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HOUSE AND SENATE LEGISLATIVE SENTIMENTS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Potatoes
H.P. 1273 L.D. 1717
(C "A" H-1059)

On motion by Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering
H.P. 1015 L.D. 1361
(H "A" H-1058; S "B" S-554 to C "A" H-877)

On motion by Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **FINAL PASSAGE**.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, to Establish a Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper Industry
S.P. 773 L.D. 1996
(H "A" H-1048; S "A" S-582)

On motion by Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **FINAL PASSAGE**.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

HELD BILL

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

Senator **ESTY:** Thank you Mr. President, is the Senate in possession of L.D. 1983?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would answer in the affirmative, the Bill having been held at the Senator's request.

Bill "An Act to Impose Term Limits on Members of the United States Congress"

I.B. 2 L.D. 1983

(In Senate, April 7, 1994, Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.)

On motion by Senator **ESTY** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby it **ACCEPTED** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Hanley.

Senator **HANLEY:** Thank you Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I first would like to extend my thanks to this chamber for allowing this bill to be held and allowing me to take just a moment to speak to this issue. It is no secret to the members of this chamber that the issue of term limits is near and dear to my heart. In fact there is probably no one who had more of a smile on their face last November when the term limits bill passed through. I am very happy that at this point it was a win win situation out of the Committee on State and Local Government. Either to pass it through now into law or to send it out to referendum and once again let the citizens of the State of Maine engage in an interactive debate on the merits of term limits and exactly what term limits will do to bolster our current government. Can people respect an impression for our form of government. My support for term limits has been matched as far as to restore peoples confidence in the process. Too many people that I ran into campaigning door to door throughout Oxford County informed me that it didn't matter who they voted for because the same person would get elected over and over again, the power of the incumbency was so great. Men and women of the Senate we have had a dramatic change in the political landscape here in the last few months. With Senator George Mitchell stepping down that log jam has broken and you can see now all of the interest that has existed here in the State of Maine, existed in this chamber and existed in the other chamber with people waiting for an opportunity to serve. I think that is what is important, that people are willing to serve and they do want that opportunity but they are very reticent because of the incredible hurdle and the incredible advantage that incumbents currently have. As I said in my remarks, whether or not this bill is to be passed by this legislature now or to be sent out to referendum I think the people of the State of Maine in the end will have won. I will look forward this November when the people of the State of Maine once again have the opportunity to make their imprint and make their impression as far as what they think is a positive way to go to restore their faith in our process. I'll be looking forward to the debate that will be going on this summer and this fall as we once again discuss the merits of this issue and we once again discuss how we are going to turn around the public impression of not only our State government but our national government. I look forward to that debate and I hope the members of this chamber look forward to that debate as well. Thank you.

The Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.