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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 120, section 2** on Bill "An Act To Incorporate Respectful Language into the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 22, 25 and 34-A"
(H.P. 1526) (L.D. 2038)

Signed:
Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
COSTAIN of Plymouth
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
PLUECKER of Warren
RECKITT of South Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 120, section 2** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representative:

RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

On motion of Representative WARREN of Hallowell, the Majority **Ought to Pass Pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 120, section 2** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-993)** on Bill "An Act To Advance Health Equity, Improve the Well-being of All Maine People and Create a Health Trust"
(H.P. 1258) (L.D. 1693)

Signed:
Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

READ.

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative JAVNER of Chester **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 Chester, Representative Javner.

Representative **JAVNER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This bill; the topic is very serious. Child obesity, we all know, is an issue in our State. I don't say this flippantly, I say this very seriously, I actually have been celebrating the last two weeks. Two weeks ago I finally came off the obesity BMI column, so, I'm very happy about that. Often, I have stood up here and I have tried to explain that bills that have come before us from Health and Human Services that the department is already working on. Again, this is something that I believe is a priority for the Health and Human Services Department and the Department of Education. Good nutrition is one of the best gifts you can give your children and yourself. Research shows that children who are well-nourished do better in school, get sick less often and are less prone to behavior problems. The Maine CDC WIC nutrition program is committed to helping families reap these benefits. Every WIC appointment includes nutrition education to help parents and caregivers make the best possible decisions about feeding the next generation of Mainers. The Maine Department of Education oversees several USDA food and nutrition service programs and initiatives that provide healthy food to children. Each of these programs help fight hunger and obesity. These are the programs: afterschool snack service, the breakfast program, child and adult care food program, culinary classroom, farm and sea to school, that's my personal favorite, fresh fruit and vegetable program, the lunch program, summer food program, seamless summer option food distribution program. On top of all of that, the Department of Education Professional Standards Training Database lists more than 500 free or low-cost training opportunities for school nutrition professionals. The obesity levels are plateauing. I looked at a lot of data. And, thankfully for Maine, they are plateauing and hopefully soon we will see that they are going down. This bill spends \$1.4 million on an issue that is already clearly being emphasized as a priority with the Maine CDC and the Department of Education. 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.