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The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bucksport, Representative Rosen.

Representative **ROSEN**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just ask you to take a breath for a minute and let us take score. By my calculations we are up to \$64 million so far. If you want to apply the 90 percent rule, which some people feel is still an important guide, other people dismiss it as passé, but the 90 percent rule tells us that we have to stop at \$81 million. We are at \$64 million and we haven't seen the big proposals yet. The big bond proposals are still on the way. Think about that please as we establish the priorities as we go down through the shopping list. Thank you.

Representative **STEDMAN** of Hartland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Murphy.

Representative **MURPHY**: Mr. Speaker, May I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative **MURPHY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I am sure that an inventory exists of manufacturing space within the State of Maine, how many square feet. Does anyone have the current information of the square footage of manufacturing space in this state currently empty or vacant?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Murphy has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Bowles.

Representative **BOWLES**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I can't give a total answer to the good Representative from Kennebunk, but I can tell you in my community of Sanford, the answer is over 400,000 square feet at the present time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Tessier.

Representative **TESSIER**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I don't have a complete answer as well, but I would suspect that having traveled around the State of Maine quite a bit that the bulk of the space that is available is in the southern part of Maine from the area of Portland south. We have a whole economy to be looking at, for the entire State of Maine, and this is a critical piece, especially for the northern part of Maine. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 426

YEA - Ash, Bagley, Blanchette, Bliss, Brannigan, Brooks, Bryant, Canavan, Carr, Chick, Chizmar, Clark, Colwell, Cote, Cummings, Desmond, Dorr, Dudley, Dunlap, Duplessie, Estes, Etnier, Fuller, Gagne, Hatch, Hutton, Jacobs, Jones, Kane, Koffman, Landry, LaVerdiere, Lemoine, Lessard, Mailhot, Marley, Marrache, Matthews, McGlocklin, McGowan, McLaughlin, Michaud, Morrison, Muse C, Norbert, Norton, O'Brien LL, O'Neil, Paradis, Patrick, Povich, Quint, Richard, Richardson, Sherman, Simpson, Smith, Stanley, Sullivan, Tarazewich, Tessier, Thomas, Tobin D, Tracy, Tuttle, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Baker, Belanger, Berry DP, Berry RL, Bouffard, Bowles, Bruno, Bull, Bumps, Chase, Clough, Collins, Cowger, Crabtree, Cressey, Daigle, Davis, Duncan, Duprey,

Fisher, Foster, Gerzofsky, Glynn, Goodwin, Gooley, Hall, Haskell, Hawes, Heidrich, Honey, Jodrey, Kasprzak, Ledwin, Lundeen, MacDougall, Madore, McDonough, McKee, McKenney, McNeil, Mendros, Michael, Mitchell, Murphy E, Murphy T, Nass, Nutting, O'Brien JA, Peavey, Perkins, Perry, Pineau, Pinkham, Rines, Rosen, Savage, Schneider, Shields, Skoglund, Snowe-Mello, Stedman, Tobin J, Trahan, Treadwell, Twomey, Usher, Volenik, Waterhouse, Weston, Wheeler EM, Wheeler GJ, Winsor, Young.

ABSENT - Annis, Buck, Bunker, Dugay, Green, Labrecque, Laverriere-Boucher, Lovett, Mayo, Muse K, Watson.

Yes, 66; No, 74; Absent, 11; Excused, 0.

66 having voted in the affirmative and 74 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Minority **Ought Not to Pass Report** was **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 655) (L.D. 855)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-724) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENTS "I" (H-740) AND "J" (H-741) thereto in the House on June 19, 2001.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-724) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENTS "I" (H-740) AND "J" (H-741) AND SENATE AMENDMENTS "D" (S-367) AND "E" (S-368)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Representative **BERRY** of Livermore moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Raymond, Representative Bruno.

Representative **BRUNO**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is going to be a long night ahead of us and I will try and be very brief, as much as I hate to hear people say that, I will truly try and be brief. We started out with a \$48 million budget for Part II. Now we have with these two amendments on there over \$80 million and growing. When you look at the revenue two piece, I think it is Senate Amendment "D", if I remember, that doesn't even begin until November of 2002, with a \$5 million tail on it and growing. We are going to raise taxes so we can give them back to revenue sharing. Some of this just doesn't make sense to me, from \$48 million in absolute half to do to over \$80 million now and growing. We are more than willing to compromise somewhere half way. We are not stuck in the sand on this. We are willing to negotiate and compromise. We have been left out of negotiations once we separated, but \$80 million and growing for a Part II that is supposed to be new and expanded programs. It is unfortunate that we are going to do this. The structural gap in what is now the majority budget is approaching what we have been criticized for and yet we have no revenue to offset the structural gap in our budget. I have pretty much voted for a budget all the time up here, but I can't support this one. We cannot stop the appetite to spend up here. That is unfortunate. It is bad for the people of Maine. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Colwell.

