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HOUSE REPORT - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1103) (L.D. 1536)

TABLED - June 19, 2013 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

PENDING - **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-566)**.

Representative PRIEST of Brunswick **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-569) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Priest.

Representative PRIEST: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Fellow Representatives. This is the first of a series of technical amendments to the errors bill. These came in too late for the committee to consider it before we put out the errors bill. Again, these are all technical. We understand that they have the agreement of the relevant substantive committees in these, so I will present them one by one. The items that they are correcting are obvious from looking at the statement of fact in the summary at the bottom of the bill, so I, again, will be presenting them one by one. Thank you.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-569) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative presented **House Amendment "B" (H-570) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative presented **House Amendment "C" (H-571) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative presented **House Amendment "D" (H-572) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative presented **House Amendment "E" (H-573) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative presented **House Amendment "F" (H-574) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative moved that the House **SUSPEND** Joint Rule 311 for the purpose of offering amendments.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Priest.

Representative PRIEST: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Joint Rule 311 requires amendments to be distributed at least 24 hours in advance of the presentation of the amendment. That's obviously not possible today, so that is the reason for presenting the suspension.

Subsequently, Joint Rule 311 was **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of offering amendments.

The same Representative presented **House Amendment "G" (H-576) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative presented **House Amendment "H" (H-577) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative presented **House Amendment "I" (H-578) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bethel, Representative Crockett.

Representative CROCKETT: I object to Amendment "I." I haven't had a chance to review that as of yet and I'd object to its addition at this time.

On motion of Representative FREDETTE of Newport, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION of House Amendment "I" (H-578) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-566)** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Oral Health Care"

(H.P. 870) (L.D. 1230)

- In House, Majority (7) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-531) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-564)** thereto on June 19, 2013.

- In Senate, Reports **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**. **TABLED** - June 19, 2013 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast the House voted to **RECEDE**.

Subsequently, on further motion of the same Representative, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and sent for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 242)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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June 28, 2013

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 161, "An Act To Restrict a Health Insurance Carrier to Rating on the Basis of One Geographic Area."

This bill rolls back the market-based changes of the 125th Legislature in favor of more government bureaucracy over our insurance markets. It removes individual choices from the insurance market to promote central government planning in Augusta. Our insurance rates skyrocketed under these policies in years past, rapidly growing our welfare rolls without reducing our uninsured population. Now is not the time to return to those policies which made health insurance unaffordable for hardworking Maine families.

For these reasons, I return LD 161 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.