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**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Alfond.

Senator **ALFOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Amendment A reduces the fiscal note of this bill to \$100,000 per year. I appreciate the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Volk's ability to move this forward. Co-working spaces in this state are something that truly is our future to grow small businesses, to allow entrepreneurs to succeed, and to really ensure that our downtowns or empty storefronts have the ability to become lively again, to become filled with entrepreneurs in the area. I really think this is a great bill for us to move forward. It's a great small business bill. It's great for entrepreneurship and it's great for our downtowns, especially in rural Maine. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-250) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-228) **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-228) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-250) thereto, **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-228) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-250)** thereto.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/17/15) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

H.P. 942 L.D. 1392

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-454)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

Tabled - June 17, 2015, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, June 17, 2015, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

(In Senate, June 17, 2015, Reports **READ**.)

Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his motion to **ACCEPT** Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Same Senator moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. This bill, I think, was an effort. It was a department bill. We spent a lot of time working on this in the Committee on Health and Human Services. It's an effort to really increase the integrity of the Maine Medical Marijuana Program and give the people in the program the tools they need to really increase the integrity there. Unfortunately, while the overall program is, I think, working very well, there are some bad apples who kind of cast a shadow on everyone else. These were some proposals to help the department implement this program better, though there have been some concerns about it and I'm sure we'll have the department in the future bring a new bill forward so we can try to work out some of these issues. As for now, I would like us to accept the Ought Not to Pass Report so we can move forward. Thank you very much.

On further motion by same Senator, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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**RECESSED** until 5:15 in the evening.

After Recess

Senate called to order by President Pro Tempore **GARRETT P. MASON** of Androscoggin County.

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Off Record Remarks

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Reward Work Performed by Welfare Recipients"

H.P. 951 L.D. 1402

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-420)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-421)** (6 members)

Tabled - June 18, 2015, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**