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The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Shield Journalists' Confidential Sources" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1431 L.D. 2047

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1010)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1010)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1010) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Lower the Cost of Health Insurance"

H.P. 765 L.D. 1047

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
BOWMAN of York

Representatives:
BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth
CANAVAN of Waterville
CROCKETT of Augusta
TREAT of Hallowell
CONOVER of Oakland
PRIEST of Brunswick

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-666)**.

Signed:

Senators:
SULLIVAN of York
SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin

Representatives:
VAUGHAN of Durham
RICHARDSON of Warren
McKANE of Newcastle

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **SULLIVAN** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Acts

An Act To Protect Maine's Energy Sovereignty through the Designation of Energy Infrastructure Corridors and Energy Plan Development

S.P. 885 L.D. 2255
(H "A" H-970; H "B" H-999
to C "A" S-561)

An Act To Encourage Energy Conservation by the Maine State Housing Authority Pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act Review

H.P. 1627 L.D. 2264
(C "A" H-1004)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act To Ensure Fair Wages

S.P. 604 L.D. 1697
(S "A" S-570 to C "A" S-452;
S "A" S-587)

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-452) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-570)** thereto, **AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-587)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-452) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-570) thereto.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "C" (S-628) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-452) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Strimling.

Senator **STRIMLING**: Thank you, Madame President. Just briefly. I do want to thank my good colleague from Lincoln County for his support of this amendment. On the bill, when we took the increased penalties off a couple of days ago what ended up being left was that the Department was going to add an additional position. That does not need to happen and this amendment actually makes sure we don't add another position to state government. It pulls it out and deals with the fiscal note. Again, I thank my good colleague from Lincoln County for supporting this. I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "C" (S-628) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-452) **ADOPTED**.

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

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ADOPTION** of Committee Amendment "A" (S-452) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-570) and "C" (S-628) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**. (Roll Call Ordered)

Resolves

Resolve, To Study Ways To Increase Access to After-school Programs

H.P. 61 L.D. 63
(C "A" H-1002)

Resolve, To Investigate the Possibility of Expanding Cellular Telephone Service in Certain Rural Areas

H.P. 249 L.D. 305
(C "A" H-1001)

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1681

JOINT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2007 the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a landmark declaration outlining the rights of the world's estimated 370 million indigenous people, those people native to an area, and outlawing discrimination against them; and

WHEREAS, the nonbinding declaration expresses the individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples, as well as their rights that pertain to culture, identity, language, employment, health, education and other issues; and

WHEREAS, the declaration also affirmed the rights of indigenous peoples to maintain and strengthen their own institutions, cultures and traditions and to pursue their development in keeping with their own needs and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, in considering the rights of indigenous people everywhere, the declaration also holds that discrimination against indigenous people should be abolished and that promotion of their full and effective participation in all matters that concern them should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, the right to remain distinct and to pursue their own visions of economic and social development is vital according to this declaration; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has a special relationship with its own indigenous people and is the only state in the United States to grant seats to its indigenous peoples, the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe, on the floor of the House of Representatives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Tribal Representatives of the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Divided Report