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Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BOLAND of Sanford, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CHASE of Wells, CONNOR of Kennebunk, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, EATON of Sullivan, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, PIOTTI of Unity, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, TREAT of Hallowell, WATSON of Bath, WHEELER of Kittery, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, BOWMAN of York.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Surcharge for the E-9-1-1 System" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 210) (L.D. 264)

Sponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton.

Cosponsored by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill and Representatives: EATON of Sullivan, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Limestone Water and Sewer District"

(H.P. 218) (L.D. 275)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Representative: AYOTTE of Caswell, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Education**

Representative SUTHERLAND for the **Department of Education** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization, and Approval of Education Personnel, Part I and Part II, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 211) (L.D. 268)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 40) (L.D. 45) Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-2)**

On motion of Representative CAIN of Orono, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orono, Representative Cain.

Representative **CAIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this is LD 45, the very first budget bill we have before

us this session. I am very proud, in case you didn't know already, that we got an unanimous report out of our committee on Friday. I got a call Friday afternoon on my way home. The person on the other end of the phone said, "Well, it must not have been that hard if you closed the budget at 4 o'clock on a Friday during daylight hours. There must not have been many tough negotiations." Well, on the contrary, Madam Speaker. As you know and I know, and the members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and leadership on both sides of the aisle know, there was quite a bit of negotiation and there was quite a bit of hard work that went into this budget document.

There will be plenty of times—later today, tomorrow, and Thursday—to talk about all of the thank yous. I'll definitely want to thank the other members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, in particular, the Representative from Waterford for his work. There will be plenty of time to thank, again and again, the policy committees for their work. Because of the work they did, our work was made easier. There will be plenty of time to thank leadership, on both sides of the aisle, so I won't do that too much now.

What I will ask is that you allow us today to put this budget in a position to be amended. We have to get it through First Reading, we are going to put it in a posture to accept Committee Amendment "A", and then we are going to pause and then we are going to table the item. I am explaining this to you because, for many of you, you might think, Oh my gosh, are we about to take our first budget vote? No you are not. We just want you to help us put it in the position where it can be amended so that with the amendment deadline being today at 1 o'clock, then we will be able to take it up again knowing everything that is before us, and we can take it all in one comprehensive look.

I will say thank you again. This was not easy, and we will have time to discuss, later today and this week, all of the intricate details of this supplemental budget, but I am very proud of the work we did. I believe we laid the groundwork effectively and responsibly for the work ahead of us, the mountain of work ahead of us in the biennial budget. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Unanimous Committee Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-2)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

On motion of the Representative PIOTTI of Unity, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** of **Committee Amendment "A" (H-2)** and later today assigned.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Wednesday, January 21, 2009, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Joint Order Authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation To Report out a Bill Concerning the Sears Island Planning Initiative

(S.P. 21)

- In Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

TABLED - January 7, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

PENDING - PASSAGE.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative MAZUREK of Rockland, the Joint Order was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.