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- In House, Majority (8) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-153) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-447)** thereto on June 1, 2009.

- In Senate, Minority (5) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**. **TABLED** - June 2, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative PIEH of Bremen.

PENDING - FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative PIEH of Bremen, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Laws Governing Gubernatorial Candidates

(H.P. 970) (L.D. 1380)

(C. "A" H-429)

TABLED - June 3, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative TRINWARD of Waterville.

PENDING - PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED.

On motion of Representative TRINWARD of Waterville, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (H-429)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-529)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-429)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Trinward.

Representative **TRINWARD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I just would like to very briefly explain the amendment. The amendment was brought to our attention that there would be gubernatorial candidates that would be interested in using the new regulations or new restrictions for seed money and would like to start being able to collect their seed money this summer. It makes perfect sense that if you are running for Governor, and you were allowed to raise more seed money, that you would be allowed to start collecting it earlier. So this would put an emergency preamble on this bill so that people could start their campaigns as soon as the summer.

The second piece that we did was we moved the date back to April 1st, when your signatures are due at the Commission's Office. This gave the commission extra time to get their gubernatorial signatures done before they started receiving legislative signatures for Clean Election money. So what we failed to do was to add the two weeks we took away at the beginning, so what we've done is change the beginning date for collecting signatures to start two weeks earlier and to end two weeks earlier. Thank you.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-529)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-429)** was **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-429) as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-529)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

The Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** as Amended by **Committee Amendment "A" (H-429)** as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-529)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belfast, Representative Giles, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **GILES**: Yes, on the following roll calls, and you may want to help me out because I haven't missed a session yet, I was absent on Friday and on Roll Call No. 200 for LD 253, I would have voted yea. On Roll Call No. 206, LD 1088, I would have voted nay. On Roll Call No. 202, LD 1205, I would have voted nay. On Roll Call No. 205, LD 1264, I would have voted nay. On Roll Call No. 201, LD 1392, I would have voted yea. On Roll Call No. 203, LD 1438, I would have voted yea. And Roll Call No. 204, LD 1485, I would have voted yea had I been present. Thank you.

The House recessed until 2:00 p.m.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Consolidation of School Administrative Units To Delay All Penalties for One Year (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 225) (L.D. 285)

(C. "A" H-352)

Which was **TABLED** by the Speaker pending a **RULING OF THE CHAIR**.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair has carefully considered the matter pending ruling as to the germanous of House Amendment "A". On the question of germanous, the Chair is bound by House Rule 506 which simply requires that an amendment must be germane to the proposition under consideration, and by Section 402 of the parliamentary manual of the House, the *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*. Section 402 of *Mason's* reads in its entirety:

Amendments Must Be Germane

1. Every amendment proposed must be germane to the subject of the proposition or to the section or paragraph to be amended.
2. To determine whether an amendment is germane, the question to be answered is whether the question is relevant, appropriate, and in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal.
3. To be germane, the amendment is required only to relate to the same subject. It may entirely change the effect of or be in conflict with the spirit of the original motion or measure and still be germane to the subject.