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can take the timeout, and a very short timeout frankly, examine all the issues, bring the stakeholders to the table as we have done and create a system that works for all people. And instead of having out-of-state interests drop money on our state for the express purpose of influencing an election and then creating a tax system or a cascade system that may or may not benefit our people, instead we can actually develop a system that ensures that if we are going to have gaming in this state and if we are going to have new gaming in this state, that it ultimately benefits the people of Maine.

I guess the last thing I would point out is that the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee does not always get along as well as we could. We have dealt with some seriously contentious issues over the last two years. One led to a people's veto and the fact that we were able to come together on this very controversial issue should send a message to this body of just how important it is that we get ahead of the gaming issue instead of continuing to fall further and further and further behind. And as one example of how we've done that, we have two very different cascades and two very different tax systems for the two casinos in this state, and that has everything to do with the fact that we did not have control over the negotiation process. It was entirely put upon us through the citizen's initiative process. I would ask you for once to really think through how hard it is for the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee to come to an arrangement on such a controversial issue that is so bipartisan, and I would ask that you follow our light and move this forward. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Pilon.

Representative **PILON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As I've been sitting here listening to the debate and thinking about the likelihood of 18 members of this committee coming to any kind of consensus, I'm thinking about our committees and with 13 or 12 members of the committee trying to reach consensus, how difficult that is. Eighteen members coming from different disciplines trying to come to some kind of consensus in various backgrounds, I'm wondering how realistic it is to think that they would try to come to some kind of consensus, if that in fact is the end game. But what strikes me most is that there are a lot of missing people here. There is no one from the hospitality industry, no one from the tourism industry, again no one from the agricultural fair industry, but that's okay. But that's one issue.

The other issue is going back to what the Representative from Arundel mentioned, that when the referendum came out in November, that Biddeford voted in favor of this and that York County voted in favor of this and that is striking evidence that, you know, there is a demand for a racino in York County. What we're missing in York County is the opportunity to have a facility like this because, obviously, York County is the gateway to Maine. There are tens of thousands that come into Maine every year and to have a facility that has a racino and a resort community that has a facility like this, we don't have a destination or an entertainment destination in York County. This would certainly stimulate the economy in York County and the people in York County have voted for this and that's why this LD 1897 is not the right vehicle at this time. So I, again, cannot support this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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. 318**

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Beliveau, Berry, Black, Blodgett, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Bryant, Burns DC, Cain,

Carey, Casavant, Cebra, Chipman, Clark T, Clarke, Cornell du Houx, Crafts, Crockett, Curtis, Damon, Davis, Dill J, Dion, Driscoll, Duchesne, Dunphy, Eberle, Espling, Eves, Flemings, Flood, Fossel, Fredette, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Guerin, Hamper, Hanley, Harlow, Harmon, Haskell, Hayes, Hinck, Hogan, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Johnson D, Kaenrath, Knapp, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald, Malaby, Maloney, Martin, Mazurek, McClellan, Monaghan-Derrig, Morrison, Moulton, Nass, Nelson, Newendyke, Peoples, Peterson, Priest, Rankin, Richardson W, Rioux, Rochelo, Rosen, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Stevens, Strang Burgess, Stuckey, Timberlake, Treat, Valentino, Volk, Wagner R, Webster, Welsh, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Bennett, Chapman, Chase, Clark H, Cotta, Cray, Cushing, Dow, Edgecomb, Fitts, Fitzpatrick, Foster, Gifford, Gillway, Harvell, Herbig, Johnson P, Keschl, Knight, Libby, Long, Lovejoy, Maker, McCabe, McFadden, McKane, Morissette, O'Brien, O'Connor, Olsen, Parker, Parry, Picchiotti, Pilon, Plummer, Prescott, Richardson D, Sanderson, Sarty, Shaw, Sirocki, Theriault, Tilton, Turner, Tuttle, Wallace, Waterhouse, Weaver, Willette A, Willette M, Wood.

ABSENT - Bickford, Celli, Kent.

Yes, 95; No, 52; Absent, 3; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

95 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 3 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-919)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

On motion of Representative CURTIS of Madison, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION of Committee Amendment "A" (H-919)** and later today assigned.

**ENACTORS**

**Acts**

An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations

(H.P. 1078) (L.D. 1469)

(C. "A" H-887)

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

On motion of Representative JOHNSON of Eddington, was **SET ASIDE**.

The same Representative **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: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eddington, Representative Johnson.

Representative **JOHNSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This bill, we just discussed the other day so I'm not going to belabor the situation, but in light of the bill that we just passed, 95-52, I think it's time that we really step back and take a look at what we're doing in this state as far as gambling is concerned. This is an extension of gambling. This pains me terribly to stand up and speak against this bill because I am a veteran and I want to work for veterans' organizations. But this is a large attempt to increase gambling in the State of Maine and I think we need to stop and take a look at where we're heading. Do we want a slot machine in every 7-Eleven around town? Do we want them when we get off at the airport in Bangor or in Portland and other places? So I just encourage you to follow my light and vote no on this bill. Thank you.

