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O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Saucier, Schneck, Seavey, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Beebe-Center, Brooks, Bryant, Chapman, Chipman, Cooper, Doore, Fecteau, Frey, Golden, Grant, Harlow, Martin J, Martin R, Melaragno, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Tipping-Spitz.

ABSENT - Bates, Beck, Bickford, McLean, Rykerson, Sawicki, Stuckey, Sukeforth.

Yes, 121; No, 22; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

121 having voted in the affirmative and 22 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the **Minority Ought to Pass as Amended pursuant to Joint Order 2016, S.P. 630 Report was ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-354) was READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading.**

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-354)** in concurrence.

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

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish a Commission To Reform Public Education Funding and Improve Student Performance in Maine and Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of the Department of Education and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

(H.P. 1117) (L.D. 1641)

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

Representative McCABE of Skowhegan **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:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe.

Representative **McCABE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I was reminded in the last few days of a speech given earlier this session by the good Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette. In that speech, he referred to feeling as if maybe he was sort of backed into the corner, would vote for the initiative before him, but really didn't feel that great about it.

So before us today, we have some funding. We have some funding for education. I don't think we should take a victory lap today. I think it's okay to walk over the finish line, but I feel like we've left the job undone. I know where we started. We took a vote a few weeks ago. We started at a higher number. On Monday, we saw the good work of the Education Committee, bipartisan work of the Education Committee, go before AFA and request \$24 million. Here we are today, we're voting on 15. I

would encourage all folks to vote for 15. But I say the work is not done. There is still more work to be done.

I think we'll continue to hear from our constituents back home that we continue not to meet our obligation for education funding and I think that that's something we should all think about. I think those folks in the room who represent rural school districts are really feeling the pinch the most. So, really, today I stand up, I will support the measure before us, but I couldn't let it pass without going on the record and really stating how I felt.

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.

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 489

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Battle, Beavers, Beebe-Center, Black, Blume, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Goode, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Reed, Russell, Sanderson, Saucier, Schneck, Seavey, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Brooks, Chapman, Golden, Grant, Martin J, Nadeau, Rotundo, Sanborn.

ABSENT - Bates, Beck, Bickford, Chace, Kinney J, McLean, Prescott, Rykerson, Sawicki, Sherman, Stuckey, Sukeforth.

Yes, 131; No, 8; Absent, 12; Excused, 0.

131 having voted in the affirmative and 8 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.

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide for Tax Conformity and Funding Methods
(S.P. 633) (L.D. 1583)

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

Representative McCABE of Skowhegan **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.