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Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Provide Interest on Community Agency Accounts"

S.P. 575 L.D. 1529

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

Signed:

Senators:

BERUBE of Androscoggin
EMERSON of Penobscot

Representatives:

NASH of Camden
LOOK of Jonesboro
SAVAGE of Union
GRAY of Sedgwick
WATERMAN of Buxton
KERR of Old Orchard Beach

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass** as **Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-272)**

Signed:

Senator:

BUSTIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

LARRIVEE of Gorham
HEESCHEN of Wilton
KILKELLY of Wiscasset
JOSEPH of Waterville

Which Reports were **READ**.

Senator **BERUBE** of Androscoggin moved to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bustin.

Senator **BUSTIN:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Again, I find myself on the opposite side of the good Chairman from Androscoggin, Senator Berube. But, I think that before we have this Bill go down in defeat, that we ought to take a look at it. What this does is, allow the Community Agency Programs, who do not get paid timely, to collect interest on the money that they have not collected. It is an important Bill, and I do not understand why we wouldn't want to assist those agencies who we are really asking to do our work for us. When we ask them to set up homes for persons with mental illness, or homes for persons with mental retardation, or any of those other things, we ask them to do that in good faith. Then we say to them, we are going to send them a check in the mail. Well guess what? Sometimes the check isn't in the mail. When the check isn't in the mail, and you owe it to the state, what happens to you? You got to pay the interest. That is what happens to you. All this Bill says is, when the state doesn't put the check in the mail, we got to pay the interest. I think that is only fair, because what is

happening out there, is that the Community Agencies, then because they don't get the check in the mail, then have to go to their local friendly banker, and they have to then ask to borrow some money in order to carry them through, at interest. None of that makes sense to me. What makes sense is, that if state agencies are going to contract with agencies to do their work for them, then they ought to be able to pay them timely, and if they don't, they ought to pay the same kind of interest that we the state ask the people when they don't pay them. It only seems fair. I ask for a Division.

Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec requested a Division.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by Senator **BERUBE** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

A Division has been requested.

Will all those in favor of the motion by Senator **BERUBE** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

Will all those opposed please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BERUBE** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

Seven Members on the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Mandate the Use of Seat Belts"
S.P. 381 L.D. 1058

Reported in Report A that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

STROUT of Corinth
HUSSEY of Milo
MARTIN of Van Buren
HALE of Sanford
TAMMARO of Baileyville
RICKER of Lewiston
BOUTILIER of Lewiston

Four Members of the Same Committee on the same subject reported in Report B that the same **Ought to Pass** as **Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-249)**.

Signed:

Senators:

THERIAULT of Aroostook
MILLS of Oxford
GOULD of Waldo

Representative:

SMALL of Bath

Two Members of the Same Committee on the same subject reported in Report C that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-250).

Signed:

Representatives:

MACOMBER of South Portland
BAILEY of Farmington

Which Reports were READ.

Senator THERIAULT of Androscoggin moved to ACCEPT Report B OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes that same Senator.

Senator THERIAULT: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. First, I would like to begin by commending the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brannigan, for keeping this issue before us, and also the good Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins, for keeping this issue before us.

I want to explain very briefly what the three Reports do. Report A is Ought Not To Pass, so that means that the laws as we have on it the books would say that all passengers in a vehicle that are 15 inclusive and under, have to wear seat belts. That is the present law. Report B, which is the Report I moved, increases that age from 15 to 18 inclusive. They would be required to wear belts. Report C is full bore, everybody wearing a seat belt all the time when they are in a vehicle. You have your pick.

Senator WEBSTER of Franklin moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE Bill and Accompanying Papers.

Senator MILLS of Oxford requested a Division.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes that same Senator.

Senator MILLS: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I hope that you will defeat the motion that is before you at this time, and go with the Report B, which is the compromised Bill out of Committee. I feel that it would be a good policy for the State of Maine to continue to have seat belts being required to be worn by people up to the age of 18. I think that the current law, the way it stands now, encourages people to wear seat belts up the point where they can actually get a license. I think that it kind of discourages the use of seat belts, and perhaps for younger people it is the most important time of their life when they first get a license, up until they become an adult. I would hope that we would defeat the motion so that we could go on to pass Report B.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Webster.

