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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.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Bill "An Act To Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department Employees" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 553 L.D. 1451

Tabled - June 30, 2015, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In Senate, June 30, 2015, on motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**. On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **RECONSIDERED**.)

READ ONCE, without reference to a Committee.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME**, without reference to a Committee, and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Legislation"
S.P. 554 L.D. 1452

Tabled - June 30, 2015, by Senator **BURNS** of Washington

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.)

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE**, without reference to a Committee, and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 300

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

June 26, 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 560, "An Act Regarding Patient Information Under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act."

This bill, which attempts to prevent providers from using the medical marijuana portal to transmit identifiable information, is dangerously overbroad. The language of the bill does not limit the application of the law to the medical marijuana patient portal, and therefore, this bill could be construed to prevent other departmental functions that are conducted over the internet. The Department of Health and Human Services has voluntarily addressed the issue of data transmission using the medical marijuana certification portal, and so, on top of being overbroad, this law is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I return LD 560 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act Regarding Patient Information Under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

H.P. 384 L.D. 560

Comes from the House, 120 members having voted in the affirmative and 25 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 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 (#391)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BRAKEY, BREEN, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFISKY, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, VALENTINO, VOLK, WILLETTE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BAKER, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, EDGECOMB, HAMPER, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, WHITTEMORE, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, and 20 being less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **SUSTAINED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: H.C. 301

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

June 26, 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 834, "An Act To Clarify the Use of "M.D." To Represent Achievement of a Graduate Degree by an Individual Not Licensed To Practice Medicine in Maine."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 834 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Clarify the Use of 'M.D.' To Represent Achievement of a Graduate Degree by an Individual Not Licensed To Practice Medicine in Maine

H.P. 568 L.D. 834

Comes from the House, 107 members having voted in the affirmative and 40 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 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.