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House of Representatives May 17, 1993 to July 14, 1993 **Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative Paradis of Augusta, tabled pending passage to be enacted and later today assigned.

ENACTOR

(Reconsidered)

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Vending Machine Sales of Cigarettes (H.P. 1060) (L.D. 1428) (Com. of Conf. "A" H-649)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative Rowe of Portland, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action whereby L.D. 1428 was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same Representative, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action whereby Committee of Conference "A" (H-649) was adopted.

On further motion of the same Representative Committee of Conference "A" (H-649) was indefinitely postponed.

The same Representative offered House Amendment "B" (H-661) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "B" (H-661) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Rowe. Representative ROWE: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: House Amendment "B" is simply a technical amendment. It actually amends the text contained in the Committee of Conference Amendment. The Amendment addresses the possible ambiguity in the text of the Committee of Conference Amendment that was raised by Representative Bailey of Township 27 last week.

I hope you will support House Amendment "B."

Subsequently, House Amendment "B" (H-661) was adopted.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B" (H-661) in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Wednesday, June 9, 1993, have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by Rule 24.

The Chair laid before the House the first item of Unfinished Business:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide Legislative Review of Delegated Rule-making Authority (H.P. 962) (L.D. 1293)

TABLED - June 9, 1993 (Till Later Today) by

Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro. PENDING - Adoption of House Amendment "B" (H-643) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-544)

On motion of Representative Joseph of Waterville, retabled pending adoption of House Amendment "B" (H-643) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-544) and later today assigned.

The Chair laid before the House the second item of Unfinished Business:

An Act to Remove the Repeal Date from the Laws Governing Equitable Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 138) (L.D. 183) (C. "A" H-582 and H. "A" H-607) 1993 (Till Later Today) by TABLED - June 9, Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield. PENDING - Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Representative Dore of Auburn, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action whereby L.D. 183 was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same Representative, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action whereby House Amendment "A" (H-607) was adopted.

On further motion of the same Representative, se Amendment "A" (H-607) was indefinitely "A" indefinitely House Amendment postponed.

On further motion of the same Representative, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action whereby Committee Amendment "A" (H-582) was adopted.

The same Representative offered House Amendment "A" (H-660) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-582) and moved its adoption.

"A" (H—660) House Amendment to Committee Amendment "A" (H-582) was read by the Clerk. The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the

Representative from Auburn, Representative Dore.

Representative DORE: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: What you have just seen is a proposed amendment to L.D. 183 that removes the Emergency clause and it takes the bill out another six months.

The purpose of that — and if you look at (H-660) on your desk — instead of a simple bill that removes the sunset ending discrimination, you see an eight page bill, and what that does is put all the language in from the legislation a year ago and removes the sunset. The purpose of that is that the other body cannot give us the two-thirds vote we need in order to pass the legislation.

I would like to remind you that in the House we had a vote on this about a week ago Friday and the vote was 88 to 10. It has been bipartisan support all along and it has got bipartisan support in the other body as well.

What we are trying to do is enable the people who have insurance coverage to avoid discrimination because their diseases are diseases of the brain rather than diseases of the body, sometimes known as mental illnesses. This is about discrimination. We end discrimination by mandate. There has been some resistance to ending discrimination by mandate. A mandate does not necessarily imply an additional cost. Anybody who thinks it does needs to go out to the phone booths, look in the Yellow Pages and look