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82 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-635)** 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" (H-635)** and sent for concurrence.

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

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

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (9) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-464) - Minority (4) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-465) - Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 647) (L.D. 1606)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan pending **ADOPTION** of **Committee Amendment "A" (S-464) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-467)** thereto.

Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston **PRESENTED House Amendment "C" (H-643) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-464)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I want to explain what this amendment does. It removes the Emergency preamble and it delays raises for law enforcement and psychiatric workers until July 1st, 2016. It keeps budget stabilization funds transfer at \$44.5 million. County jail operations funding happens in FY '17 instead of FY '16. It removes funding for the last three months of Fiscal Year 2015-16 for an increase in reimbursement rates to eligible MaineCare providers. And these changes in this amendment accommodate the fact that we do not have two-thirds support in the chamber, which means that these provisions of the bill cannot go into effect immediately. Thank you.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "C" (H-643) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-464)** was **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-464) as Amended by House Amendment "C" (H-643) and Senate Amendment "A" (S-467) thereto was **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-464) as Amended by House Amendment "C" (H-643) and Senate Amendment "A" (S-467)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

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

**ENACTORS
Emergency Measure**

An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Deappropriations for the Judicial Department for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017

(H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1597)

(C. "A" H-631)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 141 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Change the Definition of "Hard Cider" for Consistency with Federal Law

(H.P. 1148) (L.D. 1678)

An Act To Assist Small Distilleries

(H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1687)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Identify Retirees Whose Retirement Benefit Calculations Were Adversely Affected by Certain Pay Freezes and To Calculate Costs Associated with Authorizing Those Retirees To Include Such Lost Wages in Retirement Benefit Calculations

(H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1677)

(C. "A" H-632)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Protect Victims of Human Trafficking

(S.P. 593) (L.D. 1531)

(C. "A" S-457)

An Act To Facilitate Internal Hiring by Reforming the Use of Registers in the State Civil Service System

(S.P. 682) (L.D. 1668)

(C. "A" S-449)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **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**.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the House adjourned at 9:46 p.m., until 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016.