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

Representative **RUSSELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Sorry to rise, but I just wanted to remind folks that this is a bill that would directly impact veterans' organizations and their ability to raise money to deliver services to their members. I think they have made it very, very clear that this is incredibly important to their ability to work with veterans and ensure they get access to their pensions and access to the services that they have earned. So I would just ask those folks to remember that when they are voting this afternoon, and follow my light and vote green. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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.

**ROLL CALL NO. 319**

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Beliveau, Berry, Blodgett, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Bryant, Cain, Carey, Casavant, Chapman, Chipman, Clark H, Clarke, Cornell du Houx, Cotta, Dill J, Dion, Driscoll, Duchesne, Edgecomb, Eves, Fitts, Flemings, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Hanley, Harvell, Haskell, Herbig, Hinck, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Keschl, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Lovejoy, Luchini, MacDonald, Maker, Maloney, Martin, Mazurek, McCabe, McFadden, Monaghan-Derrig, Morrison, Nass, Nelson, O'Brien, O'Connor, Parry, Peoples, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pilon, Plummer, Priest, Rankin, Rioux, Rochelo, Rosen, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Sanderson, Shaw, Sirocki, Stevens, Stuckey, Theriault, Tilton, Treat, Turner, Tuttle, Valentino, Weaver, Webster, Willette A, Willette M, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Burns DC, Cebra, Chase, Clark T, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Cushing, Damon, Davis, Dow, Dunphy, Eberle, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Flood, Fossel, Foster, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Hamper, Harlow, Harmon, Hayes, Hogan, Johnson D, Johnson P, Kaenrath, Knapp, Knight, Long, Malaby, McClellan, McKane, Morissette, Moulton, Newendyke, Olsen, Parker, Prescott, Richardson D, Richardson W, Sarty, Strang Burgess, Timberlake, Volk, Wagner R, Wallace, Waterhouse, Welsh, Winsor.

ABSENT - Bickford, Celli, Curtis, Kent, Libby.

Yes, 88; No, 57; Absent, 5; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

88 having voted in the affirmative and 57 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Establish the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

(H.P. 1350) (L.D. 1830)

(H. "C" H-910 to C. "A" H-876)

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. 124 voted in favor of the same and 15 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Acts**

An Act To Create the Leased Space Reserve Fund and To Amend the Law Regarding the Issuance of Securities under the

Maine Governmental Facilities Authority and To Provide for the Transfer of Certain Land

(S.P. 678) (L.D. 1904)

(C. "A" S-527)

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.

An Act To Restructure the Department of Health and Human Services

(S.P. 664) (L.D. 1887)

(C. "A" S-533)

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

On motion of Representative CAIN of Orono, was **SET ASIDE**.

The same Representative **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: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Berwick, Representative Eves.

Representative **EVES**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise again to oppose the pending motion, LD 1887. The strongest objection is what we talked about yesterday and that is the Intensive Case Management program. I will be brief in my statements this afternoon. Our objections relate to the public safety concerns that it poses in making the changes to this program. It is working well and we shouldn't change what is working, particularly because the stakes are so high. We should err on the side of caution when looking at this program. Please vote with me in opposing the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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.

**ROLL CALL NO. 320**

YEA - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Burns DC, Cebra, Chase, Clark T, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Curtis, Cushing, Damon, Davis, Dow, Dunphy, Edgecomb, Espling, Fitts, Fitzpatrick, Flood, Fossel, Foster, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Hamper, Harmon, Harvell, Johnson D, Johnson P, Keschl, Knapp, Knight, Long, Maker, Malaby, McClellan, McFadden, McKane, Morissette, Moulton, Nass, Newendyke, O'Connor, Olsen, Parker, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Plummer, Prescott, Richardson D, Richardson W, Rioux, Rosen, Sanderson, Sarty, Sirocki, Strang Burgess, Tilton, Timberlake, Turner, Volk, Wallace, Waterhouse, Weaver, Willette A, Willette M, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Beliveau, Berry, Blodgett, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Bryant, Cain, Carey, Casavant, Chapman, Chipman, Clark H, Clarke, Cornell du Houx, Dill J, Dion, Driscoll, Duchesne, Eberle, Eves, Flemings, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Hanley, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Herbig, Hinck, Hogan, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Kaenrath, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Lovejoy, Luchini, MacDonald, Maloney, Martin, Mazurek, McCabe, Monaghan-Derrig, Morrison, Nelson, O'Brien, Peoples, Pilon, Priest, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Shaw, Stevens, Stuckey, Theriault, Treat, Tuttle, Valentino, Wagner R, Webster, Welsh.

ABSENT - Bickford, Celli, Kent, Libby.

Yes, 75; No, 71; Absent, 4; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 71 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Bill