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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

**Emergency**

An Act To Create the Maine Agriculture Protection Act  
S.P. 591 L.D. 1684  
(C "A" S-455)

Tabled - March 25, 2008, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, March 17, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-455).**)

(In House, March 20, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 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 his approval.

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On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

**Emergency**

An Act To Promote the Agricultural Economy  
H.P. 1606 L.D. 2245  
(C "A" H-862)

Tabled - April 4, 2008, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 1, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-862)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, April 4, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 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 his approval.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

An Act To Create the Maine Council on Poverty and Economic Security

S.P. 362 L.D. 1110  
(C "A" S-548)

Tabled - April 8, 2008, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 2, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-548).**)

(In House, April 8, 2008 **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Weston.

Senator **WESTON:** Thank you, Madame President. May I pose a question through the Chair?

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Senator may pose her question.

Senator **WESTON:** Thank you, Madame President. Is there an amendment to this that is not before us?

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Senator from Waldo, Senator Weston poses a question through the Chair to anyone who may wish to answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Martin.

Senator **MARTIN:** Thank you, Madame President. I have no pending amendment that was voted on by leadership.

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

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (4/15/08) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Require That a Person Be a Maine Resident in Order To Be Issued a Maine Driver's License" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 1662 L.D. 2304  
(H "B" H-994)

Tabled - April 15, 2008, by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock  
Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, April 14, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-994)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, April 14, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENTS "B" (H-994) AND "C" (H-1006)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**)

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, the Senate **RECEDED** from whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-994)**, in concurrence.)

House Amendment "C" (H-1006) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, House Amendment "C" (H-1006) **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-645) **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Damon.

Senator **DAMON:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. This amendment is very similar to the House Amendment that we have just Indefinitely Postponed but it eliminates two words in that amendment. It allows for people of nontraditional housing to be issued a driver's license if they claim a shelter as their residence. The previous amendment provided for a shelter, a park, or an overpass, I think, as domiciles. This tightens it up a bit and provides simply for a shelter. It stays within the intent of this particular law. I would urge its adoption. Thank you, Madame President.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-645) **ADOPTED**.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (994) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-645)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (4/15/08) Assigned matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting  
S.P. 925 L.D. 2315

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-630)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (4 members)

Tabled - April 15, 2008, by Senator **MARRACHÉ** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report

(In Senate, April 15, 2008, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **MARRACHÉ** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

Bill "An Act To Restore Equity to the Maine State Retirement System"

S.P. 600 L.D. 1693  
(S "E" S-621 to C "A" S-451)

Tabled - April 16, 2008, by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, April 15, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-451) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "E" (S-621)** thereto.)

(In House, April 15, 2008, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-451)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland moved the Senate **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (4/15/08) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Lower the Cost of Health Insurance"

H.P. 765 L.D. 1047

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-666)** (5 members)

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

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, April 14, 2008, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

(In Senate, April 15, 2008, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **SULLIVAN** of York, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.