he and members of his family. Chief Sabattis has led an amazing life, which began in poverty but became enriched as he lived that life—a traditional, and later a modern-day life—struggling to better himself and the lives of all Maliseet Tribal Members as well. He succeeded tremendously in achieving both.

His efforts in the many offices and positions he has held resulted in tremendous positive impacts that solidified formal, modern-day recognition by the United States Government of our Maliseet People and Tribal Government after far too many years of, unfortunately, being ignored and being treated with indifference. We now have land set aside, housing, health, educational and social services because of him, and more than 20 years ago he nearly had us a Maliseet casino, but it would've been located in Brewer, on that side of the Penobscot River instead.

Before I conclude and speak to you of his greatest achievement so far in this, his life, let me merely say that Chief Sabattis has led a great life and has earned this recognition and our approbation. As the elected Maliseet Tribal Representative to this body, I am pleased to introduce him to you as my guest. Over these past two legislative sessions, I have often consulted with the Chief on many matters as he remains, in my view, the wisdom, conscience, and living embodiment of all that is good in our Tribe.

As to his highest greatest life achievement, you need only see for yourself: his family. And those of us who know him personally, it is the humility and care that he exhibits when he is in the presence of his several grandchildren, where you will find him with his grandchildren on a daily basis at his home in Aroostook County enjoying his well-earned Army retirement and his wonderful wife, Wendy.

Thank you for listening to me and please join me and our People in celebrating Maliseet Tribal Chief Sabattis' life, his achievements in serving the Tribe and the people of the State of Maine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine

(H.P. 936) (L.D. 1381)
(C. "A" H-495)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 136 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Amend the State Election Laws

(S.P. 552) (L.D. 1449)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-502)** on Bill "An Act To Improve Retirement Security for Retired Public Employees" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 69) (L.D. 86)

Signed:

Senators:

KATZ of Kennebec
VALENTINO of York

Representatives:

ROTUNDO of Lewiston
FREY of Bangor
GATTINE of Westbrook
GRANT of Gardiner

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

NUTTING of Oakland
SIROCKI of Scarborough
TIMBERLAKE of Turner

Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake - of the House - abstaining.

Representative WINSOR of Norway - of the House - abstaining.

READ.

Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** that the Clerk **READ** the Committee Report.

The Clerk **READ** the Committee Report in its entirety.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to

Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 403

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hawke, Head, Hymanson, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, McClellan, O'Connor, Parry, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Wood.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Rykerson, Theriault.

Yes, 99; No, 47; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

99 having voted in the affirmative and 47 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-502) was READ by the Clerk and ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-502)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the following item was **REMOVED** from the Special Study Table:

Joint Study Order, Establishing the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee

(S.P. 533)

Which was **TABLED** on May 20, 2015 by the same Representative pending **PASSAGE**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-501)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

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

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in regards to establishing this committee, I would ask the question of whether or not such a committee has previously existed and what would be the charge of the committee in terms of what they will be doing?

The **SPEAKER**: The Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Beck.

Representative **BECK**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, this committee has previously existed. It existed in the last session. Members included the Representative from Raymond, Representative McClellan, the Senator from Somerset, Senator Whittemore. This concept has received bipartisan unanimous support from the IFS Committee and there's important work that has to continue. The House Amendment before us limits the meetings of this advisory committee.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, my understanding is, and I can stand to be corrected if I can and again if somebody can answer this question through the Chair. My understanding was that the purpose of the Committee, in part, was to address issues related to, what last week was a ruling from the Supreme Court in regards to the ACA. And so, to the extent that we now have that court ruling, my understanding is that this might actually be moot. And so if I can be provided an answer with that, I'd appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Sanborn.

Representative **SANBORN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, this committee is very much needed as an ongoing committee. The work in regards to the exchanges is far from done. Some of the duties of the committee will be the ongoing objectives of the original advisory committee, and new challenges have also been recognized. This committee would continue to advise the Chief Executive and Legislature regarding the interests of individuals and employers with respect to the exchange, serve as a liaison between an exchange and individuals and small businesses enrolled in the exchange, and evaluate the implementation and operation of an exchange in many critical areas.

Now that the exchange is well into its second year, we will have more information on churn between Medicaid and private insurers and should evaluate the impact of churn on the operation of the marketplace, continuing to reevaluate our essential health benefits benchmark, the need for a basic health plan, and addressing dental health coverage are also critical issues to consider. These are just a few of the important duties of the exchange. And knowing that 75,000 Mainers are using the exchange at this point and many more may continue to join, I think it's important that we continue to keep our exchanges as efficient and effective as possible. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Morrison.

Representative **MORRISON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I was in strong support of this Exchange Committee the first time and the second time. Second time, reason being that the exchanges in the federal government is a very fluid and ongoing and moveable parts going on in the federal government and it would really be wise for all of us to keep an eye on what's going on in the federal government in case we have to make appropriate changes here in the legislative process. So, this is another tool for us to watch over the exchanges, watch over the Affordable Care Act, and we can act appropriately in that manner. So this, again, did have bipartisan support in the committee and I think it would behoove us not to pass this in order to have this committee do its due

diligence and report back to us on all the changes that may occur during the Affordable Care Act Process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I apologize for rising. If I could just ask through the Chair, in regards to this being a joint study order, if you could just explain to the Members of the House in regards to needing a regular vote on this in regards to, not technically a bill, my understanding is.

The **SPEAKER**: That's correct. So, the Joint Order is unique to the Legislature. Legislative Council met last week to fund a number of studies that will be done on the off-session. This is one of those studies. As the Representative from Waterville, Representative Beck, had suggested, the number of meetings was limited to address the cost. But this is a Joint Order which is unique to the Legislature.

Representative **SANDERSON** of Chelsea **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT House Amendment "A" (H-501)**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Adoption of House Amendment "A" (H-501). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 404

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Esping, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgcomb, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Timberlake, Timmons, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Chipman, Evangelos, Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Theriault.

Yes, 80; No, 65; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-501)** was **ADOPTED**.

The Joint Study Order was **PASSED as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-501)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

ORDERS

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 992)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the following specified matters be held over to any special and/or regular session of the 127th Legislature.

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

H.P. 532, L.D. 783 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to Food

S.P. 311, L.D. 866 - An Act To Ensure Efficiency and Safety in the Bureau of Forestry

H.P. 686, L.D. 991 - An Act To Amend Maine's Genetically Modified Food Products Labeling Law

H.P. 811, L.D. 1178 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maple Syrup Task Force

S.P. 478, L.D. 1326 - An Act To Require Labeling of All Genetically Modified Products

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

S.P. 81, L.D. 212 - An Act Concerning Cost-of-living Adjustments for Certain Retirees

S.P. 186, L.D. 518 - An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits

H.P. 646, L.D. 927 - An Act To Remove the Age Penalty for State Retirees Working at Institutions That Are Closing

H.P. 690, L.D. 995 - An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Participating Local Districts in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

H.P. 703, L.D. 1020 - An Act To Make Certain Necessary Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations

H.P. 704, L.D. 1021 - An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

H.P. 715, L.D. 1032 - An Act To Implement the Combination Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Retirement Plan Described in a Report Submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in March 2012

S.P. 547, L.D. 1447 - An Act To Authorize Increased Borrowing by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority To Support the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

S.P. 70, L.D. 195 - An Act Regarding County Jails

S.P. 169, L.D. 440 - An Act To Create a Secure, Therapeutic Mental Health Unit

H.P. 436, L.D. 655 - Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of a State Firefighter Training Facility

S.P. 386, L.D. 1114 - An Act To Protect Maine's Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

S.P. 513, L.D. 1387 - An Act Regarding the State Board of Corrections

Education and Cultural Affairs

S.P. 120, L.D. 305 - An Act To Authorize Circus Conservatory of America To Grant Baccalaureate Degrees

H.P. 243, L.D. 356 - An Act To Permit the New England School of Dental Technology To Grant the Degree of Bachelor of Science

H.P. 678, L.D. 981 - An Act To Establish a Veterinary School

S.P. 359, L.D. 1033 - Resolve, To Assist the University

of Maine System and the Maine Community College System To Reduce the Need for Remedial Education

S.P. 502, L.D. 1370 - An Act To Improve the Quality of Teachers

H.P. 944, L.D. 1394 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen the Adequacy and Equity of Certain Cost Components of the School Funding Formula

Energy, Utilities and Technology

H.P. 191, L.D. 273 - An Act To Encourage and Enhance the Future of Waste-to-energy Facilities by Establishing a Portfolio Requirement for Electricity from Waste Energy Resources

H.P. 305, L.D. 466 - An Act To Increase Competition and Ensure a Robust Information and Telecommunications Market

H.P. 560, L.D. 826 - An Act To Promote Maine's Economic Development and Critical Communications for Rural Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investments in High-speed Internet

H.P. 598, L.D. 879 - An Act To Ensure High-quality Telecommunications Services for Maine Consumers and Businesses

H.P. 600, L.D. 881 - An Act To Allow the Public Utilities Commission To Contract for Liquefied Natural Gas Storage and Distribution

S.P. 376, L.D. 1073 - An Act To Lower Energy Costs and Increase Access to Solar Energy for Agricultural Businesses

S.P. 378, L.D. 1075 - An Act To Amend the Charter of the Canton Water District

S.P. 467, L.D. 1302 - An Act To Increase Competition and Ensure a Robust Information and Telecommunications Market

H.P. 893, L.D. 1315 - An Act To Amend Maine's Restructuring Laws

S.P. 484, L.D. 1339 - An Act To Provide Relief to Maine Ratepayers

S.P. 511, L.D. 1382 - An Act To Assist Low-income Electricity Consumers

S.P. 519, L.D. 1398 - An Act To Reduce Electric Rates for Maine Businesses

Environment and Natural Resources

H.P. 207, L.D. 313 - An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling, Management and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State

H.P. 260, L.D. 394 - Resolve, To Lower the Department of Environmental Protection's 5-point Odor Intensity Referencing Scale for Odor Control at Solid Waste Processing Facilities

H.P. 489, L.D. 713 - Resolve, To Further Protect Lake Water Quality

H.P. 544, L.D. 795 - An Act To Encourage Prudent Development along the Coast or in a Flood Zone by Considering Predictions for Sea Level Rise

Health and Human Services

H.P. 138, L.D. 180 - An Act To Allow Terminally Ill Patients To Choose To Use Experimental Treatments

S.P. 82, L.D. 213 - An Act To Ensure the Comprehensive Medical, Dental, Educational and Behavioral Assessment of Children Entering State Custody

H.P. 314, L.D. 475 - Resolve, To Increase MaineCare Services for Certain Recipients To Allow Them To Remain at Home

