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emergency preamble of the bill, it reads as follows: Whereas the Honorable John L. Tuttle, Jr. served for 10 years as a member of the Maine Army National Guard and for nearly 30 years in both the Senate and House of Representatives in the Maine State Legislature, and whereas the Honorable John L. Tuttle, Jr. passed away on January 27, 2022 while serving his 12th term in the House of Representatives, and whereas there is pending federal legislation that will allow states to determine eligibility criteria for burial in state veteran cemeteries of those who died while a member or former member of the military forces identified in this legislation, and whereas the Legislature wishes to honor the service of the Honorable John L. Tuttle, Jr. by allowing his burial in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery system in accordance with the pending federal legislation.' Mr. President, women and men of the Senate, I hereby request that we honor him. This is serendipitous, it's poetry even, that we make it so he can be laid to rest in a cemetery that he established in statute a generation ago and with that, Mr. President, I request the vote be taken by the yeas and nays in honor of our fallen hero.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **TIMBERLAKE**, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **BALDACCI**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#723)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, TIMBERLAKE

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 29 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Off Record Remarks

Emergency Measure

An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes H.P. 1314 L.D. 1763 (C "A" H-886)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 5 Senators being excused, and 29 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Ensure Legislative Review of Rules for Maine's Medical Use of Marijuana Act

S.P. 622 L.D. 1784 (C "A" S-503)

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, as you are aware, there's been discussions on marijuana federally and it still is illegal. It's an illegal substance. It has been passed on medical marijuana in certain prospects, but I still have yet to see a definition on how marijuana is defined as medically when they don't have statistics to even show it's a medical piece. I really feel that marijuana has really hurt this state since it's been legalized. I've seen and I've heard from many people how harmful it's done to several families because it's been abused. So, I continually feel that we are suffering from a lot of committees trying to deal with other issues created from part of the legalization of marijuana. So, I've seen where the Department of Human Services with childcare, I've seen in law enforcement, I've seen in many aspects for what's been happening in this state, and I just want to make sure that everybody understands when every time we vote okay, that marijuana's okay as an elixir drug to be used in the state of Maine that we are really hurting the state. Thank you, Mr. President.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Maxmin.