Senator WEBSTER: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the fourth time that I have had to vote on seat belt legislation. I remember back six or eight years ago when we passed a law, a compromise Bill as the previous speaker has talked about. A compromise Bill that said, "If you are under the age of four, you have to have a seat belt". Then the next year we came in, and said, "We are going to have another compromise, because there is concern out there, and we need to take care of everybody". So we went to the age of twelve, and fourteen, and now we are at sixteen under current law.

It seems to me that this is another example of the Legislature passing a law, perhaps, that is really unnecessary. In 1987, the law was fourteen. If you can add, the way I understand it, it was under the age of thirteen, I did some research during the other lengthy debate we had, and in 1987, we passed a law saying up to the age of thirteenth birthday you had to have a seat belt. Well, a little adding and subtracting would tell you that anyone who is thirteen in 1987 would now be 17 or 18 years old, so this Bill just doesn't make any sense. I am not sure of the logic behind this. I am quite convinced that once we passed this, next year, we will have another Bill, which will make it 21, or who knows what.

I like the idea that young children, who can't make their own decisions, are required to have a seat belt. But I am not convinced this Bill is necessary, and I don't think we need it, and for that reason, I would just like to dispense with this Bill. I regret that the three members of the Committee, who serve in this distinguished Body, feel this is a good compromise. But after a while, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, do we need to continue to compromise, and compromise, when most people understand the issue. I think that the current law is sufficient, and I would ask you to support my motion. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins.

Senator COLLINS: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I continue to wear my white hat tonight, and I would suggest that we not Indefinitely Postpone this Bill. It has a great deal of merit in either of other two options. Of course the one that I prefer, is the one that would make it mandatory for all of us. I say that, and at the same time tell you that I generally am not a person that generally favors a lot of regulatory rules, but I make an exception when it comes to matters of health and safety. This certainly fills that requirement very well.

Some of the data that I discovered in the course of reading about seat belts, and seat belt laws, included a suggestion that one of the reasons that people didn't like it was, because they sort of considered it an invasion of their civil liberties. It seems to me that they really didn't think this out very well, because with respect to the operation of automobiles, we have been regulated for a long, long time. We determine how old you have to be before you have a license. We require testing. We require

insurance on your vehicle. We have speed limits. We tell you that you can't drink and drive. And there is a whole body of law that regulates our activity with respect to driving automobiles. And yet, we are concerned when somebody says, "You have got to fasten your seat belt". It doesn't cost any money, it is provided in your vehicle if you own a vehicle that is a dozen years or so old. Most of all, it saves lives. It saves lots of lives. The research on that is wide and significant, and I think it cannot be debated against. I would like to read to you, for example, what the Bureau of Highway Safety said in a press release last March. I will quote, "The annual report issued by the Bureau, explained that 166 of the victims who died in passenger vehicles, of that number, 84% were not using seat belts. Research has indicated that when used, lap and shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal, or serious injury, by between 40% and 55%. Many of these victims would be alive if they had taken the time to buckle up."

Maine is one of twelve states that doesn't have a compulsory seat belt law. Thirty-eight states and the District of Columbia have that requirement. If you look to the north, in Canada, you will find it is compulsory there. In my neighborhood, if I drive on Loring Air Force Base, the first thing that they do is look to see if I have a seat belt on. If I drive off that Federal facility, they look to see if I am wearing it then. It seems to me that some of us, perhaps, have a mind set that says, "I just don't want to do this because somebody is asking that I do it". And I think that those of us that are in our middle and advanced years are most guilty of that, unfortunately. And perhaps, that is why I favor the mandatory seat belt law that would apply to all of us.

Mr. President, and members of the Senate, I hope you will defeat the motion pending, and then concern yourself with the other alternatives. Thank you Mr. President.

The President requested that the Sergeant-at-Arms escort the Senator from Cumberland, Senator CLARK to the Rostrum where she assumed the duties as President Pro Tem.

The President retired from the Chamber.

Senate called to Order by the President Pro Tem.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Gould.

Senator GOULD: Thank you Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise tonight to point out one particular thing. Our young people get their license at the age of 16. At the end of that year we say, "Now you don't have to wear seat belts". I really think that we should raise through the age of 18. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brannigan.