S.P. 215, L.D. 622 - An Act To Require Training of Mandated Reporters under the Child Abuse Laws
 S.P. 226, L.D. 633 - An Act To Improve the Health of Maine Citizens and the Economy of Maine by Providing Affordable Market-based Coverage Options to Low-income Uninsured Citizens
 S.P. 256, L.D. 726 - An Act To Increase Patient Safety in Maine's Medical Marijuana Program
 H.P. 576, L.D. 842 - An Act To Establish Peer Center Reimbursement
 H.P. 604, L.D. 885 - An Act To Promote Enhanced Eligibility Verification in Maine's Welfare System
 H.P. 605, L.D. 886 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services
 H.P. 652, L.D. 949 - An Act To Enact the Recommendations of the Commission on Independent Living and Disability
 H.P. 665, L.D. 966 - An Act To Assist Patients in Need of Psychiatric Services
 H.P. 713, L.D. 1030 - An Act To Better Coordinate the Work of Mental Health Crisis Agencies with Law Enforcement Agencies
 S.P. 384, L.D. 1097 - An Act To Improve the Integrity of Maine's Welfare Programs
 H.P. 787, L.D. 1149 - Resolve, Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Report on Progress toward Meeting Healthy Maine 2020 Goals Pertaining to Reproductive Health
 H.P. 827, L.D. 1209 - An Act To Increase the Effectiveness of Peer Supports in the State
 H.P. 867, L.D. 1267 - An Act To Assist Working Families with Young Children
 H.P. 868, L.D. 1268 - An Act To Reform Welfare by Establishing Bridges to Sustainable Employment

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

H.P. 422, L.D. 609 - An Act To Provide an Incentive to Nonresident Landowners Who Own More than 250 Acres To Keep That Land Open for Hunting
 S.P. 233, L.D. 640 - Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Review the Incidental Take Permitting Process under the Endangered Species Laws
 H.P. 449, L.D. 668 - An Act To Market Maine's Hunting and Fishing Opportunities

Insurance and Financial Services

H.P. 480, L.D. 704 - An Act Regarding Notice Provided by Insurance Carriers to Health Care Providers
 H.P. 608, L.D. 889 - An Act To Protect Maine's Small Businesses from High Interest Rates on Commercial and Business Loans
 S.P. 335, L.D. 944 - An Act Regarding Recovery of Emergency Response Costs Related to an OUI Offense
 H.P. 788, L.D. 1150 - An Act Regarding Maximum Allowable Cost Pricing Lists Used by Pharmacy Benefit Managers
 S.P. 470, L.D. 1305 - An Act To Encourage Health Insurance Consumers To Comparison Shop for Health Care Procedures and Treatment
 H.P. 896, L.D. 1318 - An Act To Promote Individual Private Savings Accounts through a Public-private Partnership

Judiciary

H.P. 11, L.D. 8 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and

Administrative Procedures for Payment of Commission Assigned Counsel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services
 H.P. 153, L.D. 221 - An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Service Animal Housing Accommodations
 H.P. 185, L.D. 267 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
 H.P. 186, L.D. 268 - An Act Regarding the Penobscot Nation's and Passamaquoddy Tribe's Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013
 H.P. 528, L.D. 775 - An Act To Streamline Judicial Review of Certain Land Use Decisions
 H.P. 531, L.D. 778 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Eligibility Requirements for Specialized Case Types, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services
 H.P. 609, L.D. 890 - An Act To Ensure a Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving Children
 H.P. 654, L.D. 951 - An Act To Restore Judicial Discretion in the Administration of Fines
 H.P. 734, L.D. 1065 - An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Temporary Powers of Attorney over Minors and Incapacitated Persons
 H.P. 797, L.D. 1163 - An Act To Amend the Garnishment Laws of the State
 H.P. 809, L.D. 1177 - An Act To Enact the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission Regarding the Maine Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act
 H.P. 814, L.D. 1181 - An Act To Limit Liability for Certain Successor Corporations under Specific Circumstances
 H.P. 832, L.D. 1214 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Mental Health Working Group
 H.P. 842, L.D. 1224 - An Act To Amend the Child Protective Services Laws
 S.P. 446, L.D. 1241 - An Act To Increase Government Efficiency
 H.P. 889, L.D. 1311 - An Act To Establish the Patient Compensation System Act
 H.P. 900, L.D. 1322 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission Concerning the Probate Code
 S.P. 540, L.D. 1433 - An Act To Create the Office of the Public Defender and Amend the Duties of the Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

S.P. 158, L.D. 429 - An Act To Modify the Disbursement from the Maine Economic Improvement Fund
 H.P. 455, L.D. 674 - An Act To Support Maine's Working Families
 S.P. 248, L.D. 690 - An Act To Ensure the Safety of Home Birth
 S.P. 406, L.D. 1137 - An Act To Promote Reemployment of Unemployed Workers
 S.P. 445, L.D. 1240 - An Act To Phase Out the Payment of Subminimum Wages to Workers with Disabilities
 H.P. 937, L.D. 1384 - An Act To Improve Workplace Safety by Simplifying and Improving Employers' Substance Abuse Policy Requirements
 S.P. 515, L.D. 1389 - An Act To Conform Maine Law to Federal Law Regarding Closings and Mass Layoffs and

To Strengthen Employee Severance Pay Protections
Marine Resources
 H.P. 271, L.D. 405 - An Act To Support Expanded Capacity for Breeding Wild Atlantic Salmon in Downeast Rivers

H.P. 294, L.D. 427 - An Act To Address and Mitigate the Effects of Marine Debris

H.P. 332, L.D. 493 - An Act To Create the Ocean Acidification Council

State and Local Government

H.P. 124, L.D. 166 - An Act To Allow York County To Better Provide Rescue and Ambulance Services

S.P. 417, L.D. 1190 - An Act To Amend the Androscoggin County Charter

H.P. 824, L.D. 1206 - An Act To Allow County Corrections Officers To Participate in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

S.P. 461, L.D. 1286 - An Act To Ensure the Use of Environmentally Responsible Insulation Materials in Taxpayer-funded Building Projects

H.P. 884, L.D. 1298 - An Act Relating to the Creation of Public-private Facilities and Infrastructure

H.P. 903, L.D. 1325 - An Act To Ensure a Public Process When Discontinuing or Abandoning a Public Road

S.P. 480, L.D. 1328 - An Act To Clarify the Ownership of and Access to Ancient and Family Burying Grounds

Taxation

H.P. 43, L.D. 49 - An Act To Exempt from Excise Tax Certain Vehicles Used by Persons with a Disability

S.P. 239, L.D. 646 - An Act To Provide Incentives for Municipal Cooperation and Shared Services

H.P. 670, L.D. 973 - An Act To Ensure That Nicotine Products Are Taxed Equally

H.P. 854, L.D. 1254 - An Act To Implement and Fund an Integrated Beach Management Program

H.P. 967, L.D. 1421 - An Act To Establish a Tax-free Savings Program for Individuals with Disabilities

Transportation

H.P. 159, L.D. 227 - An Act To Remove Barriers to Job Opportunities for Young Truck Drivers

H.P. 205, L.D. 287 - An Act To Improve Traffic Safety during Political Campaign Seasons

H.P. 468, L.D. 687 - An Act To Expand Classification Categories for Motor Vehicles in the State

H.P. 771, L.D. 1110 - An Act To Modernize Road User Fees

Veterans and Legal Affairs

H.P. 554, L.D. 805 - Resolve, Authorizing Certain Individuals To Bring Suit against the Department of Health and Human Services

H.P. 623, L.D. 904 - An Act To Increase Fairness in Campaign Financing

H.P. 692, L.D. 997 - An Act To Streamline Licensing Requirements for and Payments from Veterans' Organizations

H.P. 875, L.D. 1279 - An Act To Authorize Advance Deposit Wagering for Horse Racing

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Enact an Interim Budget" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 993) (L.D. 1450)

Sponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** and sent for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 304)

**STATE OF MAINE
 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
 1 STATE HOUSE STATION
 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 920, "An Act To Require Mortgage Servicers To Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners."

Beginning with its title, this bill is anti-business. While the bill provides that all parties are required to "make a good faith effort to mediate all issues," it explicitly imposes on mortgage servicers – not defendants – a separate obligation to participate in good faith, implying that they are more likely to engage in bad faith than the person who took out a loan and failed to pay it. The anti-business prejudice inherent in the language of this bill is objectionable and is sufficient reason to sustain the veto.

In addition, however, the bill authorizes a court to impose "appropriate sanctions" on a party who "fails to attend [mediation] or to make a good faith effort to mediate." While the bill clearly imposes an obligation on these parties, it is too vague to properly put them on notice of what is expected of them in mediation. Is it a failure to make an offer or to accept one? With language this vague, how can these businesses be sure that they are complying with requirements of the law?

For these reasons, I return LD 920 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Require Mortgage Servicers To Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners

(H.P. 639) (L.D. 920)

(C. "A" H-383)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 405V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Verow, Wallace, Ward, Welsh, White, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, DeChant, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hymanson, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Sukeforth, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Chipman, Evangelos, Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Rykerson, Stetkis, Theriault, Warren.

Yes, 81; No, 61; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 61 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 305)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 955 "An Act To Make Changes to Laws Governing Condominiums Regarding the Display of Signs."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving

each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 955 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Make Changes to Laws Governing Condominiums Regarding the Display of Signs (H.P. 658) (L.D. 955) (C. "A" H-382)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 406V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Ward, Welsh, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Long, Lyford, McElwee, O'Connor, Parry, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Skolfield, Timberlake, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace, White, Wood.

ABSENT - Chipman, Evangelos, Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Rykerson, Stetkis, Theriault, Warren.

Yes, 97; No, 45; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

97 having voted in the affirmative and 45 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 306)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1059, "An Act Relating to Marijuana Testing Facilities."

This bill would allow for public or private laboratories to test marijuana for chemical profiles and potency. The Medical Marijuana Program has existed for years without these marijuana labs. This bill simply intends to set up a system of testing labs for labeling, giving certain companies a running start if legalization prevails with the voters in 2016. I do not support legalization of marijuana, and I cannot support bills that aim to set up the infrastructure to accomplish legalizing the drug.

For these reasons, I return LD 1059 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act Relating to Marijuana Testing Facilities

(H.P. 728) (L.D. 1059)

(C. "A" H-345)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Farnsworth.

Representative **FARNSWORTH**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is a bill basically designed to improve the quality control over medical marijuana products. Representative Sanderson and I worked very closely together. This really is a hybrid bill that because we both had about the same thing and we put them together in order to save the committee a lot of additional work. But also, the whole intent is to provide for laboratory testing for marijuana products in order to ensure that there is a consistency around potency and that sort of thing. Many times, we've heard families come in with children who are afflicted with seizure activity and they were very concerned about the consistency of the quality of the product that they were using and we felt that this was a step in the right direction to improving that quality. Thank you very much.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 407V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell R, Chapman, Chenette, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Espling, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie,

Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, O'Connor, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stearns, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Welsh, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Campbell J, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Edgecomb, Farrin, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hilliard, Kinney M, Long, Lyford, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Pickett, Pouliot, Reed, Sherman, Skolfield, Stuckey, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Chipman, Evangelos, Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Rykerson, Stetkis, Theriault, Warren.

