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Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-360)** on Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in Access to Applications for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program" (H.P. 707) (L.D. 961)

Signed:
Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representative:
SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

On motion of Representative BRENNAN of Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-360)** 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-360)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-354)** on Bill "An Act To Include Librarians and Career and Technical Education Teachers in the Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 866) (L.D. 1188)

Signed:
Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
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STEARNS of Guilford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representative:
SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Milford, Representative Drinkwater.

Representative **DRINKWATER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to this, Mr. Speaker, for four simple reasons. My district is a very rural district with a lot of senior citizens and they are struggling even now to pay their property taxes. Also, Mr. Speaker, this looks like it's an unfunded mandate. I know it says for three years, but, you know, three years go by very, very fast.

Also, Mr. Speaker, salaries are negotiated at the local level and we are injecting ourselves into local decisions, Mr. Speaker. And, lastly, Mr. Speaker, it's going to upset the pay scale because, you know, as somebody that's been there for 20 years is only making \$40,000 and now you're going to introduce a librarian at \$40,000, you know, that's going to upset the pay scale for a lot of people. So, therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this motion and I would ask for a roll call, sir.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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 Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I believe that this Body has previously passed the 40,000-salary minimum and I understand what the previous Speaker was saying. But I think it is wrong to leave out those folks that are serving as the career and technical education teachers or our librarians. I believe it's important that we treat them all the same and that their work is just as important than the teachers that we've already said are going to be receiving \$40,000. So, I ask you to follow my light in support of this motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 147

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Cebra, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Copeland, Corey, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Doudera, Downes, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Grohoski, Hall, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hymanson, Javner, Kessler, Kinney, Kryzak, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mathieson, Matlack, McCREA, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Peabworth, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman,

Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, Tuttle, Wadsworth, Warren C, Warren S, White B, White D, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hanley, Johansen, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Mason, O'Connor, Prescott, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stetkis, Underwood.

ABSENT - Arata, Geiger, Gifford, Gramlich, Grignon, Hutchins, Landry, Sharpe.

Yes, 117; No, 26; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

117 having voted in the affirmative and 26 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-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" (H-354)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-361)** on Bill "An Act Authorizing an Increase to the Maximum Annual Fund Balance for Public School Districts"

(H.P. 876) (L.D. 1198)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
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STEARNS of Guilford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

On motion of Representative BRENNAN of Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-361)** 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-361)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Restore a School District's Ability To Authorize New Types of Schools and Programs"

(H.P. 926) (L.D. 1259)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-362)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative STEARNS of Guilford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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 Guilford, Representative Stearns.

Representative **STEARNS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. When charter schools were adopted in Maine, there was a limit to 10 charter schools. In the language, in the Statute, allowed for a public school system or public school unit to be the sponsor, if you will, of a charter school. So, in other words, if you wanted to have a separate line of course work for certain students, you could have a charter school within your school unit. This bill would allow public school units that would like to do that the; ability to have a charter school and it would exceed the cap of 10.

Now, in all practical matters, they can still do that, they just can't call it a charter school. If school system A and school B, school system B would like to get together and have a special program really focusing on arts and music for their students that really excel in those areas to get a focused education, there's nothing to prevent them from doing that or an alternative program of any kind. So, it's a poke at the name charter and also would keep the new school from being able to