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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
3rd Legislative Day
Thursday, March 11, 2021

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Honorable Denise A. Tepler, Topsham.

National Anthem by Ange Pitteroff, Randolph.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

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, 2021"

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 220)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9) in the House on March 10, 2021.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "A" (S-18) AND "B" (S-19)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative MILLETT of Waterford, the House voted to **RECEDE**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative MILLETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of the Recede motion, as many of you know, and for the newcomers, we are in that position where we need to back up from where the bill is in the other Body, namely the way we sent it yesterday morning with two amendments added to it, in order for further amendments to be considered here today. I will be speaking to one of those amendments but not offering them.

I thought I would like to take just a few minutes, I'll try to be brief and not overwhelm you with numbers, but I heard a lot of good messages yesterday. The prayer was extremely historically valuable. The Good Representative from Wells, Representative Skolfield, touched all of the bases that remind us all of how things changed when the 129th adjourned back on St. Patrick's Day of 2020.

Our two fore leaders, both Representatives Dillingham and Dunphy, used the word "we" several times during the course of the conversation yesterday. And I listened carefully and I thought it would be good to remind us that we are all in this together if we are to achieve a successful outcome today. As a reminder, since we adjourned on the 17th of March, 2020, more than 8 billion dollars of federal money, pandemic-related, has come through our borders in various ways. Not one nickel of that has been authorized and approved by legislative bodies either in the 129th or yet for this Body and the other in the 130th. Most of those dollars were intended to acknowledge that, unknown to us when we left here or the other building on St. Patrick's Day, the full extent that the pandemic would have and the upsets to every aspect of the communities that we represent. From individuals, from workers, from families, to children, to students, to communities and to our institutions, everything has been turned upside down.

A supplemental budget normally is to rebalance a year, and that was its original purpose. Yet, we have, I think, come together on a lot of what is in the bill before us today by recognizing that we need to go beyond simply rebalancing the FY-21 general fund budget, which I would remind you is at the moment only 150 million out of balance. There was a time back in the mid-summer when we thought it was going to be much larger. The August forecast projected over a 570 million shortfall in 21, rising to 1.4 billion over the three-year period. So, when we were sworn in on the second of December last year, we knew the new forecast, we had hint that we were 150 million out of balance.

A couple of things changed. In late-December, the Consolidated Appropriations Act was signed by the outgoing President and it did change some of the federal benefits that had been extended throughout the year and was not reflected in the 150 million figure we knew of in mid-December. So, the Chief Executive presented the budget on January 8th, acknowledging that we were 150 million out of sync for the balance of this fiscal year. She proposed three areas of attention that have survived intact exactly from that beginning; 100.5 million in curtailment initiatives gathered from her cabinet members and departments, 97 million of federal CARES money moves to offset salaries for those state employees engaged in health and safety activity, and 65 million from the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage increase, or FMAP, that supports our Medicaid programs, totaling 65 million.

A little simple math would say that budget produced 287 million of one-time savings, well beyond the 150 that we were out of balance and still are today. The Chief Executive proposed two things that utilized some of that additional balance. One was to add monies to two stabilization accounts, totaling 66 million, and 24 million of spending. Subtracting that 90 million offset that left us with 197 million, which is 47 million more than the need and that was to go forward to the next biennial budget.

So, with that backdrop, here we are today with the new information from that Consolidated Appropriations Act which concluded that our December forecast did not anticipate the conformity issues that arose later from the Paycheck Protection Program, which added to the revenue loss issue by 100 million-plus. Since then, we have as an Appropriations Committee, acknowledged that the Paycheck Protection Program was a sincerely intended program that helped many of our workers who continue to work only because their employers were given money to pay for their paychecks. The changes we have made in early-March as a committee include two new spending issues, 47 million, as a one-time attempt to allow those persons who were unemployed as a result of layoff pandemic related by exempting the first \$10,200 of earned unemployment benefits in 2020, from Maine income taxes. Another 9.7 million was added to address the direct support workers that we have all heard from and care for.

So, here we are today with a difference between the majority and the minority report. I cannot speak to the minority report, but it seeks to address additional conformity that has been available for the last two calendar tax years but would not be continued for the 2020 year. That will be spoken to as an amendment. What I'd like to say as a concluding message is, back to the we; we have an obligation to balance the FY-21 budget. No one will dispute that. We have an obligation to address emergencies when they occur. No one would dispute that this is a true emergency. No one would disagree that we have an obligation to everyone in our communities whose lives were turned upside down during the calendar year and the

more we can do utilizing the one-time sources that are available to us today, the better we will be able to go back home and say we tried to help. I would hope today that we cannot demonize either party's priorities or how we got to where we are today, nor try to make it appear that some of us care more about businesses, some of us care about employees, some of us care about institutions, when, in fact, I believe truly we all care for all elements of our society and our economy. So, I'm hoping that we will bear those thoughts in mind and realize that when we finish today, we have an obligation to address the unbalanced budget and the issues and challenges that lie before us today. I hope we can do so in a civil and bipartisan way and that we will result in a solution that we can all be proud of. Thank you.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "A" (H-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "A" (H-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

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 Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "A" (H-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 5

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, MartinT.