Yes, 106; No, 36; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

106 having voted in the affirmative and 36 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 307)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1092, "An Act To Prevent Abusive Debt Collection Practices."

This bill would prohibit a debt collector from initiating a civil lawsuit on a time-barred debt. Under current law and rules promulgated by the Board of Bar Overseers, Maine-licensed lawyers are already prohibited from such actions pursuant to the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct.

Additionally, this bill allows a debtor to forego paying on a debt while waiting for a copy of a written payment schedule. Credit reporting agencies still may note a late payment from a debtor during this timeframe, however. This bill unfairly implies to a consumer that there will be no ill effect from nonpayment at certain times.

For these reasons, I return LD 1092 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Prevent Abusive Debt Collection Practices

(H.P. 753) (L.D. 1092)

(C. "A" H-378)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 408V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Verow, Ward, Welsh, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Black, Buckland, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Farrin, Foley, Gerrish, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Kinney J, Kinney M, Long, Lyford, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Pickett, Reed, Sanderson, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Timberlake, Timmons, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Winsor.

ABSENT - Chipman, Devin, Evangelos, Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Rykerson, Stetkis, Theriault, Warren.

Yes, 105; No, 36; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

105 having voted in the affirmative and 36 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**ENACTORS
Acts**

An Act To Prohibit the Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images

(H.P. 460) (L.D. 679)
(S. "A" S-331 to C. "A" H-430)

An Act To Strengthen the Right of a Victim of Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence To Take Necessary Leave from Employment and To Promote Employee Social Media Privacy

(H.P. 640) (L.D. 921)
(S. "A" S-323 to C. "B" H-240)

An Act To Improve Tax Expenditure Transparency and Accountability

(S.P. 332) (L.D. 941)
(S. "A" S-322 to C. "A" S-296)

An Act To Protect Taxpayers by Regulating Personal Services Contracts

(H.P. 800) (L.D. 1166)
(S. "A" S-321 to C. "A" H-170)

An Act To Promote Food Self-sufficiency for the People of the State

(H.P. 877) (L.D. 1291)
(S. "A" S-330 to C. "A" H-447)

An Act To Fund the Family Caregiver Support Program

(H.P. 909) (L.D. 1337)
(S. "A" S-319 to C. "A" H-173)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Direct-care Workers Serving Adults with Long-term Care Needs

(H.P. 920) (L.D. 1350)
(S. "A" S-317 to C. "A" H-371)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Strengthen the Protections for Senior Citizens in the State

(S.P. 454) (L.D. 1272)
(S. "A" S-320 to C. "A" S-277)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 112 voted in favor of the same and 14 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Protect Older Adults from Financial Exploitation

(H.P. 917) (L.D. 1348)
(C. "A" H-196; S. "A" S-318)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 133 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mandate

An Act To Ensure That Schoolchildren with Dyslexia Receive the Assistance Needed

(H.P. 163) (L.D. 231)
(S. "A" S-327 to C. "A" H-279)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of Article IX of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 131 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mandate

An Act To Encourage the Redevelopment of Upper Floors of Buildings in Downtowns and on Main Streets

(H.P. 930) (L.D. 1372)
(S. "A" S-329 to C. "A" H-311)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

Representative McCABE of Skowhegan **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of Article IX of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 409

YE - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Vachon, Verow, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Farrin, Foley, Gerrish, Greenwood, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Malaby, McClellan, O'Connor, Parry, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace, Wood.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Herrick, Noon, Theriault.

Yes, 102; No, 44; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

102 having voted in the affirmative and 44 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Provide Tax Credits for Adult Day Care and Respite and Hospice Care

(H.P. 536) (L.D. 787)

(C. "A" H-95; S. "A" S-328 to S. "A" S-72)

An Act To Increase Conservation District Funding

(H.P. 573) (L.D. 839)

(C. "A" H-88; S. "A" S-325)

An Act To Allow Secondary Schools To Grant Certificates of Academic Proficiency

(H.P. 587) (L.D. 853)

(S. "A" S-324 to C. "A" H-294)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, To Reduce MaineCare Spending through Targeted Prevention Services

(H.P. 565) (L.D. 831)

(S. "A" S-326 to C. "A" H-281)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Strengthen Laws Regarding the Manufacture and Sale of Methamphetamine and Other Drugs

(S.P. 451) (L.D. 1246)

(S. "A" S-337 to C. "A" S-280)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 308)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1162, "An Act To Ensure Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families."

This bill mandates the reporting of private well water tests to the Department of Health and Human Services, and the development of uniform water testing recommendations by the Department. It requires the Department to impose fees on water tests performed by the State Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory, which will go into a fund to promote more water testing. The bill requires landlords of property with a private well to disclose recent water testing results to tenants.

This bill is unnecessary. Testing of private wells for arsenic already has increased from about 26.5% of wells in 2003 to 45% of wells in 2012. Maine Centers for Disease Control & Prevention already has recommendations for testing of private wells and already is engaged in updating well water testing educational materials. Maine CDC also already has compiled, geocoded, and mapped over 400,000 private well water test results available from HETL. All this bill does is impose fees to water testing to support work that is already being done.

For these reasons, I return LD 1162 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Ensure Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

(H.P. 796) (L.D. 1162)

(C. "A" H-333)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 410V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hilliard, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Vachon, Verow, Ward, Warren, Welsh, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Herrick, Noon, Theriault.

Yes, 94; No, 52; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

94 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Create the Task Force on School Leadership (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 368) (L.D. 1042)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on June 8, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-162)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-162) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-332)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Develop Solutions To Meet the Needs for Municipal Volunteer Personnel

(H.P. 339) (L.D. 500)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on June 17, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-376) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-418)** thereto)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-376) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-418) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-333)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 497) (L.D. 721)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on June 8, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-255)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-255) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-335)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 624) (L.D. 905)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on June 1, 2015. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-204)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-204) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-334)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 309)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1263, "Resolve, To Create Sustainable Growth in Maine's Distributed Energy Sector That Uses Market Forces To Fairly Compensate Energy Producers."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible

representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1263 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Create Sustainable Growth in Maine's Distributed Energy Sector That Uses Market Forces To Fairly Compensate Energy Producers

(H.P. 863) (L.D. 1263)
(C. "A" H-368)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 411V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Hanington, Harlow, Hawke, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Buckland, Crafts, Farrin, Fredette, Gerrish, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanley, Head, Kinney J, Long, Lyford, McClellan, Parry, Pickett, Reed, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Stetkis, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Wallace, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Theriault.

Yes, 119; No, 28; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

119 having voted in the affirmative and 28 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 310)

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June 26, 2015
The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1317, "An Act To Provide Expedited Court Review of Child Visitation Provisions for Military Personnel on Duty out of State."

This bill provides an expedited process for people serving in the United States armed forces who are deployed or stationed out of state to move for enforcement of visitation provisions of a child custody determination. It allows the deployed person to move for enforcement of visitation provisions of a child custody determination with only 2 days' notice (or less if the court orders it) to a custodial parent.

While I support the concept of this bill and appreciate the need for an expedited hearing in some situations like this, 2 days or less notice can be very disruptive to both the custodial parent and the children. I recognize the need to be flexible for our service members, but when granting exceptions in a process such as court hearings, the law must also take into account the rights and interests of the other parent and the children. This bill fails to do that.

For this reason, I return LD 1317 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Provide Expedited Court Review of Child Visitation Provisions for Military Personnel on Duty out of State

(H.P. 895) (L.D. 1317)
(C. "A" H-411)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 412V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot,

Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Malaby, Noon, Theriault.

Yes, 146; No, 0; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

146 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 311)

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June 26, 2015

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For this reason, I return LD 1342 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Prohibit Unauthorized Custody Transfers of Children

(H.P. 911) (L.D. 1342)

(C. "A" H-410)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Hickman.

Representative **HICKMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I just want to share a bit with the chamber what I shared with the committee when this bill

was considered in May. As some of you may know, I am an adopted person. My parents, Hazelle and Minnie Juanita Hickman, may they rest in peace, chose me to be a part of their family when I was a 16-month-old baby named Joseph Bernard White. The story of my adoption reads almost like a soap opera and yet it was typical of a time when young girls went away to have babies in secret, when young girls were coerced to surrender their children for adoption, when young girls, broken-hearted and catatonic, returned to their communities wounded for life.

My birth mother got pregnant on February 14, 1967, while at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. Her mother did not want her unwed daughter's pregnancy to stain the family name and so she sent her away to live alone in a room on the second floor of a home in Madison, where I was born nine months later. As she recalled, 33 years later, when I showed up on her doorstep unannounced, after a 6-year search to find her, my birth mother told me her story.

"It was like being on death row, son, and I had one last request before they took you away. They weren't supposed to let me, but I demanded that I have a moment with you in the room with no doctors, no nurses, no brothers, no parents, no technicians, no one else. But the laws in the State of Wisconsin forbade such a request. Birth mothers could not see, much less hold their children after delivery if they had already consented to give them up. But I told them that rules were meant to be broken, and who would find out about it anyway? So, I held you in my arms and looked you in your eyes and said, 'You look like just like your father. Someday you will grow up and be a smart man, but I may not get to see any of it because Mommy has to go away now. I have no choice. But I remember the story of Joseph from the Bible. How his brothers sold him into slavery and how he was lost from his fathers and his brothers for all those years. And then he became ruler of Egypt. And during the great famine when his brothers came to get food from him, he recognized them. But he did not let them know who he was. When he finally told them, he told them to go and get Jacob because he wanted to be reunited with his father before his father died. And so they were. And so I name you Joseph because I know that someday you will come back to me. Someday, you will find me. I don't know if I will be living or dead, but I know you will find me. Just as Joseph in the Bible was reunited with his family, so shall you also be reunited with me. Someday. I just know it."

Three days later, Mr. Speaker, I was in foster care. Just over a year after that, my parents came to Madison on a camping trip, picked me up from the foster home, took me back to Milwaukee to join their adopted daughter, my sister, Gina, changed my name to Craig Von Hickman, and the rest is history. As much as I love my parents and my sister, as good as my parents were to both of us, I always wanted to know where I came from. And so when I was old enough to search for my biological parents, I did. I had to. I could not reach my full potential in life without the knowledge of my genesis.

For the past 20 years, I have been involved in adoptee rights issues. In fact, it was this committee, back in 2005, where I first testified before any legislative body on any bill, the bill that would allow adult adoptees access to their original birth certificates, which had been sealed when their adoptions were finalized, just as mine had. Then, as now, Representative Hobbins was a chair of this committee. Throughout my search for my birth parents and my involvement in adoptee rights issues, a disenchanting reality revealed itself to me. For all the talk of doing what is in the best interest of the child, children are not always well served by the institutions that are supposed to protect them, and adult adoptees are treated like second-class citizens by law, by

adoption agency policies in far too many situations. Fortunately, many of these injustices have been corrected, but many more remain.

