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

Representative **PERCY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I had been here for Roll Call No. 175, I would have voted yea.

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

Representative **WHEELER**: Mr. Speaker, if I was present on LD 1928, I would have voted yea.

### ORDERS

On motion of Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1313) (Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland)

#### **JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, good health is essential to every citizen of the world, and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve public health; and

WHEREAS, the first chapter of the World Health Organization, or WHO, charter sets the goal of attaining the highest possible level of health for all persons; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including that Taiwan was the first nation to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations, that Taiwan possesses one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia and maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of Western countries and that Taiwan has succeeded in the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox and the plague; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23,000,000 people is larger than the populations of 3/4 of the member states already in WHO; and

WHEREAS, with the potential of the cross-border spread of diseases, such as the human immunodeficiency virus, tuberculosis, malaria, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and avian influenza, it is crucial for all countries, including Taiwan, to have direct and unobstructed access to information and assistance from WHO in order to limit successfully the spread of various infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart agencies have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives authorized the Secretary of State to endorse observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly, and the United States House of Representatives repeated its endorsement in 2006; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commend Taiwan's efforts to improve world health and support its efforts to gain observer status in the World Health Organization; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; to United States Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael

Leavitt; to Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland; and to Director-General K. T. Yang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, Massachusetts.

#### **READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Bliss.

Representative **BLISS**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I am dumbfounded that it was going to go under the hammer; I am left speechless by this. I was simply going to remind us that this is an important issue that the people of the Republic of China have been working very hard to become participants in the World Health Organization, and to obtain the information that is available to members of the World Health Organization. It is altogether appropriate and fitting that we do this. They request this of us annually, and it is wonderful for us to be moving forward in this fashion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent for concurrence.

### 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.

House Resolution Expressing the Support of the House of Representatives For Protecting the Integrity of Clam Flats in Machiasport

(H.R. 1)

TABLED - April 26, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative EMERY of Cutler.

#### **PENDING - ADOPTION.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Haven, Representative Pingree.

Representative **PINGREE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. In all due respect to the Representative from Cutler, I think that all of us support protecting the integrity of the clam flats in Machiasport. Our issue is if every single one of us, as members of this body, put forward House Resolutions supporting funding for specific items, we would be here far into August, September, or maybe November. I think that this is an important issue he has brought forward, but I think the House Resolution is not an appropriate vehicle for it; so Mr. Speaker, I urge the House to follow me with Indefinite Postponement.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative PINGREE of North Haven the House Resolution and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

An Act To Amend Maine's Bottle Laws

(S.P. 603) (L.D. 1696)

(C. "B" S-326)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

Representative TARDY of Newport **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.