Senator BRANNIGAN: Thank you Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I appreciate the Senators' support for this Bill. I would just correct, that at the present time, we just raised the age to which a person can get a license from 15 to 16, but seat belts are only required for under 16. That would be one reason to support either B or C. I certainly am asking you, along with the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins, to defeat the pending motion, to kill this Bill, and then go on to deal with a requirement that we all wear seat belts.

A time was when we were pushing this Bill, we would have been one of the few that did, now we are one of the few that don't. I think there was a time when we were afraid that the people would rise up and say as they did in Massachusetts, "no", after the Legislature had said "yes". I don't think that is true anymore. Polls now show that the majority of the people in the state would accept a Universal Seat Belt Law, a law that says that we all wear our seat belts.

I would just like to comment on a couple of things regarding the so-called invasion of our privacy issue around seat belts. One of them I have a heck of a time with is blaze orange. Maybe I make too much of this, but the most independent people in our state who go hunting, at least the ones I used to hunt with, are in Bowdoinham and Topsham. When I was hunting as a young man, people were killed during the hunting season. Ten to fifteen were expected every year. One year, unfortunately, a record I believe, nineteen were killed. It is now down to one or two. Why? Because you can't go into the woods in hunting season with a gun to hunt unless you have blaze orange on. And, this Legislature, probably most of us don't know it yet, just passed a law that says now you cannot go hunting unless you have two pieces of clothing that are blaze orange. It really worked.

We are offering a Bill where people, I believe, will use the seat belt law, because the people of this state obey laws. All we have to do is pass this, and many lives will be saved, just as when we passed the law that says you have to wear blaze orange to go hunting. It doesn't cost anything. It will reduce health care costs and rehabilitation costs. The people, especially young people under 18, as well as over, who are hurt, paralyzed, we have to care for them the rest of their lives, humanistically we do, but they cost us a lot of money. There is no need of it!

One other issue about seat belts that is not often talked about, which I believe is very important is, as I drive along the highway. I want to see everyone that is coming at me being as safe a driver as they can be. The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins, named a number of things that we have to do to be safe. One he didn't name was, that we drive a safe vehicle. We have to have it inspected. But, do you realize that the person coming toward you, or a person that might be involved in an accident with you, who has a seat belt on, is a much safer driver than the one that does not? Once an accident begins to happen, if the driver is knocked out of position to break, to steer, to clutch, or to shift, they

become much more dangerous. The car becomes totally uncontrolled! Seat belts, often times in accident conditions, hold us in the place where we need to be, the place where we control that car. Now I don't care whether you don't care where your car happens to go once it starts to take off, but if it is coming towards me, I care. I care for myself, my kids, my wife, I don't have a dog, but everybody that would be in my car. I really care about that! So, this issue is one of safety for all of us, to one of health care for all of us, it is one of good sense and driving for all of us. I encourage you to defeat the pending motion, and go on to accept the universal report, eventually, as we work our way toward it. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Webster.

Senator **WEBSTER:** Thank you Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As we deliberate, and look at passing new laws, putting new burdens on the citizenry of this state, we ought to be asking ourselves, is there logic behind that decision. No one that has spoken thus far has given me any statistics to indicate why we ought to be raising our law from 16 to 18. What we are doing, as far as I can see, is passing another law so that we can say we did something. But no one has proven to me, and I await the statistics to prove that there is a problem.

I think that the education system, the way that we have it today, is working well. When I go to pick up my child from day care, who is eight years old, the first thing that she does is buckle her seat belt, and because of her, I am now buckling mine. After a while you get tired of her saying, "Dad, buckle your seat belt". I hate to just pass another law so that we can appease whoever it is we are trying to appease. Frankly, no one has convinced me, no member of this Body, or anywhere else has proved to me that there is a reason to change current law. It makes you feel good, maybe. It makes you think that you are doing something. But I would dare estimate, or guess, or assume that most people in this age bracket are already buckling their seat belt because of years, and years of education in this area.

For that reason I think that Bill is unnecessary. It is just another law that we don't need, and I would ask you to follow, along with the Senator from Franklin, and defeat this Bill. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Vose.