And so today, I stand before you and ask that you correct another. When my childhood friend, Governor Scott Walker, signed into law last year a bill that would prohibit the unauthorized custody transfers of adopted children to nonrelatives, Wisconsin became the first state in the nation to outlaw what has come to be called rehoming. Now, other states are following suit. It is time for Maine to join them.

Later, you will hear the harrowing experience of a young woman who was rehomed. As with all adoptees, so much of her story unfolded against her will. Imagine being shipped across oceans to a new culture with a new language to become part of a new family, only to have that family decide that they do not want you, and since it is not against the law, that family advertises you on Facebook or Craigslist or some other social media platform and within days you are dropped off to another stranger in a parking lot behind some Walmart somewhere. Yes, this actually happens.

Right now, this scenario would be perfectly legal in the great State of Maine, unless we vote to override this veto which would prohibit such an unconscionable act and make it a crime. To borrow and modify a quote from another legislator on this very matter, children are not furniture to be replaced on a whim. Children deserve stability. Adopted children, especially, deserve the chance to heal so the so-called primal wound of separation from the mothers who pushed them into the world, and to have the opportunity, if they so choose, to discover their origins. We must protect our children.

As with all bills, the devil is in the details and so there may be some kinks that will have to be combed out. But I have faith that under the wisdom of your deliberations, you will craft a piece of legislation that will protect children and families from the outrageous indignity called rehoming and send a clear message to adoptees here and all over the nation that Maine people care about the safety and welfare of all our children. I urge you to pass LD 1342 with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Speaker, the committee did great work on this bill. They amended it so that there would be no unintended consequences and they passed the bill with a unanimous vote. And so, Mr. Speaker, I ask this chamber to do the same thing and vote green. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 413V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno,

Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Luchini, Noon, Sanderson, Theriault.

Yes, 145; No, 0; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

145 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 530) (L.D. 1415) Bill "An Act To Authorize Two General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities" Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-339)**

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was **READ**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **ACCEPTANCE** of the **Unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 414

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow,

Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Crafts, Espling, Ginzler, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Kinney M, Long, Maker, O'Connor, Stetkis, Wallace.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Sanderson, Theriault.

Yes, 134; No, 12; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

134 having voted in the affirmative and 12 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the **Unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-339)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading.**

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-339)** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-503)** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors"

(H.P. 823) (L.D. 1205)

Signed:

Senators:

HAMPER of Oxford
KATZ of Kennebec
VALENTINO of York

Representatives:

ROTUNDO of Lewiston
FREY of Bangor
GATTINE of Westbrook
GRANT of Gardiner
JORGENSEN of Portland
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
NUTTING of Oakland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

SIROCKI of Scarborough
TIMBERLAKE of Turner
WINSOR of Norway

READ.

Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report.**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report.**

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Gattine.

Representative **GATTINE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to speak briefly in hoping that people will support this very important measure. Serving on the HHS Committee, we hear time and time again that what our seniors want is an opportunity to age in their communities, to live their lives out in the communities where they lived their entire lives and where many of them were born. There are a lot of barriers to that right now, but not the least of which is the state of our housing stock. Housing stock that our seniors live in is old. It needs to be updated. It's inadequate. There isn't enough of it. And I think this is an area that really requires a lot of our attention.

The matter before us, I believe, had over 60, maybe 65 co-sponsors, both sides of the aisle and from both bodies and I think that this is a matter that's certainly worthy of our support. There are things that we can do programmatically to help our seniors, but I also think that there's more that we need to do. This bond, not only would provide important jobs in the construction industry and a boost to our economy, but it really would be an important thing in support of our senior citizens throughout the State of Maine. So, I'm hoping that the House will give strong support to this measure today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Burlington, Representative Turner.

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

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose her question.

Representative **TURNER:** I'm just bringing up the amendment in the summary and it says that it's been reduced to \$15 million. I'm just wondering, is that the current amount, \$15 million?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative. The Representative has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I am also looking at the amendment summary and I find it troublesome in here that, number one, we started at \$65 million; now we've gone down to \$15 million. And then also I find it troubling that we have gone from projects in each county; now that has been removed and it now reads that, "The amendment also removes the requirement that at least one project must be located in each county," and that, "the requirement that preference must be given to homes and locations that have access to public transportation." I guess that means a lot of our rural counties are out of luck.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Gattine.

Representative **GATTINE:** Thank you. I think the Members are correct that the amount of the proposed bonding has been reduced significantly, but we also did make an amendment that struck the provision that it be only in places with access to public transportation. And the intent of that, again, was to make sure that some of this could happen in rural counties. It was to accommodate rural counties.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

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

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose her question.

Representative **SANDERSON:** While that language may have been struck, is the language that says, "Preference must be given to homes in location that have access to healthcare service and other essential goods and services," which would be heavily

weighted toward our more urban areas, not our rural areas, is that language still in there?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, if you look at the language that's in the body of the amendment, it reads, "Preference must be given to homes in locations that have access to healthcare services and other essential goods and services." That's how we amended it yesterday in the Appropriations Committee. It's a summary that continues to include public transportation, but that's a summary, it's not the actual amendment and I would refer people to the amendment in front of them because that does have the correct information that removes public transportation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I put in the amendment to take out that portion which dealt with a transportation issue in rural Maine.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 415

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Stearns, Stuckey, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Vachon, Verow, Ward, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Black, Buckland, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, McClellan, McElwee, O'Connor, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Parry, Stanley, Theriault.

Yes, 94; No, 51; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

94 having voted in the affirmative and 51 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. Committee Amendment "A" (H-503) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-503)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans

(H.P. 497) (L.D. 721)

(S. "A" S-335 to C. "A" H-255)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 125 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine

(H.P. 624) (L.D. 905)

(S. "A" S-334 to C. "A" H-204)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 129 voted in favor of the same and 9 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Create the Task Force on School Leadership

(S.P. 368) (L.D. 1042)

(S. "A" S-332 to C. "A" S-162)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 128 voted in favor of the same and 8 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Develop Solutions To Meet the Needs for Municipal Volunteer Personnel

(H.P. 339) (L.D. 500)

(H. "A" H-418 and S. "A" S-333 to C. "A" H-376)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bond Issue

An Act To Authorize Two General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities

(S.P. 530) (L.D. 1415)

(C. "A" S-339)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 416

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Crafts, Espling, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Kinney M, Long, Maker, McClellan, O'Connor, Sanderson, Stetkis, Wallace.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Theriault.

Yes, 134; No, 13; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

134 having voted in the affirmative and 13 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Bond Issue was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The House recessed until 2:00 p.m.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 312)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing

LD 1379, "An Act To Establish Transportation Network Company Insurance."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1379 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Establish Transportation Network Company Insurance (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 934) (L.D. 1379)

(C. "A" H-397)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 417V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin R, Mastraccio, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Grohman.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Daughtry, Dion, Fowle, Herrick, Higgins, Lajoie, Martin J, McCabe, Noon, Powers, Theriault.

Yes, 138; No, 1; Absent, 12; Excused, 0.

138 having voted in the affirmative and 1 voted in the negative, with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 313)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1413, "An Act To Allow an Attorney To Speak or Provide a Written Statement for a Victim at Sentencing."

Current law allows a victim to speak at the sentencing hearing. As the title suggests, this bill would allow an attorney to speak for a victim. This bill is too restrictive. If the Legislature wants to allow others to speak on the victim's behalf in a sentencing hearing, there is no need to limit it to attorneys. I am sure it is not unusual for a victim to have a hard time speaking at a sentencing hearing, but I see no legitimate reason for not allowing a father, mother, sibling or other relative to do it as well. In fact, many crimes – even if perpetrated against one victim – have rippling effects on other members of the family. Likewise, family members will likely be much more familiar with the impact the victim has suffered and may be more effective at conveying that impact than an attorney. I see no cause to create more ways for attorneys to make more money.

For these reasons, I return LD 1413 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Allow an Attorney To Speak or Provide a Written Statement for a Victim at Sentencing

(H.P. 960) (L.D. 1413)

(C. "A" H-398)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belfast, Representative Herbig.

Representative **HERBIG**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, LD 1413 was supported by the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence. It was unanimous through legislative committee and went under the hammer in the House and the other body.

The intent of LD 1413 is to protect victims from their abusers. Victims should not be required to speak in front of their perpetrator directly. Some abusers actually enjoy watching their victim have to speak at court, which can be uncomfortable, scary, and potentially dangerous. By the time a criminal case has moved to the sentencing phase, a perpetrator generally has bail restrictions, which prevent any contact with the victim. Those restrictions markedly limit his or her ability to control the victim.

One avenue of control which remains available to perpetrators is their ability to require a victim to stand in front of

them, in open court, and speak to the impact the abuse has had upon him or her. For some perpetrators, this is a very rewarding experience. They get to relive the abuse through the words of the victim. As you can imagine, this is re-traumatizing for any victim of domestic violence. Allowing attorneys to represent victims during a sentencing process will allow for victims to be heard, while reducing the potential for experiencing additional trauma. Victims can play a vital role in the criminal justice system without experiencing additional, unneeded trauma. LD 1413 is a tangible step in ending the cycle of domestic abuse. I ask that you support the override of this veto to prevent any more victims from being subjected to this traumatizing experience. They have all already been through enough.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Dion.

Representative **DION**: Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in support of the proposition in this bill and ask you to override the Executive's veto. My reason for this is this bill is simple common sense. It's a simple gesture by this Legislature to victims that we do support their interest and want to maximize their ability to tell their story to the judge.

Just consider this: whether you're an attorney or a police officer, you spent weeks and months and hours training in order to prepare yourself to present the best possible testimony to a judge or a jury. A victim lacks those skill sets. A victim lacks that experience, yet a victim feels as if maybe she will not be heard by the court. When a victim's statement is successful, it does have merit and impacts the judges' decisions about how that case will be resolved. We cannot afford the misstep and not allow a victim that opportunity to allow an attorney to frame that story to present it as an argument, as a narrative, to convince the Judiciary that it should take a particular course and sanction of the defendant, I think is critical if we, in fact, believe in the idea of a victim's rights. So I ask for your support. This makes good sense. This is about guaranteeing basic fairness to someone who's been violated and seeks redress in the court. Thank you.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 418V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow,

Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Crafts, Dillingham, Greenwood, Long, Timmons, Wallace.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Higgins, Noon.

Yes, 140; No, 6; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

140 having voted in the affirmative and 6 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

The Following Communication: (H.C. 336)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

June 30, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committee has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

L.D. 211 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Prepare Maine To Respond to a Disease Outbreak (BOND ISSUE)

L.D. 271 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Intermodal Transportation Facilities (BOND ISSUE)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of House

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

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Protect Maine Consumers in the Individual Health Insurance Market and Support Maine's Economy (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 913) (L.D. 1344)

(C. "A" H-291)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 9, 2015.

Came from the Senate with the Bill and accompanying papers

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Amend the State Election Laws

(S.P. 552) (L.D. 1449)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 30, 2015.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-336)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 314)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 423, "An Act To Require Child-resistant Packaging for Nicotine Liquid Containers."

