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you want to talk about canola, which is ongoing and we could help that along, or soy beans. Raye's mustard, some of that is grown up in Aroostook County. If you want o you could figure some way to do that now. There is an infrastructure there. I'm going to have this wrong because I don't have the numbers in front of me, but I think in either British Columbia or Alberta, 43,000 or 46,000 acres of this was grown. It's a crop they can't sell because there are so many substitutes for it. Pardon me if I have it wrong, but I think in Canada now it's down to 8,000 acres. In my mind, if it's touted as economic development, put it in your diaries and look three or four years from now and see what happens with this. If you had a real good chemist, and you look at the pictures of it and it looks exactly like the ordinary marijuana that you can see all around the countryside in some places if you drive the back roads, you could extract, if you wanted to, 3/10 of 1%, you can grind that up and dissolve it in ether or something, reflux it and you can enhance that if you want to do that. All I am saying is we can pass this, and I can see the headlines now of what a nice hemp state up here, come and grow it. This issue really for me is that this is a phony kind of way to help agriculture in this state. I'd rather go back before Appropriations and talk about maybe a little milk tier. That would have an impact, but I won't go back there. I don't want to pick up more rocks that are thrown at me. I just think this is, in my mind, really a phony issue to help agriculture in this state. I really don't think it's going to happen. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Nutting to Accept the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#122)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BARTLETT, BLISS, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BRYANT, CRAVEN, DAMON, DIAMOND, GERZOFKY, GOODALL, HASTINGS, HOBBS, JACKSON, MARRACHE, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, RECTOR, SCHNEIDER, SIMPSON, SULLIVAN, TRAHAN, THE PRESIDENT - ELIZABETH H. MITCHELL

NAYS: Senators: COURTNEY, DAVIS, GOOLEY, MCCORMICK, MILLS, NASS, ROSEN, SHERMAN, SMITH, WESTON

25 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin to the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

READ ONCE.

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

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (5/28/09) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT - from the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Establish a State-controlled Casino"

H.P. 378 L.D. 533

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-391)**

Tabled - May 28, 2009, by Senator **COURTNEY** of York

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**, in concurrence

(In House, May 28, 2009, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-391).**)

(In Senate, May 28, 2009, Report **READ**.)

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

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

Senator **SULLIVAN:** Thank you, Madame President. Men and women of the Senate, I would simply tell you that this is a Resolve. Each session we appear to have more and more casino bills and racino bills. This is a Resolve that would set up, if one of these should pass at any time, and study what we would want, would Maine control it rather than an outside company, and what would be the rules so everybody would not be playing on the rules. It is simply being proactive to something that may or may not happen. It is a Resolve. It does not allow a casino to be built through the State or anything right now. It simply is a chance to have a coming together, an understanding, and rules for if this were allowed by a vote of the people, or whatever, in this state.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Plowman.

Senator **PLOWMAN:** Thank you, Madame President. Men and women of the Senate, I stand to speak with the Senator from York, Senator Sullivan. This was a unanimous report of our committee to send it forward so we can work on it so that if and when this does happen we are not reactionary but, as the Senator said, proactive. It is time that we recognize that we are a gambling state and there is interest. We need to have good public policy in place with all the questions identified and answered as we go forward. I know there has been some angst about the title, but if you look at it, you will see that it is a concept draft for us to recognize all of the issues and flesh them out at a time that works for us and not against us. I urge you to vote for the Resolve. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Report. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#123)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BARTLETT, BLISS, BRANNIGAN, BRYANT, CRAVEN, DAMON, DIAMOND, GERZOFISKY, GOODALL, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, JACKSON, MARRACHE, MCCORMICK, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, SCHNEIDER, SIMPSON, SULLIVAN, THE PRESIDENT - ELIZABETH H. MITCHELL

NAYS: Senators: BOWMAN, COURTNEY, DAVIS, MILLS, NASS, RECTOR, ROSEN, SHERMAN, SMITH, TRAHAN, WESTON

ABSENT: Senator: HOBBS

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent, the **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-391) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **BOWMAN** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **RAYE** of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **GOOLEY** of Franklin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **DAMON** of Hancock was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, **RECESSED** until 2:00 in the afternoon.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Clarify Land Use Regulation in Unorganized and Deorganized Townships"

H.P. 301 L.D. 413
(C "A" H-383)

Tabled - May 29, 2009, by Senator **RAYE** of Washington

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence

(In House, May 28, 2009, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-383).**)

(In Senate, May 29, 2009, **READ A SECOND TIME.**)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.