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Maine people deserve to see how their elected officials voted on each piece of legislation.

For this reason, I return LD 1347 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Clarify That Competitive Bid Provisions Apply to Grant Awards

H.P. 916 L.D. 1347

Comes from the House, 144 members having voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#233)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFISKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE - GARRETT P. MASON

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 221

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 12, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 483, "An Act Regarding the Reporting Standards for Child Abuse."

As promised, I am vetoing all bills sponsored by Democrats because they have stifled the voice of Maine citizens by preventing them from voting on the elimination of the income tax.

These legislators were elected to serve the people of Maine, but they choose to operate behind closed doors to advance their own partisan agendas. Rather than work with me to at least give the Maine people a chance to vote on lowering or eliminating the income tax, they closed the door. They defend the status quo and they cut the people out of the process.

I will not sit by and watch a handful of Democrats disenfranchise the people they were elected to represent. I want to ensure that each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta.

Therefore, in order for legislation sponsored by Democrats to become law, they will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call. Instead of allowing them to pass bills out of the public eye and with no accountability, I believe the Maine people deserve to see how their elected officials voted on each piece of legislation.

For this reason, I return LD 483 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act Regarding the Reporting Standards for Child Abuse
H.P. 322 L.D. 483

Comes from the House, 143 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#234)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE - GARRETT P. MASON

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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June 12, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 537, "An Act To Avoid the Inappropriate Use of Assessment Tools on Children before Grade 3."

As promised, I am vetoing all bills sponsored by Democrats because they have stifled the voice of Maine citizens by preventing them from voting on the elimination of the income tax.

These legislators were elected to serve the people of Maine, but they choose to operate behind closed doors to advance their own partisan agendas. Rather than work with me to at least give the Maine people a chance to vote on lowering or eliminating the income tax, they closed the door. They defend the status quo and they cut the people out of the process.

I will not sit by and watch a handful of Democrats disenfranchise the people they were elected to represent. I want to ensure that each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta.

Therefore, in order for legislation sponsored by Democrats to become law, they will have to follow the procedure for

reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call. Instead of allowing them to pass bills out of the public eye and with no accountability, I believe the Maine people deserve to see how their elected officials voted on each piece of legislation.

For this reason, I return LD 537 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Prohibit Standardized Testing of Children before the Third Grade

H.P. 361 L.D. 537

Comes from the House, 145 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#235)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE - GARRETT P. MASON

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