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Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-402)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)** - Minority (4) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-434)** - Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion If a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health or Safety Reasons"

(H.P. 630) (L.D. 995)

TABLED - June 13, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative PERRY of Calais.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Representative PERRY of Calais 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 Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a Point of Order. Which Committee Amendment amended Report, please?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would reply the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" Report.

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. 278

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Ankeles, Arata, Ardell, Arford, Babin, Bell, Blier, Boyer, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bridgeo, Campbell, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cyrway, Davis, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eaton, Faulkingham, Fay, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Gifford, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Hobbs, Hymes, Jackson, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, Lanigan, LaRochelle, Lee, Lemelin, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, Malon, Mason, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Morris, Murphy, Ness, Newman, Nutting, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paul, Paulhus, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Polewarczyk, Pringle, Quint, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sargent, Sayre, Schmersal-Burgess, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Simmons, Skold, Smith, Soboleski, Stover, Strout, Supica, Swallow, Terry, Thorne, Walker, Warren, White B, White J, Williams, Wood, Woodsome, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Bagshaw, Carmichael, Cray, Dunphy, Hall, Lavigne, Libby, Poirier, Pomerleau, Rudnicki, Underwood.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 134; No, 11; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

134 having voted in the affirmative and 11 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative QUINT of Hodgdon **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-634)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hodgdon, Representative Quint. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **QUINT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would apologize for getting emotional for bringing forward this amendment but I will not apologize for my emotions or the way that I feel about this. You see, I'm a very private person. I do not have social media. I have always cherished and protected my family's privacy. But this bill is too important to me to not share my personal story and why I believe this bill is necessary.

This bill has the word abortion in it and, suddenly, a second opinion has become controversial. You see, I was preparing to go to Africa; Nigeria, specifically; on a medical missions trip when I was younger. I received many required vaccines, unaware at the time that I was pregnant with my first child. Upon discovery, I was immediately given an ultrasound and was told that there were anomalies. My world shattered; my life plans changed in a second. I was no longer going to Africa, as my husband and I had spent the beginning of our married lives together preparing to do. I was now going to have a baby in 27 weeks who in all likelihood would have disabilities.

I am pro-life. Abortion was promoted as an option. My husband and I were told that we were young and we would have a lifetime of caring for a child who would require extra care and attention. The implication was even made that it would be unkind of us to bring our child into the world as he may suffer.

I cannot even begin to explain the overwhelming guilt that I carried for receiving those vaccines while pregnant. For a doctor to imply that I was somehow uncaring for following my beliefs was utterly devastating to me. The only thing that made it bearable was that my husband, who at the age of 22 said that we would get through this together and that he would work two jobs so that I could stay home with our baby, who we both believed would need special care. I was actually given a second opinion in the same facility with the same results. I was so distraught that I wanted to avoid further prenatal care as I truly felt harassed. I was overwhelmingly distressed. No pregnant woman should be made to feel as I was.

I agree that everyone should have a right to a second opinion for any medical procedure and I strongly believe that patients should be told they have the right. This bill gives the right for a second opinion but it does not have the doctors tell the patients that they have that right for a second opinion and I believe they should be told. Once again, this bill would allow them to go to another facility so as not to have to be in the same office, like I was, where I was sent from a doctor that just repeated the same advice as the previous doctor. That is the purpose of this bill. No one in this Body put in a bill to allow second opinions for medical procedures. Because of a personal experience, I put in this bill to ask that a woman has the right to be informed that she may get a second opinion from a different medical office so as not to feel coerced. I believe that a doctor should inform her of that right. I do not believe that this is a controversial subject. I would like you to follow my light and allow this to go through. Thank you.

Representative PERRY of Calais **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT House Amendment "A" (H-634)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)**.

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-634) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-433). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 279

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Dill, Dodge, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Landry, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Perry J, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

NAY - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, O'Connell, Theriault.

Yes, 70; No, 75; Absent, 5; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

70 having voted in the affirmative and 75 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-634)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)** was **NOT ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)** was **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Report "A" (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-435)** - Report "B" (4) **Ought Not to Pass** - Report "C" (1) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-436)** - Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Remove Barriers to Abortion Coverage in Private Insurance"

(H.P. 582) (L.D. 935)

TABLED - June 14, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative PERRY of Calais.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF ANY REPORT**.

Representative PERRY of Calais moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

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

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 Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. Under Maine Law, there is a requirement that any new mandate, which is what this bill proposes to do, mandating that insurance companies cover all abortions as first-dollar coverage without any co-pays or co-insurance, be sent to the Bureau of Insurance for a mandate study. This bill did not have that. That's why for that reason, I am moving that we send this bill back to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, so that we can effectively do the work that we are supposed to do under Maine Law and have this studied by the Bureau so we know what the cost is going to be to our ratepayers in the State of Maine.

Representative MORRIS of Turner moved to **COMMIT** the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Representative TERRY of Gorham **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **COMMIT** the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

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 Houlton, Representative Swallow.

Representative **SWALLOW**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to speak against the other motion. My light was on before, so I'll wait till after Roll Call.

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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 280

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

NAY - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Abdi, Carlow, Javner, Lanigan, Lavigne, O'Connell, Perry J, Theriault.

Yes, 63; No, 79; Absent, 8; Vacant, 0; Excused, 1.

63 having voted in the affirmative and 79 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the motion to **COMMIT** the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES FAILED**.