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(In Senate, April 29, 2016, Veto Communication (H.C. 544) **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. VETO OVERRIDEN** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, in concurrence)

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

THE CHAIR MADE THE FOLLOWING RULING:

"The Chair would advise the Members that we cannot reconsider an Override of a Veto."

The Chair ruled **THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE OVERRIDE OF A VETO IS OUT OF ORDER.**

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

An Act To Protect Maine's Natural Resources Jobs by Exempting from Sales Tax Petroleum Products Used in Commercial Farming, Fishing and Forestry

S.P. 579 L.D. 1481

Tabled - April 29, 2016, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, April 29, 2016, Veto Communication (S.C. 1000) **READ** and **PLACED ON FILE.**)

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis moved the Bill and accompanying papers be **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Alfond.

Senator **ALFOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I fully support sending this back to committee and I also just want to take a second here and just thank the good Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis. This bill

in front of us, that we are sending back to committee, we all know we passed it in L.D. 1606. This whole issue wouldn't be in front of us, would not be helping all of these important industries, including those who work in our woods, if it wasn't for Senator Davis; and I just want everyone to know how much I appreciate the work he's done and I think he has done a fabulous job highlighting something that we can do right now to help our folks that work so hard in the lumber industry. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. I thank my friend from Cumberland for his kind words and I would urge that each member of this Body take credit for this and go home and tell the folks what you have done. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 558

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 27, 2016

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th 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 1253, "An Act To Improve the Evaluation of Elementary and Secondary Schools."

This bill needlessly complicates the process of developing an accountability system to determine how well Maine's schools are doing, which would interfere in the ongoing work at the Department of Education (DOE). Therefore, I must return it to you unsigned and vetoed.

Congress recently enacted the Every Student Succeeds Act to replace No Child Left Behind. DOE is in the process of adapting to the new law, a key provision of which requires that every state create an accountability system. As part of the federal mandate, DOE must develop a consolidated application for approval early in 2017, which must include a comprehensive