Yes, 83; No, 64; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "B" (H-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "B" (H-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "B" (H-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

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 Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "B" (H-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 6

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, MartinT.

Yes, 83; No, 64; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "B" (H-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "C" (H-20) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "C" (H-20) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "C" (H-20) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

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 Harrison, Representative Riseman.

Representative **RISEMAN**: Thank you. I'm looking through my paperwork and I can't find the proposed amendment. Is there a hard copy somewhere that we can see?

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair would advise Members that on Paperless Chamber, on the tablets in front of you, there's hyperlinks to the amendments proposed to the item before us, 1-6. If you need assistance finding where that is, please

indicate and a member of the chamber staff can help you navigate to that location.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "C" (H-20) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 7

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.

Yes, 81; No, 65; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "C" (H-20) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "D" (H-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Corey.

Representative **COREY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women from the House. I'd like to speak in favor of the proposed amendment. As the president of a small nonprofit charitable organization, I can say fundraising during the pandemic has been challenging and we've had to completely rethink strategies. I can't think of a reason why we wouldn't support these critical investments in Maine's people and environment. Conformity on this tool supports nonprofits who find themselves in impossible circumstances. Please support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "D" (H-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "D" (H-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).**

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 Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "D" (H-21) to Committee Amendment "A"

(H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 8

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.

Yes, 81; No, 65; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "D" (H-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "E" (H-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to briefly explain what we hope to do with this amendment. This amendment speaks to foreign derived intangible income, which is commonly referred to as FDII. And that is a deduction that is given to U.S.-based and even Maine-based businesses that produce and manufacture items, but sell globally. And so, it provides them a deduction on the income on the items that are being sold globally to better help them compete on the global field and against maybe better tax jurisdictions that maybe could be provided elsewhere.

The other piece of this, and speaking with folks from Maine Revenue Services, there is a feeling that this isn't acting as it was intended. And we have asked; there's language in the amendment that asks for them to do a report and a study back to the committee of jurisdiction to provide the data and survey those businesses that are actually currently taking this deduction that are based in Maine to see if there is a benefit for them. That report back would be due at the end of December so that this asks for the deduction that is currently in place to remain in place for tax year '20 and the committee would then have the ability to put forth a piece of legislation if it is proven that this isn't performing as intended and they could then rescind that deduction for tax years '21 going forward.

So, I do hope everyone will consider this and consider supporting this amendment. Thank you.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "E" (H-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "E" (H-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).**

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in my earlier two lengthy remarks, I referenced this particular amendment as one possible grounds for common ground; a compromise, if you will.

The Representative from Oxford has properly explained this is one of those few conformity issues where the particular provision was put in place in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, in an effort to encourage businesses having a presence in Maine and the U.S. to not look to tax havens overseas when they actually did business overseas, either through exports or other income generation. It has been conformed to routinely in tax years '18 and '19 by action of the previous Legislatures. It was offered again as a conformity item but rejected by the administration and is not currently included as a conformity item in the Majority Report.

As the Representative from Oxford indicated, she and I and members of the administration both at the Chief Executive's office and Maine Revenue Services talked about the why not. Because this will cause those businesses based in Maine and/or doing business in Maine to pay 8.6 million dollars in state income taxes than they have previously been paying.

The idea of getting more hard data to determine whether or not this is an appropriate tool in our economic development toolbox to incentivize companies to come to Maine, to stay in Maine, to continue to look at the export options as a productive way of selling their goods and services, and given that the current feeling is that it's not well-understood, why not determine how well it's understood by those who aren't speaking? The idea of the study and the conformity for one year, with a full understanding that if it isn't working, we discard it, was presented. I want to just suggest that this is the one amendment where I see an opening for some conversation rather than a straight unspoken motion to indefinitely postpone and walk away from this opportunity. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Good Representative is correct, we have been discussing this and a study. We are in complete agreement that we agree that a study needs to be developed around this issue. Where we disagree is that the vast majority of people who receive this benefit that Maine taxpayers pay are actually not Maine businesses that reside in Maine; they're multinational companies that exist beyond our borders.