This bill makes it a civil violation for a person to sell, furnish, or give away a nicotine liquid container unless in child-resistant packaging. The bill also makes it a civil violation to even offer to do any of these things. Fines can be up to \$5,000.

First, I find it shocking that we would impose serious fines on average Maine e-cigarette users, including those who do not have children in their homes, for even offering such an e-cigarette container to another person. Second, it is ironic that at the same time we are imposing huge fines on this behavior, we are consenting to the sale of dangerous products that naturally appeal to children, such as marijuana candy.

For these reasons, I return LD 423 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Require Child-resistant Packaging for Nicotine Liquid Containers

(H.P. 290) (L.D. 423)

(C. "A" H-405)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 419V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Esping, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor,

Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 147; No, 0; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

147 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 315)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 600, "An Act To Prohibit a Person Convicted of a Crime of Domestic Violence from Possessing a Firearm for a Period of 5 Years and To Better Align Maine Law with Federal Law Regarding Persons Prohibited from Possessing Firearms."

This bill provides that a person convicted and adjudicated of a Class D crime of domestic violence is prohibited from possessing a firearm for 5 years from the date of the conviction or adjudication. The prohibition would expire at the conclusion of the 5-year period of time unless the person is convicted of a subsequent crime during the prohibition.

I have been amazed to find how many Democrats are soft on illegal drug traffickers who prey on our weakest citizens. I am similarly astounded how many Democrats are soft on the issue of domestic violence. A person convicted of a domestic violence crime should be prohibited from possessing a gun for much longer than 5 years. Therefore this bill does not go far enough. Domestic violence and illegal drugs plague our society and until the Legislature starts getting tough on those issues, our public safety will be severely jeopardized.

For this reason, I return LD 600 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Prohibit a Person Convicted of a Crime of Domestic Violence from Possessing a Firearm for a Period of 5 Years and To Better Align Maine Law with Federal Law Regarding Persons Prohibited from Possessing Firearms

(H.P. 413) (L.D. 600)

(C. "A" H-389)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 420V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Head, Herbig, Higgins, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Black, Buckland, Campbell J, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Esping, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Guerin, Hawke, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Marean, McClellan, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Stanley, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace, Wood.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Hickman, Noon.

Yes, 103; No, 43; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

103 having voted in the affirmative and 43 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 316)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 763, "An Act To Change the Budget Approval Process for Alternative Organizational Structures."

Government is best when it is closest to the people and the people are able to hold it accountable. There are few matters more important for public accountability than budget approval, a process that residents of Maine take quite seriously. This bill seeks to enable budgets for alternative organization structures (AOS) to be approved in a specially called election rather than during a regularly scheduled statewide election, lowering the threshold for public scrutiny and accountability.

Current law requires that these changes be made at the ballot box during a statewide election. This protects the involvement of Maine citizens by putting issues of importance squarely before them on Election Day. Deciding who should approve the budget that directly affects their property taxes is one such important issue. I cannot support a bill that guarantees fewer members of the public will have their voices heard on how their hard earned dollars are spent.

For these reasons, I return LD 763 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Change the Budget Approval Process for Alternative Organizational Structures

(H.P. 516) (L.D. 763)
(C. "A" H-400)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 421V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Buckland, Crafts, Dillingham, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Lockman, Long, Lyford, McClellan, O'Connor, Pierce J, Reed, Sanderson, Seavey, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Wallace, Wood.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 125; No, 22; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

125 having voted in the affirmative and 22 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 317)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 764, "Resolve, To Impose a One-year Delay on the Use of Standardized Tests To Evaluate Teachers."

This bill is not necessary as it is duplicative. The provisions contained in this bill were encompassed in LD 38, "An Act To

Allow Sufficient Time for Implementation of the Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth System for Educators," sponsored by Rep. Hubbell. LD 38 had an emergency preamble and became law on April 12, 2015.

For this reason, I return LD 764 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Impose a One-year Delay on the Use of Standardized Tests To Evaluate Teachers

(H.P. 517) (L.D. 764)

(H. "A" H-354 to C. "A" H-264)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 422V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hamann, Hanley, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dunphy L, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Guerin, Hanington, Hawke, Head, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Stetkis, Theriault, Timmons, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Wood.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 95; No, 52; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

95 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 318)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 946 "Resolve, To Establish a Moratorium on the Assessment

of Large Volume Consumers by Gas Utilities and To Evaluate Cost-effective Natural Gas Conservation and Efficiency Improvements for Large Volume Consumers."

The bill attempts to postpone a natural gas fee on manufacturers that the Legislature just passed into law in 2013. The postponement of a fee does not provide certainty for our largest employers and is not the business climate that we need to move our state forward. Sappi testified that this fee would amount to \$125,000 annually on their Somerset Mill. While investing in efficiency is a good thing, Sappi is in a competitive market and this fee puts them at a competitive disadvantage.

The Administration opposed this provision in 2013 and I continue to oppose increased fees on natural gas consumption. Instead of postponing the fee the Legislature should eliminate this natural gas fee on our manufacturers.

For these reasons, I return LD 946 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Establish a Moratorium on the Assessment of Large Volume Consumers by Gas Utilities and To Evaluate Cost-effective Natural Gas Conservation and Efficiency Improvements for Large Volume Consumers

(H.P. 649) (L.D. 946)
(C. "A" H-369)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 423V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 147; No, 0; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

147 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 319)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 24, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1180, "An Act To Require Education in Public Preschool Programs and Elementary Schools Regarding Child Sexual Abuse."

There are few things more disgusting and reprehensible in this world than the sexual abuse of a child. I urge parents, teachers, and community members to do all that they can to protect Maine's children and educate them on how to report abuse to an adult who can help.

This bill, however well-intentioned it might seem, will not solve this problem in our state. It creates an unfunded mandate for the Department of Education and local schools. It is difficult, if not impossible, to create a program that can be provided at every public school at no cost. If the Legislature truly believes this policy is necessary and requires a state law, the bill should be resubmitted with a reasonable estimate of total cost to our schools rather than another unfunded mandate that stretches thin the limited resources of local schools.

The bill also seeks for government to parent Maine's children. There is no substitute for good parenting. No government can ever play the role parents need to, and I will not sign legislation that confuses that plain fact.

For this reason, I return LD 1180 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Require Education in Public Preschool Programs and Elementary Schools Regarding Child Sexual Abuse (MANDATE)

(H.P. 813) (L.D. 1180)
(C. "A" H-353)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Calais, Representative Maker.

Representative **MAKER:** Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I told you a story when we voted on this bill last and I want to tell you a little bit more about Kayla because she posted this on her Facebook page. "I was roughly 10 years old. He gave me a wine cooler and told me we were going to play a game. We sat on the porch with a deck of cards playing *Go Fish* and *War*. The prize if I won, or even if I didn't win, was candy. I liked the Sour Patch Kids the best. He went inside to get something. I was deciding which candy I would eat next. He bought me another wine cooler. They tasted like punch but it made me feel different. He then set two small circular pills on the table. They looked like candy. I didn't want them, but he told me it would ruin the fun of the game. I didn't know at the time that these small, candy-like pills were Valium. Between the alcohol, sugar, and now Valium, I had no control of my body. He could do whatever he wanted and I couldn't say "no" or fight him off. I had no control. He was the stereotype of a stranger that lured me

into a rape band by offering candy. He was not a stranger. He was my father."

According to Destie Hohman Sprague on behalf of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the organization which represents and serves Maine sexual violence service providers, approximately 50 percent of the calls to our crisis and support line are by or about individuals under 18 and this reflects what we know to be true nationally. Sexual abuse of children occurs in all communities at alarmingly high rates and can have a tremendous life-long impact, including mental health issues, substance abuse, chronic disease and obesity, and other concerns. Additionally, child sexual assault has the highest overall financial cost of any violent crime in the national survey of adolescents. The vast majority, 86 percent, of cases of abuse went unreported to authorities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 424V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 147; No, 0; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

147 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 320)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing

LD 1321, "An Act To Expand the Landowner Relations Program at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife."

This bill seeks to create a new program to be administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as well as rearrange the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board. The Department already administers eleven legislatively mandated programs under 12 MRSA § 10108, including the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs Program" and the "Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program." The Department does not need another legislatively created program designed to appease some special interest group to take time and attention away from the Department's core mission. This is particularly true when, as in the case of this bill, the Legislature decides to create a program without providing the Department with the resources necessary to carry out the program. This is yet another unfunded mandate by the Legislature on the Executive Branch.

The primary thrust of this bill is to rearrange the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board. This is one of a half dozen Boards that the Department is expected to staff in order for various stakeholders to provide their input to the Department. I question the need for a statutorily constituted advisory board, when the Department is accessible and open to receiving public input. The Legislature regularly, however, mistakes the creation of more bureaucracy as a proxy for actually solving a problem, so I am not at all surprised that it continues to tinker with this advisory board. In reworking the composition of this advisory board, the Legislature has now decided to further erode the Governor's powers by taking the power of appointment of this advisory board away from the Chief Executive. While this is not exactly legislation to sell the Blaine House, it is just another example of the Legislature diminishing the role of the Chief Executive; that is an action by which I will not abide.

For these reasons, I return LD 1321 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Expand the Landowner Relations Program at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

(H.P. 899) (L.D. 1321)

(C. "A" H-348)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 425V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe,

McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Hymanson, Noon.

Yes, 146; No, 0; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

146 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2015-16

All Other ~~\$500~~ \$0

The Chair ordered a division on **RECONSIDERATION**.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question 'Shall this dollar amount become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this dollar amount become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken. 130 voted in favor of the same and 11 against, and accordingly the Line Item Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 321)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 24, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2-A of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby executing line-item vetoes of allocations contained within LD 1185, "An Act To Establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund." The line-item vetoes are reflected in the enacted bill.

In order for Maine's economy to move forward, part of what we need is reliable, affordable broadband internet access across more of our state. A few weeks ago I attended a launch event for a company whose goal is to ultimately deliver this type of service to 90 percent of Maine by the end of next year. That is just one company. It should come as no surprise; the private sector is already way ahead of Augusta politicians in identifying a business opportunity and implementing a strategy to deliver a needed product and service.

LD 1185 only muddies the water and complicates the process. It provides an allocation of \$500 for municipalities to access a fund that doesn't exist, delivering no tangible results. This is yet another "feel good" bill that will not deliver any benefit to hard-working Mainers.

Therefore, I am executing line-item vetoes of allocations in LD 1185 and urge the Legislature to sustain them.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2-A the accompanying line item vetoes on An Act To Establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund

(H.P. 818) (L.D. 1185)

(S. "A" S-257 to C. "A" H-288)

The accompanying line item veto

CONNECTME AUTHORITY

Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund N185

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2016-17

All Other ~~\$500~~ \$0

Representative GUERIN of Glenburn **REQUESTED** a roll call on **RECONSIDERATION**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dover-Foxcroft, Representative Higgins.

