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The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#278)

YEAS: Senators: CARPENTER, CATHCART, DAVIS, FERGUSON, GAGNON, GOLDTHWAIT, KNEELAND, LAFOUNTAIN, LEMONT, MCALEVEY, MILLS, MITCHELL, O'GARA, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SAWYER, SHOREY, SMALL, TURNER, WOODCOCK, YOUNGBLOOD, THE PRESIDENT - RICHARD A. BENNETT

NAYS: Senators: BRENNAN, BROMLEY, DOUGLASS, EDMONDS, KILKELLY, LONGLEY, MARTIN, MICHAUD, NUTTING, RAND, TREAT

ABSENT: Senators: DAGGETT, PENDLETON

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being absent, Committee Amendment "A" (H-965) **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Martin.

Senator **MARTIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. For the record, I just want to put something on the record so there will be no misunderstanding from those of us from rural Maine as to what will happen when this becomes reality, if it does. Under the present rules that the department promulgates, there is a requirement that insurance carriers provide certain kinds of care. For example, primary care has to be provided within a certain amount of miles and that insurance carrier has to pay for it. There is also a rule that requires, in terms of specialty care, can be provided at a further distance. Let me illustrate. Right now in Aroostook County a lot of the specialty care is given by Presque Isle, at the Presque Isle Hospital. Under this proposal, if Presque Isle is chosen as part of this plan by the bureau, it could well be that they are going to say that all hospitals in Aroostook County must, for specialty purposes, use Bangor or Portland. So if that is what you support, remember that you are, in fact, creating the possibility, under this system, that Presque Isle will simply become a primary care facility and will not be able to have specialties. If that is what people want, and the same thing is true for all the rest of you throughout this state. Just remember that if the bureau comes out with that plan, it is allowed under what is now coming out of the committee.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-965), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/26/02) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

H.P. 1406 L.D. 1844
(C "A" H-941)

Tabled - March 26, 2002, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 20, 2002, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-941)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, March 26, 2002, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-941) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1009)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **SAVAGE** of Knox, the Senate **RECEDED** from whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-941)**, in concurrence.

House Amendment "A" (H-1009) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **SAVAGE** of Knox, House Amendment "A" (H-1009) **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECEDED** from whereby it **ADOPTED COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-941)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-524) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-941) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Savage.

Senator **SAVAGE:** Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is merely to eliminate from L.D. 1844 that amendment that had to do with school buses. That has been taken care of in the Errors and Omissions Bill. Thank you.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-524) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-941) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-941) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-524) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-941) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-524) thereto, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Specially (3/27/02) Assigned matter: