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Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanderson, Saucier, Schneck, Shaw, Sherman, Skolfield, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Verow, Wadsworth, Warren, Welsh, White.

NAY - Austin, Buckland, Campbell J, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, McClellan, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Seavey, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Ward, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Battle, Davitt, Dunphy M, Goode, Malaby, Noon, Sanborn, Sawicki, Wallace, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, 88; No, 53; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

88 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Unanimous **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-458)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-458)** and sent for concurrence.

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SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (11) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-276)** - Minority (2) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Increase Government Efficiency"

(S.P. 446) (L.D. 1241)

- In Senate, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-276)**.

TABLED - June 16, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative **HOBBS** of Saco.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion of Representative **HOBBS** of Saco, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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An Act To Amend the Maine Spruce Budworm Management Laws

(S.P. 315) (L.D. 870)

(C. "A" S-252)

TABLED - June 16, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative **HICKMAN** of Winthrop.

PENDING - **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

On motion of Representative **BLACK** of Wilton, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (S-252)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-466) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-252)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wilton, Representative **Black**.

Representative **BLACK**: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this just cleans up some language that was omitted in the Revisor's Office and takes the fiscal note off it. Thank you.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-466) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-252)** was **ADOPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-252) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-466)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

The Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-252) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-466)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-386)** - Minority (6) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-387)** - Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Enhance Energy Cost Reduction and Facilitate Heating Alternatives in furtherance of the Omnibus Energy Act" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 839) (L.D. 1221)

TABLED - June 11, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative **DION** of Portland.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-386)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative **DUNPHY** of Embden **PRESENTED House Amendment "C" (H-485) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-386)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-386) as Amended by House Amendment "C" (H-485)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-386) as Amended by House Amendment "C" (H-485)** thereto and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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Bill "An Act To Remove from the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act the Requirement That a Patient's Medical Condition Be Debilitating"

(H.P. 22) (L.D. 23)

- In House, Majority (12) **OUGHT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** on May 28, 2015.

- In Senate, Minority (1) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - June 18, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative RUSSELL of Portland, the House voted to **RECEDE**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-484)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Russell.

Representative **RUSSELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, just a clarification. Several weeks ago, we passed LD 23 through Engrossment, with 113 votes in the House. We were a couple votes shy in the other body. Essentially, the original bill that we voted on already would remove the debilitating conditions from the Medical Marijuana Act. It would essentially make it so that we would get politicians out of the doctor's office, we would allow providers to make decisions about what they are seeing medical marijuana being used for.

The amendment before you actually does something different. Instead of repealing the debilitating conditions, it actually adds the following debilitating conditions to the Medical Marijuana Act, which would ultimately allow providers to be able to write recommendations for you. Those debilitating conditions include: anxiety, insomnia, depression, Tourette's syndrome, autism, or Parkinson's disease.

There are anecdotal reports and information coming out from medical studies demonstrating efficacy on these issues and it would be helpful if not only our medical providers could write recommendations for them, but also if they could use this opportunity to research its efficacy, which as you know the federal government has very, very limited capacity to do. So, I would urge you, if you've already voted for the broader bill, I would urge you to vote in support of the current motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-484)** was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-484)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Battle, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **BATTLE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, had I been present for bill LD 1099, I would've voted in the "nay." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Hickman, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **HICKMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, 150 years ago today on June 19, 1865, union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas, with the news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that

this was two-and-a-half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had become official on January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on Texas, due to the minimal number of Union troops there to enforce the new Executive Order.

However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance. One of General Granger's first orders of business was to read to the people of Texas General Order No. 3, which began most significantly with this, quote: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

The reactions to this profound news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation. "Juneteenth Day," also known as "Freedom Day" or "Emancipation Day," remains the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a whole month marked with celebrations, parades, guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection, rejoicing, and good, good food. A time for assessment and self-improvement. A time for planning the future, emphasizing education and achievement.

Juneteenth Day's growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in this nation that is long overdue. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities, and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our nation to this day. Sensitized to the conditions and experience of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.

Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, if you would indulge me on this, the 150th anniversary of General Granger's arrival in Texas, please rise if you know the words and join me in singing the first verse of James Weldon Johnson's "Lift Every Voice and Sing," also known as "The Black National Anthem." I believe some lyric sheets have been passed around. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House.

*"Lift every voice and sing,*

*Till earth and heaven ring,*

*Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;*

*Let our rejoicing rise*

*High as the list'ning skies,*

*Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,*

*Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;*

*Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,*

*Let us march on till victory is won."*

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On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the House adjourned at 1:30 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 22, 2015, in honor and lasting tribute to the memory of Senator Clementa Pinckney; Tywanza Sanders; Sharonda Coleman-Singleton; Cynthia Hurd; Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor; Rev. Daniel Simmons, Sr.; Ethel Lance; Myra Thompson; and Susie Jackson, who lost their lives Wednesday at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.