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Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

HOUSE REPORT - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Education"

H.P. 1271 L.D. 1829

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-694)**

Tabled - March 29, 2018 by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT** in concurrence.

(In House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-694)**.)

Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-694) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ A SECOND TIME**.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, Senate Amendment "A" (S-427) **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Langley.

Senator **LANGLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I'd like to just explain the amendment that's in front of you. L.D. 1829 is a department bill, as we often get them, that makes some changes. This came in late and just did not make its way onto the amended bill that we would have seen already. What this amendment does is allow the Department of Education, they may share a copy, a confidential version of the report called School Safety, Security, Emergency Management Assessment that was done in 2014 by Safe Havens International, to be able to share it with the Department of Defense, Veterans, Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency. I just wanted to point your attention to it as school safety has been a topic and we'll have some further bills that will be coming our way, maybe talking about revolving renovation funds to put towards school security. This was a report that was done and it pointed out some of maybe the deficiencies in our schools around the state. Because of its confidential nature, it wasn't shared outside

the Department and this allows the Department to share it with those folks that live in that security world. So thank you for your time and attention.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, Senate Amendment "A" (S-427) **ADOPTED**.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-694) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-427), in NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

#### Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1329

#### JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING VIETNAM VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY ON MARCH 29, 2018

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in the Republic of South Vietnam from 1961 to 1975 and the United States Armed Forces became involved in Vietnam to provide direct military support for the Republic of South Vietnam to defend itself against the growing communist threat from North Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, 8,744,000 military personnel served on active duty during the Vietnam War and 2,594,000 personnel served within the borders of South Vietnam between January 1, 1965 and March 28, 1973; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat units and combat support units from South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has 343 names etched on the black granite wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the Nation's capital, and 11 of our soldiers are still missing in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, March 30th of each year is Vietnam War Remembrance Day in Maine, in honor of the service and sacrifice of those veterans of the United States Armed Forces who served during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, as with veterans returning from today's battlefields, those who served in Vietnam came home with both physical and unseen injuries of war, and many of those unseen injuries went undiagnosed and were not as well initially understood by the medical community and citizenry as they are now; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to honor the millions of men and women who served with valor during the Vietnam War, including those who suffered unseen injuries; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day specifically honors the 7,200,000 living Vietnam War veterans and the 9,000,000 family members of those veterans; now, therefore, be it