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NAY - Ayotte, Curtis, Gifford, Hamper, Joy, Lansley, McLeod, Robinson, Thomas.

ABSENT - Berube, Blanchette, Conover, Dill, Duprey, Emery, Greeley, Haskell, Jackson, Marean, Moore, Pilon, Pineau.

Yes, 129; No, 9; Absent, 13; Excused, 0.

129 having voted in the affirmative and 9 voted in the negative, with 13 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Continue Maine's Leadership in Covering the Uninsured

(H.P. 1608) (L.D. 2247)

(H. "B" H-1013 and S. "C" S-640 to C. "A" H-914; S. "A" S-644)

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

On motion of Representative TARDY of Newport, was **SET ASIDE**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Mount Vernon, Representative Jones.

Representative **JONES**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I would like to rise in support of us voting to continue to insure the nearly 14,000 Maine people who are covered under this program. At the same time, I would like to inform every one of the changes that were made in the other body, late this afternoon, that do impact public health programs, so as we move forward to support these people, we can be well-informed.

The good news is that they decide to keep the tax on alcohol and the soda syrup to bring in some funds. They removed all the tax on the alternatives products to cigarettes, such as the loose tobacco products, the snuffs, cigars and like materials. They chose to increase the amount of money they will be taking out of the Fund for Healthy Maine to \$5 million—this afternoon, I spoke of \$3.5 million—\$1.6 million of those funds will come out of the existing programs likely in your community in FY '09, that is next year. I just wanted you to be informed, as we move forward with this, that you wouldn't be surprised in a short amount of time when you heard these things. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sullivan, Representative Eaton.

Representative **EATON**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I must absolutely, one hundred percent concur with the assessment of the good Representative. I find it absolutely amazing that things that are killing people in our state and we know it, yet we allow those things to be stripped away complexly. They are causing us hundreds of millions of dollars in cost, deaths annually, and then we strip funds from funding that is for prevention, targeted and defined for prevention. I am going to vote for Dirigo because I don't want to strip health insurance from 14,000, but I am going to hold my nose for the way that we choose to do business, and

do it and let other people in another part of this building make these kinds of decisions for us. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative TARDY of Newport **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: 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. 423

YEA - Adams, Ayotte, Babbidge, Barstow, Beaudoin, Berry, Blanchard, Bliss, Boland, Brautigam, Briggs, Bryant, Burns, Cain, Campbell, Canavan, Carey, Carter, Clark, Craven, Crockett, Dill, Driscoll, Duchesne, Dunn, Eaton, Eberle, Faircloth, Farrington, Fisher, Gerzofsky, Harlow, Hill, Hinck, Hogan, Jones, Kaenrath, Koffman, Lundeen, MacDonald, Makas, Marley, Mazurek, Miller, Mills, Miramant, Norton, Patrick, Pendleton, Peoples, Percy, Perry, Pieh, Pingree, Piotti, Pratt, Priest, Rand, Rines, Schatz, Simpson, Sirois, Smith N, Sutherland, Theriault, Treat, Trinward, Tuttle, Valentino, Wagner, Watson, Webster, Weddell, Wheeler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Annis, Austin, Beaudette, Beaulieu, Browne W, Casavant, Cebra, Chase, Cleary, Connor, Cotta, Cray, Crosthwaite, Curtis, Edgecomb, Finch, Finley, Fischer, Fitts, Fletcher, Flood, Gifford, Giles, Gould, Grose, Hamper, Hanley S, Hayes, Jacobsen, Johnson, Joy, Knight, Lansley, Lewin, McDonough, McFadden, McKane, McLeod, Millett, Muse, Nass, Pinkham, Plummer, Prescott, Rector, Richardson D, Richardson W, Robinson, Rosen, Samson, Sarty, Savage, Saviello, Silsby, Strang Burgess, Sykes, Tardy, Thibodeau, Thomas, Tibbetts, Vaughan, Walker, Weaver, Woodbury.

ABSENT - Berube, Blanchette, Conover, Duprey, Emery, Greeley, Haskell, Jackson, Marean, Moore, Pilon, Pineau.

Yes, 75; No, 64; Absent, 12; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

Bill "An Act To Establish a Single-payor Health Care System" (H.P. 790) (L.D. 1072)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, the House voted to **INSIST**. Sent for concurrence.

The House voted to **INSIST**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative WHEELER of Kittery, the House adjourned at 11:38 p.m., until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2008 in honor and lasting tribute to Harry F.C. True, of Kittery Point and Mary T. Clerkin, of Moody.