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**ENACTORS
Acts**

An Act To Improve Business Certainty for Providers of Quality Child Care

(H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1581)
(H. "A" H-816 to C. "A" H-656)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Transparency, Costs and Accountability of Health Care System Financing

(S.P. 698) (L.D. 1760)
(C. "A" S-503)

An Act To Appropriate and Allocate Funds To Strengthen the State's Efforts To Investigate, Prosecute and Punish Persons Committing Drug Crimes

(S.P. 725) (L.D. 1811)
(C. "A" S-498)

An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Report Annually on Investigations and Prosecutions of False Claims Made under the MaineCare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Food Supplement Programs

(H.P. 1317) (L.D. 1829)
(C. "A" H-786; H. "A" H-818)

An Act To Clarify Outcome-based Forestry

(S.P. 746) (L.D. 1847)
(C. "A" S-502)

An Act To Amend the Process Regarding the Transfer of Students between School Administrative Units

(H.P. 1336) (L.D. 1852)
(C. "A" H-815)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Business Format Franchising

(H.P. 1043) (L.D. 1458)
(C. "A" H-669)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, 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 REPORT - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-814) - Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Allow Signs for Areas of Local, Regional and Statewide Interest on the Interstate System"

(H.P. 1320) (L.D. 1831)

TABLED - April 8, 2014 (Till Later Today) by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton.

PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT.

Subsequently, the Unanimous Committee Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-814)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-823)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-814)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Hickman.

Representative **HICKMAN**: Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House. I have never put in a floor amendment because I honor the work of our committees. In this case, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation came up with a unanimous vote on this bill and I congratulate all of them for their hard work. That said, I ask you to consider a minor amendment to this bill which I do not believe would cause the Feds to cut our transportation funding if it becomes part of the law.

In 2014, the Theater at Monmouth will celebrate its 45th year as the Capital region's only professional theater. In this year it will also see the only signage on I-95 directing people to Monmouth removed from the Turnpike. The theater was founded in 1970 and in 1975 the Legislature designated the Theater at Monmouth as the Shakespearian Theater of Maine. This was not a request made by founding Artistic Director, Dick Sewall, but one offered as a gift by the legislature. Today, we are asking that the Legislature, again, bestow a gift, in honor of our 45 years of serving the people of Maine by amending pending legislation to permit Monmouth to keep its current Turnpike directional signage as well as the continuity signage already in place.

The most striking architectural feature in Kennebec County is without question the Harry Cochrane designed, Cumston Hall. To the chance passerby it comes as a startling surprise, towering dramatically over Main Street Monmouth. Its exquisite stained glass windows and asymmetrical design capture the imagination. Theatre enthusiasts from all over New England know the hall as the home to Theater at Monmouth. In 2013, *Yankee Magazine* named it and Cumston Hall the Best Theatre in Maine. But for Monmouth's residents, regular visitors and longtime friends, Cumston Hall is more than a remarkable building or intimate theatre. It represents the heart and center of the Town of Monmouth.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings since 1976, Cumston Hall is a valued architectural gem. While Dr. Charles Cumston donated the funds for the building to the Town of Monmouth in 1899, it has always been a gift shared with the community at large. Well ahead of its time in amenities, the building boasted indoor plumbing and, at Dr. Cumston's insistence, was lighted by electricity, the first building in Monmouth with this convenience. Since 1899, Mainers have travelled from all corners of the state to Monmouth to listen to music, attend lectures and watch great works of theatre performed on the stage.

The 250 seat opera hall features elaborate carvings and a fresco mural ceiling. More than 1,000 stained glass windows and in addition to being the home of Theater at Monmouth, Cumston Hall houses the Public Library and serves as the performance space for Monmouth Academy Drama, Monmouth Community Players, Friends of Cumston Hall and the Monmouth school system.

The mission of Theater at Monmouth is to present innovative approaches to Shakespeare and other classic plays through professional productions that enrich the lives of people throughout the State of Maine. In its 44 previous seasons, Theater at Monmouth has presented more than 400 productions in its three-month Summer Repertory Season, including 26 world premieres, entertaining audiences from 36 states throughout education tours in the fall and spring, annually reaching more

than 15,000 Maine students in all of Maine's 16 counties. Theater at Monmouth is the oldest continuously producing professional theatre in Maine and one of the oldest in the entire country, located in one of the nation's smallest communities to host a professional theatre. In 1970, Theater at Monmouth became the first professional repertory theatre north of Boston. Monmouth with its population of 4,100 is within an hour's drive of more than 60 percent of Maine's population. Audiences travel an average of 40 miles to attend the Theater's productions. Audiences of more than 10,000 attend Theater at Monmouth productions at Cumston Hall every year.

In 2008, the volunteer Board of Trustees, on which I currently sit, amended the articles of incorporation to address the economic development needs of the region and to serve as an engine of growth and development. The Theater's Grange, which includes a dining hall, rehearsal hall, and storage, was recently renovated with grants from Rural Development and Economic Development programs. The Grange also serves as the Emergency Shelter for the region as well as providing ADA compliant space for community meetings and events. With the change in executive leadership in October 2011, an Education Task Force was convened to conduct needs assessment and develop a plan to increase arts learning and arts education experiences throughout the region.

The Theater meets the criteria established by the Legislature's Transportation Committee with the exception of the distance from the exit. The town line is more than five miles from Exit 86 on I-95. Monmouth has a year-round population of 4,100 and a seasonal population of more than 6,000. Monmouth maintains a public beach and boat launch access with parking for 40 vehicles. Continuity signage was put in place when the directional signage was placed upon the opening of Exit 86 in Sabattus. The Transportation Committee's amended legislation makes provisions for colleges and universities, but fails to take into account smaller nonprofits and businesses in recreational areas, like the Winthrop Lakes Region, of which Monmouth is a part. As a member of the Board, it is our hope, then, that the House will consider increasing the distance from the exit to the recreational area to 15 miles and decrease public parking from 100 spaces to 40, a consideration addressed in another amendment by Senator Flood, to permit the directional and continuity signage on Exit 86 to remain as is.

Mr. Speaker, since Theater at Monmouth is most unique, I see no other theater coming forward to request a similar sign anywhere in the state. Once again, with all due respect to the work of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I humbly ask for your support of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative McCABE of Skowhegan moved that **House Amendment "A" (H-823) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-814) be INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "A" (H-823) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-814).**

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Harlow.

Representative **HARLOW:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I feel compelled to speak in support of this amendment. My sister, who lives in New York City, New Jersey, currently finishing her master's degree, spent a winter at the Monmouth Theater and it was a very valuable experience. She went around the State to different high

schools and I think that we would want to promote this program. I am in support of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER:** A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "A" (H-823) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-814). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 687

YEA - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Campbell J, Campbell R, Casavant, Cassidy, Chase, Clark, Cooper, Cotta, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Fredette, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harvell, Herbig, Hubbell, Jackson, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kent, Kinney, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Nutting, Parry, Peavey Haskell, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Sirocki, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Verow, Villa, Weaver, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Brooks, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Crafts, Davis, Dickerson, Dill, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Gifford, Guerin, Harlow, Hickman, Kaenrath, Keschl, MacDonald S, Maker, McClellan, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Pease, Reed, Russell, Short, Stanley, Timberlake, Tyler, Volk, Wood.

ABSENT - Carey, Devin, Dion, Frey, Goode, Hayes, Hobbins, Johnson D, Noon, Stuckey, Wallace, Willette.

Yes, 109; No, 30; Absent, 12; Excused, 0.

109 having voted in the affirmative and 30 voted in the negative, with 12 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-823) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-814) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "A" (H-814) was ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading.**

Representative **ESPLING** of New Gloucester **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-822),** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from New Gloucester, Representative Espling.

Representative **ESPLING:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today I stand to propose this floor amendment that would grandfather all of the current Interstate and Turnpike signs under this Committee Amendment. I would not be doing my job in representing my district well if I did not propose this today. Simply put, if this bill is enacted without the amendment, the Turnpike sign for Shaker Village will be taken down. They would have the option of purchasing a logo sign if they go through the process and have the money, which really isn't even a possibility for them. Some may ask, "What is Shaker Village?" I told the folks at Shaker Village that I would tell you a little about them. Shaker Village is the home of the only active Shaker community in the world. Shaker Village is a national historic landmark, is on the national register of historic districts and the national register of historic places.

The Shakers have been residents of New Gloucester since 1783. They appreciate the support and consideration that Shaker Village is given. I will quote from an email I received from Michael Graham, the director of the United Society of Shakers and Brother Arnold who is the leader and trustee of the Shaker

Society. And I quote, "As an inland rural tourist destination, proper signage is key to our success and survival, especially in a challenging economy and a changing tourist market. Maine is the only place in the United States that can claim to be the home of the only living Shakers. People travel from all over the world to see Shaker Village. The seasonal tourist trade is the main source of our much needed earned income, which is critical to preserve our 17 historic buildings, nearly 1,800 acres of land and one of the largest Shaker museum collections in the world. We fear that the removal of these signs will have an adverse effect on visitation and the high cost of the logo signs will deplete our limited income. This, in turn I fear, may diminish our ability to best preserve Shaker Village living, cultural and historic heritage."

You can see why Shaker Village is so important to us in New Gloucester. Shaker Village is a tourist destination, and with tourism being such a big part of our economy in Maine, this original bill would make Maine less tourist friendly. While my main concern is for Shaker Village, other signs in my district are affected and signs all across Maine will be impacted. These signs are not meaningless and other legislators will tell you how much their signs mean to them in their districts. My understanding of the bill was to set up standards so that we don't have winners and losers with signs, but the bill picks losers. It has even been amended in the committee's bill to help some of the bigger entities who would have lost their signs to now keep their signs. All we have to do is tweak population requirements and distance requirements to make them fit and keep their signs, but we'll just cut off the little guys. I have no confidence that as we move forward that future legislators will not also tweak this policy to allow for signs that they need for their districts. Another amendment is already waiting to be added in the other body. We've seen an amendment here. There's other amendments already on this bill being proposed. This policy is already unfair and inconsistent. Policy or no policy you will still have groups coming forward asking for legislatively approved signs. The transportation committee will still be making decisions about road signs, but what happens in the meantime is the little museums, the small community organization or small local nonprofit gets shut out of the process. They are essentially drafted out of the standards and if that doesn't get them out, the fees will price them out.

These guidelines are federal guidelines, not Maine guidelines. They are anti-business and anti-tourist. The fact that we have an amended version of the bill brought forth from committee shows that already winners and losers are being chosen and the little guy is getting lost in the shuffle.

I don't blame the Transportation Committee for wanting this bill. This bill is a good bill for the Transportation Committee. But is it good for your district or even for the state of Maine? I also don't blame individual legislators who want to amend it in order to save signs in their districts. Aren't they very specifically looking out for their districts' interests, as they should? I could have put in a very narrow amendment to save the Shaker Village sign but do you know why I didn't? I didn't because that doesn't solve the problem for the other districts. I would be looking out for my district at the cost of everyone else. Do you really want this bill flooded with amendment after amendment for each particular sign? Folks, as far as signs go in Maine, the horse left the barn years ago. There is no getting it back. Let the current signs be grandfathered to solve everyone's issue with this bill. Then, if you think we need to close the barn door on signs, going forward, we can try this policy in regards to approving new signs. This seems to be the simplest and most consistent action to take at this time. Thank you.

Representative McCABE of Skowhegan moved that **House Amendment "A" (H-822)** be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "A" (H-822)**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Timberlake.

Representative **TIMBERLAKE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I promised I wouldn't go on for an hour and a half like some people in caucus said they were going to do this morning. I can't really add anything to what the good Representative from New Gloucester said. I think she did a great job at presenting her case and I'm going to support her and I hope the rest of you do too. Thank you very much.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winterport, Representative Brooks.

Representative **BROOKS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, my good friend and colleague from New Gloucester is like a breath of fresh air moving through this chamber. I don't like this bill at all. This bill, perhaps from the Federal Government, thinks that they're saving scenic roads. Drive through Maine, you can't find any better scenery than you have already. And I object. I sat on the Board of the Friends of Fort Knox and fought with the State to put up signs all up and down the Interstate, at two in the south and some in the north, bringing people's attention to Fort Knox. Thousands and thousands of people come through Fort Knox every year, many of whom are guided by the signs when you come into the State of Maine and travel north. I object to this. I object to taking these signs down. I am very, very supportive of the billboard law. In my family when I married my wife, in connection with her, there are people out there who were descendants of the Greenleaf family. That was a lady in the southern part of the State who put up a bill here that regulated billboards, very positive move for the State of Maine. This is a backwards step for all of us who have struggled to get signs that bring people to the State of Maine. Could be considered to be one of the veins of tourism here. In the meantime, some of the arguments I've heard, "Everybody goes by GPS." Well, I have a GPS in my vehicle and recently when I went to Salem, Massachusetts, looking for a particular place, I used a GPS to get there. Well, guess what happened when I got there. I used the local signs to guide me to the museum that I wanted to go to. My GPS, for some reason or another, didn't fare me well that day. I drove a friend of mine two or three times to Pittsburg, to the hospital down there, because he needed a lung transplant. What did I do? I used my GPS to get me to Pittsburg. But when I wanted to go to the University of Pittsburg and the surgical unit, I used the local signs simply because my GPS did not recognize the current construction that was going on. I think we need to continue with what we're doing. Leave the signs alone. My friend Representative Espling has the right idea. Grandfather the ones that are in there now. If you want to be more secure about signs on the Interstate, be more secure about the rules as to putting up new ones. But, the current ones serve us well. I will be opposing indefinitely postponing this amendment. Move it on. Get it attached to the bill and those of us who believe in those kinds of non-objectionable signs will be very happy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I suppose we

could sit here all morning and listen to about 151 amendments that are all good for our districts. But, that's what the story is. Our Transportation Committee worked and worked real hard on this bill. Former Senator Mills spoke to us. And Senator Mills, I served with him for a couple of years. He sat in back of me over there. I sat where Representative Volk sits for six years and Peter sat in back of me for two years. But just to read a few things from his handout on LD 1831. "If Maine continues to violate federal law by allowing first one sign and then another, there is no end to what this will generate. In recent history, it all started with a sign for MCI. Then Hebron complained and got a sign. Then Gould Academy put in a bill. But the daisy chain of perceived unfairness would not end there. They all deserve our notice and respect. However, the unanimous report of our Transportation Committee makes very clear that the sole purpose of the signs on the Interstate is to provide directions to travelers to a destination with high-volume traffic. Interstate signs are not to promote commercial, economic or worthy interests no matter how much we may care about them. Flooding the federal law jeopardizes \$170,000,000 to this State per year in highway funding, and all for what?" Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Representative Bear.

Representative **BEAR**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise to support the good Representative from New Gloucester's message to us all that the right thing has to happen here. The grandfathering makes sense. We are already, as a community, relative to other communities across the nation, considered very frugal and considered population as regards to how we care for our lands and whether we obstruct them with signage. And our highways don't have these, but you can go too far. You can impact especially those that can't speak for themselves. Such as the good example that was used with the Shakers, which I'm familiar with. A place that is intentionally a minimalist culture and society that would be one of many that would be impacted, unfairly in my view. I would urge you to think about those who can't speak for themselves, especially those that intentionally try not to bring attention to themselves as a way of life and to protect them. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Short.

Representative **SHORT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise because the passage of this bill will mean the removal of the Interstate sign for Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield and I rise in support of the amendment given by the Representative from New Gloucester. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Peoples.

Representative **PEOPLES**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'll be very brief. The bottom line on this bill is we brought this in order to take the putting up of signs out of the political realm. Unfortunately, over the course of a number of years, who gets a sign and where that sign is has become a matter of who you know and who you can convince to get it done. It has already made for winners and losers. It is in complete contravention to federal guidelines. It also butts right up against the billboard law. It would be nice if we could believe that everybody could just have every sign they wanted to because, believe me, we let one of them in and every other attraction and business of the same variety is going to want one as well. If we allow this amendment, we may as well not pass the bill because we'll find ourselves in the next Legislature back in the same boat because, oh well, they grandfathered these people. It's not fair that we don't get a sign. Trust me, I

took no pleasure in telling people that their signs were nonconforming. This is a question of engineering. It is a question of transportation engineering. We were guided by the experts. Now, what I am hearing is this is something for economic development. Economic development in this particular case means advertising. Advertising is what is not allowed. Keep in mind that a lot of these signs that are going away, those particular places are going to be able to have the logo signs. And, consequently, they are really not losing their identity. They will just come in to compliance with both federal rules and what has been accepted under the auspices of the Maine billboard law. That's all I have to say and thank you very much for your kind attention.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "A" (H-822). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 688

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Crockett, Daughtry, Dickerson, Dill, Dorney, Duprey, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Verow, Weaver, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Briggs, Brooks, Chase, Chenette, Clark, Crafts, Cray, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Esping, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Guerin, Harlow, Hickman, Jackson, Jones, Keschl, Knight, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, McClellan, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Sanderson, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Timberlake, Tyler, Villa, Volk, Wallace, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - DeChant, Devin, Dion, Frey, Goode, Johnson D, Noon.

Yes, 97; No, 47; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

97 having voted in the affirmative and 47 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-822) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winterport, Representative Brooks.

Representative **BROOKS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope I am not out of order. The bill itself, may I speak on the bill itself?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would remind the member that we are pending Passage to be Engrossed. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **BROOKS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is nothing more than a federal mandate and mandates of all kinds and sizes bother me and they bother my constituents when I go home and say, "Oh, well, we on the state level just decided to require you to do something which, by the way, is going to cost you money." Those people

who are fortunate enough to already have a sign, and I cite again my friends at the Board of the Friends of Fort Knox are going to have their sign taken down, but, oh, wait a minute, you can put it back up for fifteen hundred bucks. Which non-profit do you know, like the folks at the Shaker place or the folks at Fort Knox have readily available \$1,500 to rebuy the sign that they already had and have had for years, which passed the current regulations? As my friend Representative Peoples said, it may be because of who you know and what you know and all that, well, I don't find that to be the truth at all. Because we had a heck of a struggle and we knew a lot of people and we visited a lot of folks, including the Chief Executive, at that time, attempting to get the sign of Fort Knox. But, we were successful. Now, what is supposed to happen here? Three or four signs are going to be taken down which lead people who are tourists in our state to the Fort? If those signs weren't there and if they're taken down, I can almost guarantee you that it will cut 25 percent to 30 percent of the visits because many of them that we surveyed said, "No, it wasn't our destination, but we got here and we heard about it and we read about it and we saw the signs. We decided to visit." I think it's sad. And I think it's sad that we're entertaining a federal mandate. By any other name is a federal mandate. So, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I move that LD 1831 and all accompanying papers be Indefinitely Postponed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The same Representative moved that the Bill and all accompanying papers be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative McCABE of Skowhegan **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and all accompanying papers.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Madawaska, Representative Theriault.

Representative **THERIAULT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for the record I would like to point out to the good Representative Brooks that the State Park signs that must be relocated to comply with the Interstate signing guidelines, I-95 Exit 182A Fort Knox State Park being relocated. And I also would like to add that the state parks that qualify for, but do not currently have signs on the Interstate system, and I can read them off to you. There's one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen of them. Just for the record. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of the Bill and all accompanying papers. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 689

YEA - Ayotte, Brooks, Chenette, Crafts, Espling, Guerin, Hickman, Jackson, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, McClellan, Newendyke, Short, Stanley, Timberlake, Villa, Weaver, Wood.

NAY - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chipman, Clark, Cooper, Cotta, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Fredette, Gattine, Gideon, Gifford, Gilbert, Gillway, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot,

Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Sirocki, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Davis, Devin, Dion, Frey, Goode, Johnson D, Noon, Wallace.

Yes, 19; No, 124; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

19 having voted in the affirmative and 124 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and all accompanying papers **FAILED**.

Representative **ESPLING** of New Gloucester **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-814)**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-814). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 690

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chipman, Clark, Cooper, Cotta, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Fredette, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Sirocki, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Brooks, Chenette, Crafts, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Gifford, Guerin, Hickman, Jackson, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, McClellan, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Short, Stanley, Timberlake, Villa, Weaver, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Davis, Devin, Dion, Frey, Goode, Johnson D, Noon, Wallace.

Yes, 120; No, 23; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

120 having voted in the affirmative and 23 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-814)** and sent for concurrence.

An Act To Clarify When Bonds May Be Issued

(H.P. 628) (L.D. 904)

(C. "A" H-595)

- In House, House **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on April 7, 2014.

- In Senate, Senate **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** and **ASKED** for a Committee of Conference in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - April 9, 2014 (Till Later Today) by Representative **BERRY** of Bowdoinham.