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ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019

(H.P. 281) (L.D. 390)
(CC. "C" H-558 to C. "C" H-475)

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

Representative HERBIG of Belfast **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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 Belfast, Representative Herbig.

Representative **HERBIG**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Women and Men of House, people say there is no success without hardship. Now isn't that true. Well, we've certainly had our collective hardship: here we are. This biennial budget includes the largest increase in education funding in our state's history. This significant investment in public education will be felt in every school district across our state, and by every child it benefits. This budget lowers property taxes by expanding the homestead exemption for Mainers in every county from Aroostook to York. Madam Speaker, for the first time in a decade, we increased funding for 12,000 direct care workers and the Mainers they care for. This investment will reward deserving Mainers for the good work they do in caring for adults with intellectual disabilities, and prevents the collapse of this incredibly vital industry. This budget also blocks the devastating cuts for behavioral healthcare services that have been on the brink for years, because the state should not be in the business of deciding which of our loved ones deserves care. We honor our commitment to keep more Mainers right here at home working at good paying jobs by investing in Head Start, our community college system, and the University of Maine. Throughout this session, many of us have promised our constituents we would vote for a budget that prioritizes increasing jobs, reducing property taxes, protecting rural communities, and improving education. We've also told them we would always fight to increase opportunities for our children, and protect our seniors and people with disabilities. This budget delivers on those promises without including unnecessary taxes. This budget will not just end the state shutdown; it will create a bridge to the future our state deserves. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Gattine.

Representative **GATTINE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House. It's extremely late. I think we're all extremely tired and we are well past the time where any of us need to listen to long speeches. This has been a long and arduous budget process, and undoubtedly an unusual one. There are many, many people who worked extremely hard to get this deal closed, including yourself, Madam Speaker, other leaders between the two bodies, and certainly my colleagues on the AFA Committee from both sides of the aisle. I want to thank them very much, and you, for all your

efforts. And as we sit here tonight and take what I hope will be a successful vote on this bill, I thought it was really important to acknowledge the Herculean effort of the non-partisan staff in this building: Chris Nolan and Maureen Dawson and the folks at OFPR, Suzanne Gresser and her team in the Revisor's Office, and the rest of the people who do the heavy lifting and drive everything that makes our work successful. During this budget process, especially, they were called upon to do a tremendous amount of work. These people are the unsung heroes of this budget process. They have put in unimaginable number of hours over the past six months, supporting this unusual effort, and the people of Maine should be very proud that our Legislature is supported by people of such intelligence and dedication and talent. I hope they know how grateful we all are for their work and how much we appreciate their efforts. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Norway, Representative Winsor.

Representative **WINSOR**: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It's been really... this is a long, long night and I want to... I can't add anything that my Chair, Representative Gattine, from Westbrook, has said. I just ditto your comments. I really do appreciate the help and support that your team has given my team and pledge you continued support in the next session of the Legislature. And Madam Speaker, I also want to thank you for your help and the dignity throughout this process. I also want to say to my colleagues on the Republican side, while no bill is perfect, this bill is an excellent compromise that I think reflects the values of everybody in this chamber, and I urge you to support it wholeheartedly, as I will. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Timberlake.

Representative **TIMBERLAKE**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I thank you very much for working with us and together here today, and Madam Speaker, you'll be proud to know you'll be one of the only Speakers that ever got me to vote for a budget. So, I will be voting green and I encourage my colleagues to do it also. Thank you.

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

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 426

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Austin S, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Black, Blume, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Casas, Cebra, Chace, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grignon, Grohman, Guerin, Haggan, Hamann, Handy, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCreia, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Parker, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley,

Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, White, Winsor, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Johansen, Lockman.

ABSENT - Chapman.

Yes, 147; No, 2; Absent, 1; Excused, 1.

147 having voted in the affirmative and 2 voted in the negative, with 1 being absent and 1 excused, 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**.

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

Representative **HANINGTON**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would just like to thank this House. Even though it may have been contentious the last few days, for me that is; but, Madam Speaker, I personally would like to thank you and I'd like to thank leadership, and like I stated last spring, I look forward to continuing building our relationships, and once again, thanks.

On motion of Representative McLEAN of Gorham, the House adjourned at 12:44 a.m., until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business or consider objections of the Governor, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 599).