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The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Sirocki.

Representative **SIROCKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today as a member of the Health and Human Services Committee and as a member of the Maine Children's Growth Council and as a mother of three. Having grown up poor myself, I understand fully how important early childhood education is and how important education for all of our children is. That being said, one of the hardest things we do in our committee is prioritize our limited resources. We currently receive about \$33 million in federal funding for the Head Start program. Many states do not supplement extra state funding for their Head Start programs. During these tough financial times, I cannot support this expansion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Freedom, Representative Jones.

Representative **JONES**: Mr. Speaker, may I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative **JONES**: Thank you. I represent this question on behalf of Ben Worman who happens to be a minor, not a voter. He asks this body: "Where did the money for Head Start go? What is more important than kids? Please tell me." I respectfully request a response for Mr. Worman from this body.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Freedom, Representative Jones, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond.

Representative **DUPREY** of Hampden asked leave of the House to be excused from voting on L.D. 1682 pursuant to House Rule 401.12.

The Chair granted the request.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 519

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crockett, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Noon, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Villa, Welsh, Werts, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Clark, Crafts, Cray, Davis, Dunphy, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Briggs, Chapman, Cotta, Daughtry, Devin, Doak, Jackson, Johnson D, Volk, Wilson.

Yes, 96; No, 44; Absent, 10; Excused, 1.

96 having voted in the affirmative and 44 voted in the negative, with 10 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**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

An Act To Amend the Election Laws (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1187) (L.D. 1615)

(C. "A" H-620)

TABLED - March 4, 2014 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

PENDING - **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-662)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Beaulieu.

Representative **BEAULIEU**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This amendment, it really is a very simple technical change in the original bill, specifically detailing the election dates upon which county commissioners are to be elected. The original bill was incorrect and when we caught the mistake and brought it to their attention, they were gracious enough to accept and change it. We greatly appreciate that and we hope that the entire body will support the Androscoggin Representatives in the hope that this alleviates some problems that are caused to the Androscoggin County people. Thank you.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-662)** was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-620)** and **House Amendment "A" (H-662)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive by Encouraging the Processing of Forest Products at Mills in the United States"

(S.P. 640) (L.D. 1649)

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
THOMAS of Somerset

Representatives:

GOODE of Bangor
BENNETT of Kennebunk
JACKSON of Oxford
KNIGHT of Livermore Falls
LIBBY of Lewiston
MAREAN of Hollis