Senator **VOSE:** Thank you Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I guess it is about time I got my feet wet in here. I haven't debated any Bill yet, so I guess I will start with this one.

The good Senator from Franklin, Senator Webster, said he wanted some statistics. Therefore, I guess it is up to me to give them to him. My daughter, in Maryland, who twenty years and three days ago, was pregnant. She did, in fact, have an accident. She was wearing a seat belt, and because of that seat belt, I celebrated my twenty year old granddaughter's birthday three days ago. That is one life. If this Bill can save one life, than you should definitely vote for it.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Mills.

Senator **MILLS:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I wanted to rise and respond to the good Senator from Franklin, Senator Webster's comments. He mentions that, if I understand it correctly, the motion on the floor right now is the motion he has made is to Indefinitely Postpone this Bill. Then, on the other hand, he mentions that if someone could just show him statistics to show that this would work, then he would be more in favor of voting for it. Well, if he really feels that way, all he has to do is withdraw motion, and make a motion to accept Report C, which would make it mandatory for everyone, if that is his argument. I do not think it is his argument. I think he is trying to raise an argument and defeat the Bill. But, if he really believes that, if he wants to be shown statistics and everything else, I don't think anybody here can argue the fact that mandatory seat belts for everyone in the state would be more safe. Then he can withdraw his motion and make a motion for Report C, which I don't think that he will do. So, I hope that you will defeat his motion so we can go on to pass Report B. And I hope that is what will happen. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brannigan.

Senator **BRANNIGAN:** Thank you Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I am very disappointed that I don't see the Senator from Franklin, Senator Webster, reading diligently. I have just given him a packet, which I will not share with everyone, because I am sure that not everyone needs it, but he has requested it of statistics that show over and over again the safety factors, the lifesaving factors, the numbers of states, the numbers of people, presented to us by Dr. Graham, who is our number one state doctor. If we want just one statistic, twelve peoples lives will be saved if we pass this Bill, twelve people in the next year.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Webster.

Senator **WEBSTER:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I appreciate the information given to me, but frankly, this is the type of information that I am sure that some high paid lobbyist has provided to this Body.

The good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brannigan, has talked about twelve lives. I assume, that by changing this from 16 to 18, that twelve, 16 to 18 year old people will be saved, because those are the people we are talking about. We are not talking about Report C that this Senate has yet gone as far as to enact a law to mandate seat belts for everyone. I am not convinced that raising it from 16 to 18 is the only logical reason, because the only people in theory that would benefit from this type of law would be those people that fall in that bracket! I want to know how many people killed last year in Maine between the years of 16 and 18 that would have been saved by this law. I would guess that most

16 to 18 year old people today are already wearing seat belts, and this law would not apply to them. It is unnecessary. That is my whole argument right along. I would like to have someone tell me statistics that are important, not how many people died in Illinois, but how many people who would benefit from this law. We want to enact this law, I assume that everybody here is serious about enacting this piece of legislation. I just want to know, I think that the Senate needs to know, I think that the Legislature needs to know how many people benefit from this type of law, and who would actually be hurt if this law was on the books.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brannigan.

Senator **BRANNIGAN:** Thank you Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. First of all, let me make it very clear that I was not just talking about people 16 to 18, or the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins talked, we are talking about everyone. When I talk about twelve people, I am talking about everyone.

Someone wrote me a note and said, "You want me to name the 12 people who are going to be saved". I am sure that they were kidding. But, I had a feeling that you were getting close there at one point. Statistics don't lie, always. Read that! Read that! You asked for it, doggone it, read it! The biggest killer of young people are automobile accidents. You don't really believe that all the young people riding around wear seat belts. I have difficulty with that logic. But, I am up here advocating for Report C, and will be pushing for it as long as I am a member of this Body. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Theriault.

Senator **THERIAULT:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I find that in order for someone to come up with a logical reason, or a conclusion, that you need to apply a little bit of intellect to the logic to come up with the conclusion. I feel that the two Senators that serve with me on the Transportation Committee put their finger on the real reason why we need to up this to 18. It is, I think, silly for us to stop requiring the use of seat belts when somebody gets a drivers license. Now, the logic behind this is this. We are creatures of habit. Once we do something so many times, they say 35 times, according to the experts it becomes a habit. What I am hoping, personally, is if we can get the passengers in the vehicle to wear seat belts until they are 18, inclusive, that it will become a habit for the rest of their lives. That is the logic behind the age 18. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator McCormick.