We definitely think that this should be researched and are happy to do it, but we also think that we should not continue to pay an average of \$33,000 to each of these businesses that do not reside in Maine while we look at that study, and there's our difference. I'm always hopeful that we might be able to come to some agreement, but I wanted to be clear about the majority report and the discussion around this issue.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM:** Thank you, and I appreciate the comments from the Representative from Falmouth. But, I would like to clarify in our conversations that we were told that those businesses actually are protected privately, so, we weren't informed of what the businesses were, we weren't given any information about how many businesses here specifically versus how many businesses outside the State of Maine. I did ask about an industry that we have, our lobstering industry, that is produced here in Maine but they do sell globally and if what the impact would be on those folks that participate in the lobstering industry and I wasn't given an answer, I wasn't able to provide an answer because those businesses that are here in Maine hadn't been surveyed to see what would be that impact.

So, while I understand the comments and the concern, I think that that's what led us to to promoting the compromise to allow a deduction that doesn't actually create a fiscal note and can be absorbed within the majority budget, for us to be able to move forward, go through that study, and the folks at Maine Revenue Services would have the opportunity to really get all of that data, still protect the privacy of the businesses that are taking this deduction, but bring that forth to the committee of jurisdiction as well as the Appropriations Committee.

So, thank you very much.

The **SPEAKER:** A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "E" (H-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 9

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WarrenS, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.

Yes, 81; No, 65; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "E" (H-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "F" (H-23) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9),** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "F" (H-23) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "F" (H-23) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).**

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 Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "F" (H-23) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 10

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Peabworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.

Yes, 82; No, 64; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "F" (H-23) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative COREY of Windham **PRESENTED House Amendment "G" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9),** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Corey.

Representative **COREY:** Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I'll make this short. I ask that you support this amendment as it requires a diversity of Mainer's voices be heard in spending resources that are directed to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "G" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "G" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).**

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 Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "G" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A"

(H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 11

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Peabworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WarrenS, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.

Yes, 78; No, 68; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 68 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "G" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Senate Amendment "A" (S-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was READ by the Clerk and **ADOPTED.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We received two other Body amendments on the supplemental budget from the other Body last night and I just wanted to briefly give people of the House a chance to hear exactly what those were.

The first one has to do with our unemployment insurance and this aligns our unemployment insurance deduction with the newly-passed federal law. We're doing this for the ease and clarity of our taxpayers so that when they go to take the deduction that we put in the majority budget they'll be able to align that with the federal new guidelines that have come through. There is a small fiscal note to this of \$65,830. This is so that the Maine Revenue Service can do some communication with our taxpayers so they definitely understand this deduction that's going to be available to them.

The second one has to do with veterans' services. The other body amendment re-appropriates the funds in veterans' services related to a veteran homeless program that the 128th Legislature passed and it also returns the federal funds back to the State for the cemetery plot alliance.

So, those are the, in a nutshell, the two other body amendments that have come to us.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I pose a question to the Chair or?

The **SPEAKER**: The Member may proceed.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: On the first amendment, I just want to clearly understand, and for Members to understand, what that communication is. Is it in fact a communication of postcards that will be sent out to those folks that are able to take the deduction instructing them that they can take the deduction?

The **SPEAKER**: The Member has posed a question to any Members who wish to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is my understanding that I believe this is a postcard mailing of some sort that will be mailed out to the taxpayers.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19) thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Representative **DILLINGHAM** of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19) thereto**.

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 Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19) thereto. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 12

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.

Yes, 82; No, 64; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate**

Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19) thereto in concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 214)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY AND THE WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM ADOPTED BY THIRTY-FOUR MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, January 27, 2021 was International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recommits itself to combating the global rise in antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, 34 member countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, of which the United States is a member, have adopted a legally nonbinding working definition of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the working definition reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the working definition of antisemitism.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Hymanson

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Colleagues. My husband and I moved to York 35 years ago to start our medical practices; me in Neurology, my husband in Cardiology. We moved to York as a Jewish family raising three children who each earned their bar and bat mitzvah. We were welcomed, appreciated, and we felt at home, until 20 years ago York hired a Jewish executive director of our library. Feces were smeared on the door of the library soon after. We in the town of York put together a diverse group of town people and created the York Diversity Forum, with its mission everyone who lives here feels at home. That group still does good work in the community and it has helped my family feel at home in York, Maine, for 35 years.

This resolution includes a working definition of antisemitism which I will read. Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, to our Jewish community, institutions and religious facilities.

This Joint Resolution serves as a reminder for us about antisemitism and that's what I wanted to say to you today.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Zager.

Representative **ZAGER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is much work to be done today, so, I will be brief and will not repeat what the sentiments of the Good Representative from York has just shared.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise as a Jewish Representative and a veteran who joined the U.S. Military