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Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-71)**.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to be clear with folks, you know, just for the record where I'm coming from on this particular bill. I'm totally in favor of having Juneteenth be a holiday, State holiday, but having it required of the employer to have it as a paid holiday, I just think with all the things that are going on right now and the challenges that are out there for Maine's small businesses, it's a lot to ask right now. So I don't want this to be misconstrued as not support for Juneteenth, and I think probably most could be said the same of our caucus, but for that reason I can't support this measure. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#141)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DIAMOND

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Limit State Legislators to a Lifetime Total of 16 Years of Legislative Service"

H.P. 225 L.D. 321

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** I would just note that this is well-considered by the Committee but it was a bi-partisan vote to reject the bill as it would be unnecessarily straight-jacketing legislators who are doing an enormous public service.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 232 L.D. 328

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
KRYZAK of Acton

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-80)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN:** As we all know, many of our cities and towns are struggling and the State law requires that revenue sharing be funded at 5% and this bill would honor that commitment and so I urge everyone to join me in supporting this motion and further ask for a roll call vote.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I wasn't planning to speak on this because I was hoping that there may not be a roll call but since there is a roll call I will not be supporting the pending motion for the same reasons as stated in committee, which is that we currently do not reimburse municipalities at 100% for the Homestead Exemption and that is really the only true way that we can guarantee property tax relief, and I'm not suggesting that, you know, this money is spent frivolously by municipalities but we can't quantifiably say to anyone that this will definitely reduce property taxes. It could but it doesn't have a direct correlation, whereas 100% reimbursement in the Homestead Exemption, which I hope we'll get to support at some point during this session, would do that. So, I'm staying on topic of this bill, and it's for that reason that I will not be supporting the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just to be clear, this bill has nothing to do with the Homestead Exemption. I'm not opposed to reimbursing the municipalities at a higher rate for Homestead Exemption but that's not what this bill does. It's