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READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Expand Access to Foreign Language Instruction in Maine Schools

H.P. 1469 L.D. 2083
(C "A" H-733)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Acts

An Act To Include the Town of Nobleboro within the Great Salt Bay Sanitary District

S.P. 747 L.D. 1936
(C "A" S-444)

An Act To Allow Community Service in Lieu of Fines

H.P. 1372 L.D. 1938
(C "A" H-736)

An Act To Amend the Election Laws

H.P. 1496 L.D. 2110
(C "A" H-737)

An Act To Further Clarify Worker Payments for Clothing and Equipment

H.P. 1574 L.D. 2205

An Act To Expand the Natural Resources Protection Act Compensation Program

H.P. 1589 L.D. 2223
(S "A" S-456)

An Act Containing the Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission

H.P. 1600 L.D. 2240
(C "A" H-735)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act To Reduce Drunk Driving

S.P. 266 L.D. 856
(C "A" S-446)

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

Senator **BROMLEY:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. This bill is going to take a little detour before it gets back to us. I rise to put some remarks on the record so that this Body can share in the good work that brought this bill this far. We often get accused of, and sometimes engage in, making sausage, but I would just want to tell you that this bill is the finest of culinary arts. To that point, this bill is a bill that puts interlock devices on cars of people that have a drunk driving problem. Why I'm rising to speak about this is because the product that first came before the Criminal Justice Committee was not ready for prime time. I so want to thank the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond, the good Senator from Aroostook, Senator Sherman, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator McCormick, in being stalwart supporters of this process to bring this bill this far. With all we have before us, all the disagreements we have, and all the tough work we had, particularly on the Criminal Justice Committee, I simply want to point out that what we did was the people's business at its best. We're increasing public safety. We're also giving a little positive fiscal note to the Highway Table, not that it needs it. We're also making it possible for people that want to mend and heal their lives to do that by being on our roads safely. It's simply to say thank you to my legislative colleagues in and outside of this Chamber as well as a very fine group of stakeholders that worked diligently to bring this product this far. I think it's going to fly through here in another moment, but I just wanted to stop and pause in the action to put my thanks and congratulations to all that helped on the record. Thank you, Madame President.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, placed on the **SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Continue the Maine Military Family Relief Fund Voluntary Checkoff

H.P. 1405 L.D. 2021
(C "A" H-731)

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.