Representative **HIGGINS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the roll call on this bill originally was 143 to 0.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question 'Shall this dollar amount become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is 'Shall this dollar amount become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 426V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Long, McClellan, Pickett, Sanderson, Sirocki, Stetkis.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Hamann, Herrick, Noon.

The accompanying line item veto

CONNECTME AUTHORITY

Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund N185

Yes, 139; No, 7; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

139 having voted in the affirmative and 7 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Line Item Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying line item veto

CONNECTME AUTHORITY

Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund N185

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL **2015-16**

\$500 \$0

Representative GUERIN of Glenburn **REQUESTED** a roll call on **RECONSIDERATION**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question 'Shall this dollar amount become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is 'Shall this dollar amount become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 427V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Jorgensen, Long, McClellan, Pickett, Sanderson, Sirocki, Stetkis, Timmons.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Hamann, Hanley, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 136; No, 9; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

136 having voted in the affirmative and 9 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Line Item Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying line item veto

CONNECTME AUTHORITY

Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund N185

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL **2016-17**

\$500 \$0

Representative GUERIN of Glenburn **REQUESTED** a roll call on **RECONSIDERATION**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question 'Shall this dollar amount become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is 'Shall this dollar amount become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 428V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Short, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Farrin, Long, McClellan, O'Connor, Pickett, Reed, Sanderson, Sherman, Sirocki, Stetkis, Timmons, Wadsworth.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Hamann, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 133; No, 13; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

133 having voted in the affirmative and 13 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Line Item Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Amend the State Election Laws

(S.P. 552) (L.D. 1449)

(S. "A" S-336)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 338)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

June 30, 2015

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have reappointed Representative Linda F. Sanborn of Gorham to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; furthermore, I rescind the temporary appointment of Representative Drew M. Gattine of Westbrook effective immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 324)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 893, "Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State, Maine State Library and Law and Legislative Reference Library To Make the Articles of Separation of Maine from Massachusetts More Prominently Available to Educators and the Inquiring Public."

This bill is just one more in the long list of resolves requiring resources but passed as an unfunded mandate. It began as a proposal to amend the Maine Constitution to require that the text of Article X, Section 5 of the Constitution be included in any printed copies of the Constitution included with the laws of the State. The text is actually that of the Massachusetts act providing for Maine's statehood. A 1876 constitutional amendment took this section out of the printed version but provides that section 5 is in full force. Rather than simply oppose the bill as proposed, the Legislature chose, instead, the "feel-good" compromise amendment that pushes obligations onto the Executive Branch without appropriating any money to get the job done.

The new version of this bill requires the Secretary of State, State Library and Law and Legislative Reference Library to make this text "more prominently available" without spending any money to do it. If the Legislature believes that making Article X, Section 5 of the Maine Constitution "more prominently available" is important enough to pass a resolve requiring it, then it should appropriate the funds for the publication.

For these reasons, I return LD 893 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State, Maine State Library and Law and Legislative Reference Library To Make the Articles of Separation of Maine from Massachusetts More Prominently Available to Educators and the Inquiring Public

(H.P. 612) (L.D. 893)

(C. "A" H-414; H. "A" H-434)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Stuckey.

Representative **STUCKEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I do not agree with the veto message's assertion that this bill is an unfunded mandate. Secretary of State has confirmed that the job can get done within existing resources. However, Mr. Speaker, I do agree with that part of the message that refers to the bill as a "feel good compromise amendment." It does feel good that after 140 years, Article X, Section 5 of the Maine Constitution will be brought out of the shadows and into the full light of day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolution become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolution become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 429V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Battle, Black, Buckland, Crafts, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Lockman, Long, Lyford, McClellan, Nutting, Pickett, Reed, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Wallace.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Hamann, Herrick, Noon, Winsor.

Yes, 118; No, 27; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

118 having voted in the affirmative and 27 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 325)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1005, "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Medical Examiners."

This bill seeks to mandate that medical examiners serve five-year terms. The bill also specifies that medical examiners may serve an indefinite amount of terms. Medical examiners would have to be sworn-in before each renewed five-year term.

This bill is a classic example of legislation that does nothing more than makes government more inefficient by creating layers of red tape and meaningless procedures. We in government need to do away with such bureaucratic waste, not create more of it.

For these reasons, I return LD 1005 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Medical Examiners

(H.P. 700) (L.D. 1005)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 430V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Buckland, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Farrin, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Long, McClellan, Reed, Sanderson, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Hamann, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 128; No, 18; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

128 having voted in the affirmative and 18 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 326)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1063, "An Act To Promote Community Broadband Planning and Strengthen Economic Opportunity throughout Maine."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1063 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Promote Community Broadband Planning and Strengthen Economic Opportunity throughout Maine

(H.P. 732) (L.D. 1063)

(C. "A" H-336)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 431V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M,

Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Hamann, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 146; No, 0; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

146 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 327)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1112, "An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Acts of 1999 and 2013."

I am uncomfortable with the idea of registrants from other jurisdictions having to register in Maine as if they were convicted in Maine with not enough attention paid to the different public safety threats of each separate jurisdiction. Other jurisdictions have crimes specific to their state and their own penalties that are specific to their crimes.

A closer look should be given to the length of time registrants convicted in other jurisdictions have to register in Maine. This determination should be based on the penalties given out in other states, as well as the egregiousness of the offense.

For these reasons, I return LD 1112 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Acts of 1999 and 2013

(H.P. 773) (L.D. 1112)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the

Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 432V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Dion, Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 146; No, 0; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

146 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 328)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 321, "An Act To Protect Consumers against Residential Real Estate Title Defects."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore,

to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 321 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Protect Consumers against Residential Real Estate Title Defects

(H.P. 215) (L.D. 321)
(C. "A" H-425)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 433V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Dunphy L, Farrin, Hanley, Long, McClellan, Pickett, Sanderson, Skolfield, Stetkis, Wallace.

ABSENT - Campbell R, Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 137; No, 10; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

137 having voted in the affirmative and 10 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 329)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 360, "An Act To Clarify That the Information Gathered during

Investigations of Attorneys by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services is Confidential."

Current law already provides that when an attorney is being *evaluated* by the Commission, the information gathered is confidential. This bill would add that information gathered during an *investigation* is also confidential. While I recognize the need to keep investigatory information confidential for various reasons, I am concerned about creating a statutory bar to disclosing such information to other officials where appropriate and necessary.

My main concern with this bill is that it does not have an exception for disclosing investigatory information to the Board of Overseers of the Bar ("the Board") or to law enforcement authorities should it be appropriate. Because the bill distinguishes between "evaluation" and "investigation," it is fair to conclude that the additional language is directed at the scrutiny of alleged misconduct, some of which should be reported. The bill should contain an exception for reporting to the Board upon the discovery of information that suggests violations of bar or ethics rules. Likewise, there should be disclosure exceptions for the discovery of criminal misconduct. While I appreciate wanting to protect attorneys who are willing to serve the indigent population, the law must also take care not to overly protect these attorneys from the natural consequences of their own misdeeds.

For these reasons, I return LD 360 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Clarify That the Information Gathered during Investigations of Attorneys by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Is Confidential

(H.P. 247) (L.D. 360)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 434V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Dillingham, Pickett, Wallace.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 145; No, 3; Absent, 3; Excused, 0.

145 having voted in the affirmative and 3 voted in the negative, with 3 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 330)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 557, "An Act To Provide Reasonable Accommodations for School Attendance for Children Certified for the Medical Use of Marijuana."

This bill goes to extreme lengths to require local schools to permit marijuana on their premises. Not only is this bill an affront to local control by school boards, it leaves unanswered concerns that noncompliance with federal law might impact the federal funds that our schools rely on. This legislation would mark a significant departure from current drug-free school practices and deserves far greater consideration than this bill has received to date.

No state has yet adopted a similar provision to permit marijuana possession and use in schools. Even Colorado, a state that prides itself in allowing marijuana anywhere it possibly can, is only now voting on its own measure that would permit medical marijuana in school. New Jersey is close to passing a similar measure, but again, there is no precedent. No state has yet had experiences that we can learn from. What liabilities are we subjecting our Maine schools, students and parents to? What implications do the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act trigger? In the past we have seen State non-conformance with federal law result in an obligation for the State to return funds to the federal government, and I do not support legislation that creates the same risk for the future. While lawmakers in those states may be willing to put their constituents and finances at risk, it would be irresponsible to allow Maine to be the guinea pig in this uncharted territory.

For this reason, I return LD 557 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Provide Reasonable Accommodations for School Attendance for Children Certified for the Medical Use of Marijuana

(H.P. 381) (L.D. 557)

(S. "A" S-148 to C. "A" H-207)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 435V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hamann, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Hilliard, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce T, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Turner, Vachon, Ward, Warren, Welsh, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Campbell J, Crafts, Edgecomb, Farrin, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Guerin, Hanington, Higgins, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Marean, Martin J, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce J, Pouliot, Reed, Sherman, Skolfield, Stearns, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Fowle, Herrick, Jorgensen, Noon.

Yes, 112; No, 35; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

112 having voted in the affirmative and 35 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 331)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 752, "An Act To Permit Medical Marijuana Cultivation by Incapacitated Adults."

Currently, the law allows for adults in the medical marijuana program, except incapacitated adults, to grow six plants for themselves. Incapacitated adults are allowed to have other individuals grow marijuana for them. This irresponsible bill would allow for incapacitated adults to cultivate their own medical marijuana. An incapacitated adult is defined in the Adult Protective Services Act as one:

who is impaired by reason of mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness or disability to the extent that that individual lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible decisions concerning that individual's person, or to the extent the adult cannot effectively manage or apply that individual's estate to necessary ends.

22 M.R.S.A. § 3472(10). It is bizarre that we are encouraging adults with insufficient ability to make responsible decisions to grow marijuana. These individuals are at high risk of abuse and exploitation, and yet we are doing our best to promote their keeping a street valued drug in their home? Our elderly and disabled already are having their prescription drugs stolen from

them, and here we are just adding another unnecessary risk for them.

For these reasons, I return LD 752 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Permit Medical Marijuana Cultivation by Incapacitated Adults

(H.P. 505) (L.D. 752)
(C. "A" H-331)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 436V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Pierce J, Pierce T, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Warren, Welsh, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Black, Campbell J, Campbell R, Crafts, Dillingham, Edgecomb, Espling, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Higgins, Hilliard, Hymanson, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Marean, McClellan, Nadeau, Nutting, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pouliot, Reed, Sherman, Skolfield, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Verow, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Fowle, Hamann, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 104; No, 43; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

104 having voted in the affirmative and 43 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 332)

**STATE OF MAINE
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1090, "Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project for Medicaid

Reimbursement for Acupuncture Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders."

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply to the federal government to establish a Medicaid pilot program to allow reimbursement of acupuncture to treat alcohol abuse, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders (substance abuse and mental health issues).

