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House of Representatives
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(H.P. 972) (L.D. 1303) Bill "An Act to Provide Property Tax Adjustments Necessary for the Town of Portage Lake" (EMERGENCY) Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-569)

On motion of Representative Nadeau of Saco, was removed from Consent Calendar, First Day.

On further motion of the same Representative, L.D. 1303 and all accompanying papers were recommitted to the Committee on Taxation.

(H.P. 543) (L.D. 739) Resolve, to Provide Savings in the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program Committee on Human Resources reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-573)

Under suspension of the rules, Consent Calendar Second Day notification was given, the House Paper was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-573) and sent up for concurrence.

(H.P. 907) (L.D. 1222) Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law" Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-574)

On motion of Representative Nadeau of Saco, was removed from Consent Calendar, First Day.

Was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Nadeau.

Representative NADEAU: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I move that the House accept the unanimous Committee Report. I will tell you why I think this bill is a much needed bill.

This was one of those issues where we established a subcommittee within the committee. Representative Spear did a really nice job dealing with various different parties. What we have here is a tax incentive to allow individuals to have open access to their land to the citizens of Maine.

I would urge your support of this.

Subsequently, the Committee Report was accepted, the Bill read once.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-574) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, the bill was read a second time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-574) and sent up for concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED

As Amended

Bill "An Act Regarding Automobile Air Emission Standards" (H.P. 561) (L.D. 758) (C. "A" H-533)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the

Second Reading, read the second time, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended, and sent up for concurrence.

ENACTOR

Emergency Measure

(Reconsidered)

An Act Concerning the Operation of Agency Liquor Stores (S.P. 157) (L.D. 488) (Governor's Bill) (C. "A" S-243)

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

On motion of Representative Zirkilton of Mount Desert, the House reconsidered its action whereby L.D. 488 was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same Representative, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action whereby Committee Amendment "A" (S-243) was adopted.

The same Representative offered House Amendment "A" (H-542) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-243) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-542) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-243) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question before the House is adoption of House Amendment "A" (H-542) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-243). Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

Representative Martin of Eagle Lake requested a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call, it must have the expressed desire of more than one-fifth of the members present and voting. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken and more than one-fifth of the members present and voting having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Mount Desert, Representative Zirkilton.

Representative ZIRKILTON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The advantages of standing at the rostrum are becoming increasingly apparent.

This amendment is a result of a conversation I had with a constituent in my area who is an owner/operator of an agency liquor store. He explained to me that for a very long period of time, certainly as long as I can remember, they have been operating on an established margin of 8 percent. In other words, when they purchase liquor from the state, the state allows them to mark up only 8 percent, that's it. They can sell for no more than that. As he explained it to me, his other costs have continued to go up. There has been no mandate that has held down the cost of his Workers' Comp or any other associated costs of doing business. So, what I thought would make sense would be that we would have the opportunity to decide upon an amendment like this.

What this would do would be to allow agency