

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Maine

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Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland  
KEIM of Oxford  
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner  
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk  
CARDONE of Bangor  
EVANGELOS of Friendship  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
MORIARTY of Cumberland  
POIRIER of Skowhegan  
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

RECKITT of South Portland

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it's been a long day already. I just wanted to rise in support of the pending motion. I sponsored a similar bill, basically the same bill, in the 128<sup>th</sup> and 129<sup>th</sup> Legislatures and unfortunately those died on party lines. So, I'm really glad to see that this one is moving forward. I think it's the right move for the state to make, to provide extra protections for children who would be victims of sex trafficking and appreciate the fact that we were able to get a much more united report that's going around on this important issue. Thank you.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-324) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Equality in Women's Health Care Access in Maine by Requiring Facilities Providing Abortions To Inform Patients of Options and Alternatives"

S.P. 254 L.D. 825

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland  
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner  
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk  
EVANGELOS of Friendship  
MORIARTY of Cumberland  
RECKITT of South Portland  
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-321)**.

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden  
LIBBY of Auburn  
POIRIER of Skowhegan  
THORNE of Carmel

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not To Pass** Report.)

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to request a roll call shortly. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This is my bill that went before the Judiciary Committee earlier this year and it actually deals with an issue that was brought to me by an individual who lives up in Aroostook County who is providing a service to folks up there through the clinic that she operates that would effectively reverse a chemical abortion, so if an individual, a woman, was to seek a chemical abortion but then later changed their mind they would be able to access this medication that would reverse it. The committee decided to - it is a problem, obviously, because time is of the essence in those

situations, so folks that are up in our neck of woods who would have, possibly, a substantial drive if they had to go to Portland, for instance, in order to access the same medication, would potentially risk jeopardizing the pregnancy that they then would like to keep. It was an equity issue, that's the way it was framed to me which is why I put the bill forward to suggest that if you're providing chemical abortions you have to be able to provide an alternative as well and so that folks that live in rural parts of the state aren't being short-changed because of where they live. The committee decided to amend the bill and so I hope that we can reject this motion and move on to a different report which is much more narrow in scope and just deals at understanding, to look at and study, the full impact of that disparity as it relates to rural healthcare and as it relates to women's health and so I request that we reject the pending motion and move on to a different report. Thank you.

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

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, with all due respect to my colleague from Aroostook, I'd like to point out that - ask my colleagues to support the pending Ought Not to Pass motion. There is not really any reason for the Health and Human Services Department to collect information about the use of this medication, that the medication has already been subject to a double-blind clinical trial and that trial was stopped because of the dangerous nature of this medication and, therefore, I don't think it's appropriate for our Health and Human Services Department to conduct its own research. I ask everyone to support the pending motion.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I apologize. I didn't hear if the Senator from Aroostook requested a roll call or not.

**THE PRESIDENT:** A roll call has not been ordered.

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

**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair would advise, while is open, that we're trying to get through the rest of the divided reports before we break. Since the House is not in, we're trying to get them down to them because it causes a little bit more work. So, if members could stay for these last three or four then it would be great. Much more expedited. Has everyone now voted?

**ROLL CALL (#400)**

**YEAS:** Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

**NAYS:** Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Campground Owners Limited Civil Liability from the Inherent Risks of Camping"

S.P. 316 L.D. 986

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

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The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-322)**.

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