While I appreciate the desire to establish a cost-neutral or cost-saving drug addiction program, I am concerned that the evidence for the efficacy of acupuncture in treating addiction is lacking. The studies that seem to indicate it works are of low quality and reliability—they have low numbers of test subjects, are not randomized and double-blinded, and do not use standard treatment protocols. In other words, we would be paying for a service that is not scientifically proven to be successful. I am opposed to using Maine taxpayers' dollars to pay for unproven treatments.

For these reasons, I return LD 1090 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project for Medicaid Reimbursement for Acupuncture Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders

(H.P. 751) (L.D. 1090)
(C. "A" H-438)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 437V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell R, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, McCabe, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Black, Campbell J, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grant, Hanington, Hanley, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hymanson, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Marean, Mastraccio, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Wadsworth, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Fowle, Hamann, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 91; No, 56; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

91 having voted in the affirmative and 56 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 333)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1365, "An Act Regarding Licensed Children's Programs."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1365 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act Regarding Licensed Children's Programs

(H.P. 927) (L.D. 1365)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 438V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker,

Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Fowle, Hamann, Hawke, Herrick, Noon, Pickett.

Yes, 145; No, 0; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

145 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 334)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1409, "An Act To Clarify and Simplify the Licensing and Registration Provisions of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1409 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Clarify and Simplify the Licensing and Registration Provisions of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws

(H.P. 958) (L.D. 1409)

(C. "A" H-435)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 439V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Fowle, Gideon, Hamann, Herrick, Malaby, Noon.

Yes, 145; No, 0; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

145 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 335)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1432, "An Act To Consolidate the Investigation of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1432 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Consolidate the Investigation of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect

(H.P. 977) (L.D. 1432)

(C. "A" H-453)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 440V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Fowle, Hamann, Herrick, Noon.

Yes, 147; No, 0; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

147 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 504)

**MAINE SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

June 30, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the nomination of the Honorable Philip A. Curtis of Madison for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

Best Regards,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

BILLS HELD

Bill "An Act To Provide Income Tax Relief by Expanding Gaming Opportunities"

(H.P. 876) (L.D. 1280)

- In Senate, Report "C" (2) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS READ and ACCEPTED.**

- In House, Report "D" (1) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" (H-493) in NON-CONCURRENCE.**

HELD at the Request of Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

On motion of Representative RUSSELL of Portland, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION.**

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

The same Representative moved that the Bill and all accompanying papers be **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS.**

Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield moved that the Bill and all accompanying papers be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and all accompanying papers.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, when we first decided to have racinos in the State of Maine, the American...

The **SPEAKER:** Will the Representative defer? The Chair will inform the Member that the motion to Commit has a higher precedent than the motion to Indefinitely Postpone under Rule 503. The motion to Commit is the fourth in order. The motion to Indefinitely Postpone is the seventh. So, the motion to Commit has a higher order and therefore, the motion to Indefinitely Postpone is out of order.

Subsequently, the Chair **RULED** that the motion was Out of Order.

Representative GREENWOOD of Wales **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **COMMIT** the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS.**

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER:** A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Commit the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 441

YEA - Alley, Austin, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Black, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hanington, Hickman, Higgins, Hobart, Hobbins, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Maker, Marean, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Russell, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timmons, Tucker, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Warren, White, Wood.

NAY - Babbidge, Beebe-Center, Blume, Burstein, Campbell J, Chipman, Cooper, Crafts, Dillingham, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Goode, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanley, Harlow, Head, Herbig, Hilliard, Hubbell, Hymanson, Kornfield, Kruger, Luchini, Lyford, Malaby, Martin J, McClellan, Peterson, Pickett, Rotundo, Rykerson, Schneck, Stearns, Stuckey, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tuell, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Welsh, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Beck, Bickford, Fowle, Hamann, Hawke, Herrick, Hogan, Noon, Powers.

Yes, 97; No, 45; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

97 having voted in the affirmative and 45 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Bill and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors"

(H.P. 823) (L.D. 1205)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-503) in the House on June 30, 2015.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-503) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-340)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Speaker EVES of North Berwick moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR.**

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR.**

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

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

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose her question.

Representative **SANDERSON**: For anybody who can answer, we received an amendment coming from the other body that states, "At least four homes must be located in counties having populations under 100,000." Does anybody know, number one, what was the number of total homes that we were going to be able to fund for seniors with the \$14.5 million; and number two, as a clarification, at least four homes must be located in counties having populations under 1,000. Does that mean four counties under 100,000 receive one home, or is that four houses per county with a population of 100,000? That will make a very big difference to whether I can support the passage of this bill or not.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, the criticism that some Members of the House made was that it was not going to be available to rural counties. Part of the amendment that I had put it on in Appropriations Committee was to take out the requirement that there be public transportation and so in many of the rural counties, we do not have public transportation. The amendment that the other body put on is, in effect, an attempt to provide that some of these will be in rural Maine. And clearly, that four of them would, in fact, be located in those counties under 100,000. And they would be separate. I'd love to have them all four in Aroostook County, but I would say that that would not be the case, and the attempt is to put them in four rural counties in Maine. And if need be, I can give the population of each one of them.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

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

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose her question.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Are these single unit homes or multi-unit homes that are going to be constructed or refit?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, the program would be under the State Housing Authority and none of those are single homes; they would be multi.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hudson, Representative Duchesne.

Representative **DUCHESNE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I apologize for rising twice in the same day. You know, I have been here before and there's a certain amount of magic that happens towards the end of the session. Often, we sort of bump our way to the finish line, skidding in for a finish because we tend to deal with the tough stuff last.

But, somewhere in the mix, there's always some things that pop up that show we can agree on some good strategies and good ways to move Maine forward. And here's an opportunity for us to come together, I think, that fits that. We can pass a bill that

will help take seniors off waitlists and out of nursing homes. This bond proposal before us would invest in building affordable senior housing across the state and help seniors make their old homes more efficient.

It is a bipartisan plan to help seniors live independently in their homes and communities, and we've been talking about that all session. As amended by the other body, it requires four of those projects to be built in rural areas, as has been mentioned. Maine has a shortage of nearly 9,000 affordable rental homes for low-income people and this shortfall is expected to grow to 15,000 by the year 2022 unless we do something about it.

Maine has the oldest population and the eighth-oldest housing stock in the nation. We are also ranked 48th in construction job growth in this country. In addition to helping seniors live independently longer, this bond will jump start construction and help create jobs across the state. It is a win for seniors and our economy. It has earned the support for both Republicans and Democrats. And, might I add, more than 150 organizations have endorsed the bill, including the Maine Council on Aging, Associated Builders and Contractors of Maine, Associated General Contractors of Maine, Maine Affordable Housing Coalition, Maine Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, American Council of Engineering Companies of Maine, Maine Real Estate and Development Association, and Maine Real Estate Managers Association. So, I do urge everyone, in a bipartisan fashion, to go green on this. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Grant.

Representative **GRANT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in February there was a fire in my community. A local senior citizen complex burned and many of the residents of that dwelling lost everything they owned. Some escaped, barely, with their lives out of windows and were carried out in stretchers. Most of these folks were both elderly and disabled and I quickly found dozens of faces to put on the numbers that the good Representative from Hudson just talked to you about.

I had one lady who had to be transported to the hospital. Her injuries were not serious but her physical condition going into the fire was such that having specialized housing, elderly housing, handicap accessible housing, was critical for her and she actually had to stay in the hospital for over a month, even though she didn't need hospitalization because there was literally no apartment, no place for her to go. She then had to go to a rehab place for a month because the apartment that she was supposed to have at the end of the month she was in the hospital fell through. And so she was in rehab for a month, at the cost of MaineCare I might add. And finally, she and her husband were able to move into a place of their own and it was a really happy day for them to be finally reunited together again.

So I just would say to you that even though this is a slimmed down version of what we hoped this bond proposal would be, I believe it will make a significant difference. And now that I've seen the faces of folks who, literally, have no place to go if we don't do something about this crisis, it has changed my perspective amazingly. So, I really hope that all of you in this chamber will think about the people in your district like the people in my district who, if they lost their homes today, would not have any place else to go. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I also have to point out that while we're downsizing the particular amendment, we did

downsize those so the amount for winterization and so there is \$500,000 in this package that would go winterize homes for the elderly.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I'm glad to see this amendment come across. It was a grave concern when you read the original amendment that said, "Preference must be given to homes and locations that have access to healthcare services and other essential goods and services," because those words in themselves would disqualify many of our rural areas who do not have access to healthcare in their local communities and other essential goods and services are also a rarity in some of our more rural areas. To have this amendment that requires at least four homes that must be located in counties with populations under 100,000 individuals, that assures me that some of the folks in our more rural counties, the ones further away from healthcare services, essential goods and services, are going to be able to receive the attention that they deserve as well, and not the more urban areas.

Though I do have concerns about any bonds right now, supporting our elderly, as you heard this morning, is something that's very important to me. And so, therefore, because of this amendment, I can now support this bond. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Sirocki.

Representative **SIROCKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I think just a little math might be helpful to understand before we vote on this bond, since basically we're going to be borrowing money with a debt service to build homes much like people do when they purchase their own home and have a mortgage.

The original bill was a \$65 million bond leveraging an additional \$100 million, for a total of \$165 million to build 1,000 units. The math works out to about \$164,000 per apartment unit. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 442

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Tepler, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Espling, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Greenwood, Higgins, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, McClellan, O'Connor, Pierce J, Seavey, Sirocki, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Timberlake, Timmons, Wadsworth, Wallace, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Fowle, Hamann, Herrick, Hickman, Hogan, Noon, Powers.

Yes, 117; No, 27; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

117 having voted in the affirmative and 27 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

Bill "An Act To Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department Employees" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 553) (L.D. 1451)

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, under suspension of the rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Under suspension of the rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill was **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Legislation"

(S.P. 554) (L.D. 1452)

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, under suspension of the rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Under suspension of the rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill was **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

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

**ENACTORS
Bond Issue**

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors

(H.P. 823) (L.D. 1205)

(S. "A" S-340 to C. "A" H-503)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 voted in favor of the same and 26 against, and accordingly the Bond Issue was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Acts

An Act To Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Legislation

(S.P. 554) (L.D. 1452)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department Employees

(S.P. 553) (L.D. 1451)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 110 voted in favor of the same and 10 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

**SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Enhance Energy Cost Reduction and Facilitate Heating Alternatives in furtherance of the Omnibus Energy Act" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 839) (L.D. 1221)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-386) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" (H-499) thereto in the House on June 23, 2015.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill and accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker EVES of North Berwick moved that the House **INSIST**.

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INSIST**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Insist. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 443

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stuckey, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Beavers, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Theriault, Timberlake, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hobbins, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 76; No, 65; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **INSIST**.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 489)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 451, "An Act To Improve Disclosure Procedures."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 451 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Improve Disclosure Procedures

(S.P. 180) (L.D. 451)
(C. "A" S-259)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

32 voted in favor and 3 against, and 32 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 444V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Buckland, Crafts, Dunphy L, Farrin, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Lockman, Long, Lyford, McClellan, McElwee, Picchiotti, Pickett, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Timberlake, Turner.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hobbins, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 114; No, 27; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

114 having voted in the affirmative and 27 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 491)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing

LD 861, "An Act To Protect Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking."