Senator **MCCORMICK:** Thank you Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The good Senator from Franklin, Senator Webster, wanted one reason to vote for this Bill, one reason why it is a good idea. And I, too, should preface my remarks by saying that I am speaking about Report C.

We have talked a lot about health care costs this evening, and that is the reason. If we pass Report C, we will save the cost of 540 hospitalizations. We will save money. So the answer to your question is, it saves money.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Titcomb.

Senator **TITCOMB:** Thank you Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would just like to enter a little commentary into the Record, and for what it is worth, it may just be another fly in the ointment.

I have always believed in the worth of seat belts, and frankly, my children are not allowed in automobiles unless they are strapped in. But, a couple of years ago, when I purchased a major investment, I got a new automobile, and I was quite excited about it, I decided to get a good size one so that it would be good and safe. I was rather disturbed to find that from one of the National Automobile Consumer Safety Reports that the particular type of automobile in which I had invested, had a major problem with head-on collisions. At 35 mph, it was practically the "kiss of death" to the driver. I can tell you that over the last couple of years I have wrestled with the idea of whether or not I want to strap myself in, because I am trying to decide if I can move fast enough, if I get in a head-on collision, to get out of the way of the steering wheel coming at me, or if I just decide to sit there and remain strapped in.

I would say for the Report that the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brannigan, would speak to, I would like to have a choice. As to the younger people in the car, that is a different issue.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by Senator **WEBSTER** of Franklin to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** Bill and Accompanying Papers.

A Division has been requested.

Will all those in favor of the motion by Senator **WEBSTER** of Franklin to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** Bill and Accompanying Papers, please rise in their places and remain standing in their places until counted.

Will all those opposed please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

8 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 26 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion of Senator **WEBSTER** of Franklin to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** Bill and Accompanying Papers, **FAILED**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brannigan.

Senator **BRANNIGAN:** Thank you Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. It is difficult to argue against Report B, but for those who support Report B, we do so. We thought we would ask you again to defeat this motion, and then go on to Report C.

As everyone knows an intervening motion having been made, that we were so unfortunate as not have Report C passed, we could go back and go with Report B. So we have many options here. Please defeat the pending motion so that we can pass the universal Bill. Thank you.

Senator **BRANNIGAN** of Cumberland requested a Division.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by Senator **THERIAULT** of Aroostook to **ACCEPT** Report B **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

The Chair ordered a Division.

Will all those in favor of the motion by Senator **THERIAULT** of Aroostook to **ACCEPT** Report B **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

Will all those opposed please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **THERIAULT** of Aroostook to **ACCEPT** Report B **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

The Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-249) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

The Bill as **Amended**, **TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING**.

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House

Bill "An Act to Ensure Continuity in Liability for Ground Water Contamination" (Emergency)
H.P. 1306 L.D. 1888

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Provide Full Pupil Subsidies for Home School Students"
H.P. 579 L.D. 830
(C "A" H-356)

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, As **Amended**, in concurrence.

Senate

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Arrange for the Display of the Flags of Maine's Desert Storm Units in the Hall of Flags of the State House
S.P. 697 L.D. 1862

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Costs for Retired State Employees and Retired Teachers"
S.P. 58 L.D. 107
(C "A" S-235)

Bill "An Act to Revise the Small Claims Laws"
S.P. 134 L.D. 272
(C "A" S-238)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Retrofitted Lift Axles on 100,000-pound General Commodity Permit Vehicles"
S.P. 152 L.D. 364
(C "A" S-232)

Bill "An Act to Create a Maine "Dig-safe" System"
S.P. 186 L.D. 495
(C "A" S-224)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Sexual Assault"
S.P. 217 L.D. 544
(C "A" S-236)

Bill "An Act to Improve and Expand Job Training Opportunities for Maine Citizens" (Emergency)
S.P. 366 L.D. 968
(C "A" S-228)

Bill "An Act to Promote Economic Development"
S.P. 515 L.D. 1376
(C "A" S-230)