Representative COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise in support of the Recede and Concur motion. I rise in support of musings from Aroostook County that just came across my desk. My bags are packed and I would like to stay, but the road is long and I can't delay. I think it is time that we put this budget to bed. The Part II Budget that is before you is a good budget. It meets the needs of the Maine people in a responsible fashion. It is still inescapable that the minority budget added another \$5 million to their structural gap last night. I guess it is only fitting that by Receding and Concurring we match that \$5 million. There is still a \$45 million difference in structural gap and the minority budget is the one that is a wash in red ink here. I don't think that you can get away from that. I am not a mathematician, but the two fives are equal.

I guess I am surprised that my good friend the Representative from Raymond, Representative Bruno, suggested that somehow the minority has been left out of negotiations. I have been in those negotiations and I have been in them with my good friend, Representative Bruno, and my good friend, Representative Schneider. Indeed the majority has gone so far in involving the minority in the negotiations, as to allow in anticipation of some potential agreement to the majority budget for the minority to prepare a \$2 million amendment, which we were prepared to accept. I am not sure where, indeed we have actually passed it in this budget right now. I am not sure where you were left out. I am a little taken aback by that, frankly.

Much has been made about the appetite for spending. It is true that since 1997 the budget, the spending in the Maine budget has grown by \$905 million. That is true. Guilty as charged, but \$366 million of that \$905 million in those four years is increased General Purpose Aid to education, right straight back to your local schools, \$366 million. Three hundred million dollars of that is consumed by a 15.9 percent inflation rate over that same period of time.

I don't really have a speech prepared here, but I am just looking down the list and I am looking at homestead property tax exemptions of \$40 million a year. You can do the math over four years. I am looking at the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program of \$45 million roughly a year and it is growing. You can do the math there. Those are both property tax relief. Of course there is the circuit breaker with about a \$20 million a year price tag. When you talk about increased appetite for spending, \$905 million seems like an awful lot of money, but that whole \$905 million is almost consumed completely by local aid to schools, state aid to local schools, property tax relief and inflation. Maybe we can pass a law to do away with inflation, I don't know. I don't know how you get that \$300 million back.

I do rise in support of musings from Aroostook County. This is a good budget. It delivers on our promise to our local communities in revenue sharing, revenue sharing too for service center communities, General Purpose Aid to education, \$129 million worth of increase on top of the \$366 million that I just spoke about in the last four years. It delivers on prescription drugs. It delivers on Headstart. It delivers on combating domestic violence and sexual assault. It delivers what the people of the State of Maine sent us here to deliver and it keeps that promise that we made. I would urge my colleagues to support this Recede and Concur motion and do it proudly and let's pick up using some Aroostook County and let's adjourn this Legislature. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Representative NASS of Acton REQUESTED a roll call on the motion to RECEDE AND CONCUR.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 427

YEA - Andrews, Ash, Baker, Berry RL, Blanchette, Bliss, Bouffard, Brannigan, Brooks, Bryant, Bull, Bunker, Canavan, Chick, Chizmar, Clark, Colwell, Cote, Cowger, Cummings, Desmond, Dorr, Dudley, Dugay, Dunlap, Duplessie, Estes, Etnier, Fisher, Fuller, Gagne, Gerzofsky, Green, Hall, Hatch, Hawes, Hutton, Jacobs, Jones, Kane, Koffman, Landry, LaVerdiere, Lemoine, Lessard, Lundeen, Mailhot, Marley, Marrache, Matthews, McDonough, McGlocklin, McGowan, McKee, McLaughlin, Michaud, Mitchell, Muse C, Norbert, Norton, O'Brien LL, O'Neil, Paradis, Patrick, Perry, Pineau, Quint, Richard, Richardson, Rines, Savage, Simpson, Skoglund, Smith, Stanley, Tarazewich, Tessier, Thomas, Tuttle, Twomey, Usher, Volenik, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Belanger, Berry DP, Bowles, Bruno, Bumps, Carr, Chase, Clough, Collins, Crabtree, Cressey, Daigle, Davis, Duncan, Duprey, Foster, Glynn, Gooley, Haskell, Heidrich, Honey, Jodrey, Kasprzak, Ledwin, MacDougall, Madore, McKenney, McNeil, Mendros, Michael, Morrison, Murphy E, Murphy T, Nass, Nutting, O'Brien JA, Perkins, Pinkham, Povich, Rosen, Schneider, Sherman, Shields, Snowe-Mello, Stedman, Sullivan, Tobin D, Tobin J, Tracy, Trahan, Treadwell, Waterhouse, Weston, Wheeler EM, Winsor, Young.

ABSENT - Annis, Bagley, Buck, Goodwin, Labrecque, Laverriere-Boucher, Lovett, Mayo, Muse K, Peavey, Watson, Wheeler GJ.

Yes, 83; No, 56; Absent, 12; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 56 voted in the negative, with 12 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to RECEDE AND CONCUR.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend the Maine Health Data Organization Laws

(S.P. 395) (L.D. 1310)

(S. "B" S-362 to C. "B" S-348)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 122 voted in favor of the same and 13 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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