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least passed in this Senate and hopefully Enacted tonight. I want to thank everybody, especially the Committees on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and Appropriations and Financial Affairs for seeing this through. It really is going to make a huge difference, not only the funding but also the structure of the computer crime unit is now going to be up front. You are all going to be able to see it. In the future legislatures will be able to fund it or not, but at least you will know it's there. The sex trafficking piece is also going to be much improved in our statutes. Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, everybody here.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-502) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-601) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Amend Education Laws

H.P. 1284 L.D. 1742
(C "A" H-757)

Tabled - March 20, 2012, by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, March 15, 2012, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-757)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, March 19, 2012, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, 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" (H-757)**, 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" (H-757), in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-602) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-757) **READ**.

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

Senator **ROSEN:** Thank you Mr. President. This amendment adds in Mandate Preamble to the bill.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, Senate Amendment "A" (S-602) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-757) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-757) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-602) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Johnson.

Senator **JOHNSON:** Thank you Mr. President. There is a particular part of this bill which I have a problem with. It has to do with our deciding, for some reason, that it's good public policy to lower the public voting level of support for dissolving regional school relationships for some number of months and that it's perfectly good policy to then simply put it back some number of months later. I fail to understand why we could consider both to be good public policy when there is no particular special aspect of those months to say there is something happening that we have to address. In my own school system, people are very concerned. I know that some people want to leave consolidated school systems and some people want to keep them all together. I'm not here to argue the merits of either of those positions. I just think that it is very poor judgment to decide that two things that are different are both good public policy, which are in conflict with each other simply because of a matter of months time passage. Why is it all right not to require two-thirds vote if we're going to change that for a while and then later change it back to two-thirds? I would urge you to consider whether that is a good demonstration of good judgment in forming public policy and to consider not supporting this bill. Thank you.

Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland requested a Roll Call. Less than one-fifth of the members responding, a Roll Call was not in order.

At the request of Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland a Division was had. 19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-757) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-602)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

(See action later today.)

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Create the Maine Board of Tax Appeals
H.P. 1291 L.D. 1750
(C "A" H-860)

Tabled - April 3, 2012, by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 2, 2012, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-860)**, in concurrence.)