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and it sets that template that we talked about for the long-term transportation policies and debt service, don't forget that this is the first time we have debt service on the Highway Fund. We are going to look at it in a responsible way and see what we have and how we can govern it. It does create this mechanism at the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to create revenue bonds. This is already in place for several programs such as educational facilities, sewers and drinking water. Personally I think minimally the roads are just as important as those other pieces of our infrastructure.

I would like to thank the good Representative Millett, he alluded to this. He came up with amended language that, in fact, did strengthen that piece of it. As far as looking at it, each new authorization would have to receive this body's legislative approval and go through the budget process. This is moving us forward. I appreciate the help with Appropriations and this entire body. We had a very strong vote the other day and I do believe we are moving in the right direction. I hope you support enactment and I have enjoyed serving with all of you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Naples, Representative Cebra.

Representative **CEBRA**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would join with my committee Chair from Portland and just briefly thank the members of the Appropriations Committee for the work that they have done to get this bill to the point where it is. We have worked a long and hard road to a hoe on this bill. We have done it and I really appreciate the support that we have gotten on this night. I appreciate the leadership from both the House and Senate chairmen. I thank the Appropriations Committee, it is a great thing they have done. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative PINGREE of North Haven, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1370)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the following specified matters be held over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature.

Taxation

S.P. 488, L.D. 1400 - An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taxation of Partnerships

S.P. 303, L.D. 952 - An Act To Reduce the Income Tax

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 415)

**MAINE SENATE
123RD LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

June 21, 2007

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

State House Station 2

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby the Senate Failed to Enact "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To

Dispose of Unfunded Liabilities in State Retiree Health Care Plans" (S.P. 534) (L.D. 1511).

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Farrington who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **FARRINGTON**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. With reference to LD 499, the following comes from a communication dated June 21, 2007 from the Commissioner of Education. "I am writing to acknowledge my commitment to submitting legislation in January 2008 that will provide consistency throughout the legislation for school administrative reorganization to reflect the language included in Section 36 6.7 which states 'when circumstances justify an exception to the requirement of 2,500 students the unit must serve at least 1,200 students.' In addition I intend to provide language that permits a similar adjustment for rural communities that demonstrate a need for slightly fewer than 1,200 students because of population density. Current law is not clear on who convenes the reorganization committee, the municipalities or the school administrative unit. The guidance the Department of Education has developed recommends the school administrative unit convene the meeting." Thank you Mr. Speaker.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Requiring the State Bureau of Identification To Report Persons Found To Be a Danger to Themselves or to Others to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System

(H.P. 1336) (L.D. 1902)

(C. "A" H-480)

- In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on June 14, 2007.

- In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on June 21, 2007, in concurrence.

- **RECALLED** from the Governor's Desk pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 739.

Came from the Senate **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 358)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

June 22, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate

The Honorable Glenn A. Cummings, Speaker of the House

122nd Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings: