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Signed:

Senators:

PERRY of Penobscot
STRIMLING of Cumberland
NASS of York

Representatives:

PIOTTI of Unity
WOODBURY of Yarmouth
WATSON of Bath
CHASE of Wells
PILON of Saco
LANSLEY of Sabattus

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

Signed:

Representatives:

RAND of Portland
CLARK of Millinocket

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-654)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-654) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act To Require Transmission Lines To Be Placed Underground near Certain Facilities"

H.P. 314 L.D. 398

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

Signed:

Senator:

SMITH of Piscataquis

Representatives:

THIBODEAU of Winterport
CURTIS of Madison

RINES of Wiscasset
BLISS of South Portland
FLETCHER of Winslow
FITTS of Pittsfield
HINCK of Portland
BLANCHARD of Old Town

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Signed:

Senators:

BARTLETT of Cumberland
HOBBINS of York

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
ADAMS of Portland

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator **MARTIN** for the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Extend the Deadline for Applications for Loans Associated with the Remediation of a Waste Oil Site in Plymouth" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 743 L.D. 1933

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator **DAMON** for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Promote Tourism in Maine and the Purchase of Products Made in Maine"

S.P. 753 L.D. 1959

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Damon.

Senator **DAMON:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Chamber. I want to just tell you about this particular bill, which would seem innocuous and you wonder why it would come before us because in essence it allows the Maine Turnpike Authority, at its various service centers along its highway, to sell products made or grown in Maine or products that promote Maine. It almost seems like a no-brainer, doesn't it? That's what we thought in the Transportation Committee when this bill came before us. In fact, the Maine Turnpike Authority is very heavily regulated by its rules of incorporation, its charter. It has determined that if a specific item is not spelled out in that, and it's a narrow interpretation, they cannot do it. That charter does not specifically name Maine made products or products that promote Maine. They have come before us, the committee unanimously agreed and I would certainly hope that the Senate would unanimously agree that they could be able to do this. It will show itself first in the new service plaza that is being constructed between the Maine Turnpike and the intersection of Interstate 95 in West Gardiner. There will be a fairly elaborate service center plaza there and the area within that location is going to be designated for these products and then those same products will be moved to other locations along the highway. I would urge your support and I actually am quite pleased that the Turnpike Authority is taking this step to help promote Maine made products. Thank you, Madame President.

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

Senator **BROMLEY:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. I won't add much to this except to say this sort of initiative was started by the Director of Tourism. I want to point out particularly how pleased we are with the collaboration between the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Conservation and the Department of Transportation. Any of you who chair committees, if there are such opportunities to do this sort of thing, which is fiercely promoting Maine and Maine products, that we are very interested in the BRED Committee and the Tourism Committee and will entertain any and all ideas. This is a good thing for us all to talk about. Thank you.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator BOWMAN for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Scientific Research Support Capability of the Maine State Museum"
S.P. 209 L.D. 672

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-403)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-403) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission"

H.P. 882 L.D. 1240
(C "B" H-651)

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities

H.P. 501 L.D. 652
(C "B" H-645)

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Study the Feasibility of Locating a New Bridge in the St. David Area

H.P. 394 L.D. 511
(C "B" H-643)