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Representative:
DOLLOFF of Milton Township

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-965)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would request a roll call and I will be voting Ought Not to Pass on this motion only because I feel that it shouldn't be in fairgrounds at all. Thank you.

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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#738)

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

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, DAVIS, GUERIN

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

30 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 3 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-965) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Promote Equity and Increase Opportunities in the Cannabis Industry by Removing Restrictions Related to Convictions for Drug Offenses and To Replace the Term 'Marijuana' with the Term 'Cannabis' in the Maine Revised Statutes"

H.P. 1457 L.D. 1957

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-980)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
COREY of Windham
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
WOOD of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-980)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I feel this is reducing sentences from ten years to five years and that's a very serious change and I think this should be left up to the judicial and I think that this is a serious bill and that it should not be just up to us to just say we'll just vote and say okay. This is a Schedule 1 drug, federally illegal, and here we are making decisions on just weakening our laws. So, I'm going to vote Ought Not to Pass on this. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just to clarify for the Senate and anyone listening, this bill does not change any way that anyone is sentenced for any crime under the criminal code. What this bill does is reduces the look-back of a

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disqualifying drug offense for the purposes of applying to the Department for a potential license. Right now it's ten years and this bill simply reduces it to five, but it doesn't change how anyone is penalized under the criminal code for any conduct outside of the operation of the law. Thank you, Mr. President.

At the request of Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford a Division was had. 20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-980) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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Six Members of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Update the Comprehensive State Energy Plan To Achieve the State Energy Vision"
H.P. 1497 L.D. 2015

Reported in Report "**A**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-967)**

Signed:

Senator:
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:
BERRY of Bowdoinham
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
SACHS of Freeport
ZEIGLER of Montville

Six Members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**B**" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
LAWRENCE of York
STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:
CARLOW of Buxton
FOSTER of Dexter
GRIGNON of Athens
WADSWORTH of Hiram

Comes from the House with Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED, READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-967)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, Report "**B**", **OUGHT NOT TO PASS, ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Ten members of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemicals"
H.P. 1417 L.D. 1911

Reported in Report "**A**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-958)**.

Signed:

Senators:
BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:
TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
BOYLE of Gorham
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ZEIGLER of Montville

Two members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**B**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-959)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
HANLEY of Pittston
O'CONNOR of Berwick

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**C**" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:
TUELL of East Machias

Comes from the House with Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-958), READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-958)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF ANY REPORT**.