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Resolve, To Appoint Members to and Establish Terms for the Workers' Compensation Board

H.P. 1677 L.D. 2318
(S "A" S-625)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Sullivan.

Senator **SULLIVAN:** Thank you, Madame President. I know we are going to take a vote on this and this is the vote I'm going to vote yellow on. If you remember from yesterday, I think it is the wrong way to do government, knowing the people have been on for 10 or 12 years. We have vacancies. No one's there. I think it's dead wrong and there are other boards that have done the same thing. I maintain that we have very definite deadlines to meet with petitions and signatures and all of that. It seems to me what's fair for the gander is fair for the goose. Having said that, I understand that there is a bigger picture here, or actually it's a smaller picture. The bigger picture is good government. I will vote yellow on this. I know there is no yellow, it's just my way of protesting. Thank you.

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President was 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 Order

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1682

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Study the Effectiveness and Timeliness of Early Identification and Intervention for Children with Hearing Loss in Maine," H.P. 1655, L.D. 2295, and all its accompanying papers, be recalled from the Governor's desk to the House.

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

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Bill, "An Act To Ensure Fair Wages"

S.P. 604 L.D. 1697

Tabled - April 15, 2008, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

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)

(In House, April 14, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

(In Senate, April 15, 2008, on motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **RULES SUSPENDED. RECONSIDERED PASSAGE 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, **RULES SUSPENDED. RECONSIDERED ADOPTION** of 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** and **ADOPTED**.)

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

Senator **STRIMLING:** Thank you, Madame President. Just as a quick reminder, this is just an amendment that strips out the additional position that the Department of Labor was looking for. It is supported by my good colleague on the other side of the aisle, the Senator from Lincoln.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Adoption of Committee Amendment "A" (S-452) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-570) and "C" (S-628). A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#441)

YEAS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

NAYS: Senators: None

ABSENT: Senators: HASTINGS, HOBBS, SHERMAN

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being absent, Committee Amendment "A" (S-452) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-570) and "C" (S-628) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-452) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "A" (S-570) AND "C" (S-628) thereto, AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-587), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Prescription Drugs Purchased by the State and Counties by Using Section 340B of the Federal Public Health Service Act"

H.P. 1591 L.D. 2231
(C "A" H-1011)

Tabled - April 15, 2008, by Senator **COURTNEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence

(In House, April 15, 2008, 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-1011).**)

(In Senate, April 15, 2008, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence. **READ ONCE**. Committee Amendment "A" (H-1011) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence. **RULES SUSPENDED. READ A SECOND TIME.**)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were 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:

ENACTORS

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

Act

An Act To Increase Public Confidence in Government by Expanding Public Disclosure

S.P. 838 L.D. 2178
(H "E" H-959 to C "A" S-523)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (4/14/08) Assigned matter:

An Act To Provide Access to Certain Medications to Certified Midwives

H.P. 1616 L.D. 2253
(C "B" H-936)

Tabled - April 14, 2008, by Senator **TURNER** of Cumberland

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence (Roll Call Ordered)

(In Senate, April 11, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-936).**)

(In House, April 11, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#442)

YEAS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARTIN, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, ROTUNDO, SCHNEIDER, SMITH, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

NAYS: Senators: BRANNIGAN, DOW, MARRACHE, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, RAYE, ROSEN, SAVAGE, SHERMAN, SNOWE-MELLO, TURNER, WESTON