I do not find any fault with the intent of this bill which is noble. However, I do find fault in how the bill seeks to achieve the goal of ending domestic violence. This bill would force landlords to become involved in relationships that are plagued by domestic violence. I am concerned that if this bill were to become law, that its provisions would have the practical effect of inflaming situations that are already prone to violence.

The problem of domestic violence is one that needs to be solved by law enforcement preventing abusers from carrying out their hideous crimes. I support legislation that protects victims from their abusers or enables law enforcement to do their jobs. This bill falls short of those ends.

For this reason, I return LD 861 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Protect Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking

(S.P. 305) (L.D. 861)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

35 voted in favor and 0 against, and 35 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 445V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hobbins, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 141; No, 0; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

141 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 492)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1014, "An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information for Professional Investigators, Investigative Assistants and Dependents of Deployed Members of the Military."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1014 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information for Professional Investigators, Investigative Assistants and Dependents of Deployed Members of the Military

(S.P. 354) (L.D. 1014)

(C. "A" S-261)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

35 voted in favor and 0 against, and 35 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 446V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hobbins, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 141; No, 0; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

141 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 493)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1017, "An Act To Update Maine's Family Law."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving

each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1017 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Update Maine's Family Law

(S.P. 358) (L.D. 1017)
(C. "A" S-254)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

35 voted in favor and 0 against, and 35 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 447V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hobbins, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 141; No, 0; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

141 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 494)

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

June 26 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1203, "An Act to Address the Detrimental Effects of Abandoned Property."

This bill is nonsensical and unnecessary. It authorizes municipalities to provide for the care, maintenance and security of abandoned properties. It also provides that the municipal officers may take action to remedy property defects at an abandoned property and that the municipality may recover its costs from the responsible parties. The bill further provides that even though the municipality may take all this action and charge the owner, it cannot be construed to bestow any responsibility on the municipality to safeguard or otherwise preserve or protect abandoned property. I cannot support such a one-sided, unnecessary deal.

For this reason, I return LD 1203 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Address the Detrimental Effects of Abandoned Property

(S.P. 430) (L.D. 1203)
(C. "A" S-260)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

31 voted in favor and 4 against, and 31 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 448V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobart, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Black, Buckland, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Farrin, Foley, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Kinney J, Lockman, Long, Lyford, McClellan, McElwee, Pickett, Pierce J, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Theriault, Timberlake, Turner, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 106; No, 36; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

106 having voted in the affirmative and 36 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 495)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 24 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1235, "Resolve, To Strengthen Standards-based Diplomas."

I have lost count of the number of bills sent to my desk in which a legislator has not taken the time to do what he or she was elected to do – to bring forward policy proposals for consideration and debate to address our most serious issues in the best interest of the Maine people. Instead, these legislators propose unfunded councils and stakeholder groups to "study" the topic. The people of Maine receive no benefit when a resolve is passed and the end result is a study, which sits on a shelf to collect dust.

Legislators should not hide behind committees and commissions that they can hand-pick in order to engineer specific policy recommendations to be taken up during the next session. Instead they should respect the Maine people by putting forth specific policy proposals for consideration and debate. If an issue requires a study be commissioned, then the Legislature ought to appropriate sufficient resources to fund such a study.

For these reasons, I return LD 1235 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Strengthen Standards-based Diplomas

(S.P. 440) (L.D. 1235)
(C. "A" S-206)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

32 voted in favor and 3 against, and 32 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 449V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hobart, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Buckland, Crafts, Dunphy L, Farrin, Guerin, Hanington, Hilliard, Kinney J, Lockman, Long, Lyford, McElwee, Pierce J, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Timberlake.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Gideon, Hamann, Herrick, Hogan, Kumiega, Malaby, McClellan, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 118; No, 21; Absent, 12; Excused, 0.

118 having voted in the affirmative and 21 voted in the negative, with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 496)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1440, "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Department of Corrections and Correctional Services."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1440 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Department of Corrections and Correctional Services (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 542) (L.D. 1440)
(C. "A" S-251)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

32 voted in favor and 3 against, and 32 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 450V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins,

Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Crafts, Head, Lyford, McClellan, Pickett, Sanderson, Stetkis.

ABSENT - Dion, Fowle, Fredette, Gideon, Hamann, Herrick, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 133; No, 7; Absent, 11; Excused, 0.

133 having voted in the affirmative and 7 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 498)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 862, "An Act To Clarify Who May Authorize Repairs in a Burying Ground."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

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Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 862 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Clarify Who May Authorize Repairs in a Burying Ground

(S.P. 307) (L.D. 862)
(C. "A" S-285)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

35 voted in favor and 0 against, and 35 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 451V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Dunphy L, Hawke, Wallace.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 139; No, 3; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

139 having voted in the affirmative and 3 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 499)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1119, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Filing of

Wage Statements and Other Laws under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

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For this reason, I return LD 1119 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Filing of Wage Statements and Other Laws under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992

(S.P. 391) (L.D. 1119)
(C. "A" S-286)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

35 voted in favor and 0 against, and 35 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 452V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Harlow, Hawke, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hobart, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno,

Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Black, Buckland, Crafts, Dunphy L, Farrin, Hanington, Hanley, Head, Hilliard, Long, Lyford, McClellan, O'Connor, Sanderson, Skolfield, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Wallace.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 123; No, 19; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

123 having voted in the affirmative and 19 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 500)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1410, "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Fisheries Laws."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

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For this reason, I return LD 1410 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Strengthen Maine's Fisheries Laws

(S.P. 525) (L.D. 1410)
(C. "A" S-265)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

35 voted in favor and 0 against, and 35 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 453V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Esping, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Dunphy L.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 141; No, 1; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

141 having voted in the affirmative and 1 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 501)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1439, "An Act To Establish a Secure Internet-based Background Check Center for Providers of Long-term Care, Child Care and In-home and Community-based Services."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they

step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

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For this reason, I return LD 1439 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Establish a Secure Internet-based Background Check Center for Providers of Long-term Care, Child Care and In-home and Community-based Services

(S.P. 541) (L.D. 1439)
(C. "A" S-274)

In Senate, June 30, 2015, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

35 voted in favor and 0 against, and 35 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 454V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti,

Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hogan, Malaby, Noon, Powers, Timmons.

Yes, 142; No, 0; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

142 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 505)

**MAINE SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

June 30, 2015
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Senate Paper 17, Legislative Document 35, "An Act To Provide Legal Protection to Hospitals where Admitted Qualifying Patients Use Smokeless Forms of Medical Marijuana," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

22 voted in favor and 13 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Senate Paper 103, Legislative Document 289, "An Act To Amend the Health Plan Improvement Law Regarding Prescription Drug Step Therapy," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

12 voted in favor and 23 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Senate Paper 152, Legislative Document 384, "Resolve, To Study the Design and Implementation of Options for a Universal Health Care Plan in the State That Is in Compliance with the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

18 voted in favor and 17 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Resolve not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Senate Paper 193, Legislative Document 524, "Resolve, To Develop a Pilot Program for Medication-assisted Recovery in a Rural Community at least 30 Miles from Bangor," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

18 voted in favor and 17 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Resolve not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Reverse Jail Consolidation (EMERGENCY)
(S.P. 61) (L.D. 186)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 23, 2015.
(Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-304)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-304) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-341)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

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

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 556)

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

Came from the Senate, **READ and PASSED.**
READ and PASSED in concurrence.

**ENACTORS
Emergency Measure**

An Act To Improve Retirement Security for Retired Public Employees

(H.P. 69) (L.D. 86)
(C. "A" H-502)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 102 voted in favor of the same and 24 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Reverse Jail Consolidation

(S.P. 61) (L.D. 186)

(S. "B" S-341 to C. "A" S-304)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 103 voted in favor of the same and 5 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 341)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 30, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 471, "An Act To Improve Childhood Vaccination Rates in Maine."

This bill requires a parent or guardian who seeks a philosophical exemption to routine childhood vaccination to first discuss risks and benefits of immunization with a health care practitioner and to present written documentation of that discussion to the school or day care facility where the child enrolls.

I am not opposed to routine childhood vaccinations. On the contrary, I believe children should be vaccinated, and I believe that most parents would choose to vaccinate their children before enrolling them in day care or school. However, some parents, in weighing the information, choose not to vaccinate their children, and I believe those parents have as much right to their opinions as the parents who choose to vaccinate. This bill, which may force parents to add an otherwise unneeded visit to the doctor's office, could change the minds of parents on the fence, but it will solidify the opposition of some parents against vaccination. This bill unwisely leads the horse to water and tries to make it drink.

For these reasons, I return LD 471 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Improve Childhood Vaccination Rates in Maine

(H.P. 310) (L.D. 471)
(C. "A" H-426)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The **SPEAKER**: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 455V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth,

Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Sherman, Short, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Vachon, Warren, Welsh, White, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgcomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Gerrish, Gillway, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Head, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, McElwee, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Sirocki, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Turner, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Wood.

ABSENT - Campbell J, Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hogan, Kinney J, Kornfield, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, Noon, Nutting, Powers, Seavey, Shaw, Timmons, Ward, Winsor.

Yes, 83; No, 49; Absent, 19; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, with 19 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 342)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 30, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 666, "An Act To Allow a Patient To Designate a Caregiver in the Patient's Medical Record."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For these reasons, I return LD 666 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Allow a Patient To Designate a Caregiver in the Patient's Medical Record

(H.P. 447) (L.D. 666)

(C. "A" H-432)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 456V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Warren, Welsh, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Campbell J, Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hogan, Kinney J, Kornfield, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, Noon, Nutting, Powers, Seavey, Shaw, Timmons, Ward, Winsor.

Yes, 132; No, 0; Absent, 19; Excused, 0.

132 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 19 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 343)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 30, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine. I am hereby vetoing LD 919, "An Act To Provide Access to Opioid Analgesics with Abuse-deterrent Properties."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State

House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 919 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Provide Access to Opioid Analgesics with Abuse-deterrent Properties

(H.P. 638) (L.D. 919)

(C. "A" H-159)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 457V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Hobart, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Warren, Welsh, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Buckland, Crafts, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Higgins, Hilliard, Long, Lyford, Pickett, Stetkis, Tuell, Turner.

ABSENT - Campbell J, Fowle, Fredette, Hamann, Herrick, Hogan, Kinney J, Kornfield, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, Noon, Nutting, Powers, Seavey, Shaw, Timmons, Ward, Winsor.

Yes, 119; No, 13; Absent, 19; Excused, 0.

119 having voted in the affirmative and 13 voted in the negative, with 19 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED.** Sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative THERIAULT of China, the House adjourned at 10:39 p.m., until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business, or consider possible objections of the Governor, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 556).