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Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Housing"

S.P. 287 L.D. 892

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

Signed:

Senator:
WOODCOCK of Franklin

Representatives:
BENNETT of Caribou
MILLS of Farmington
SHERMAN of Hodgdon
CARR of Lincoln
DUPREY of Hampden
BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner

(Representative **LORING** of the Penobscot Nation - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.)

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-193)**.

Signed:

Senators:
PENDLETON of Cumberland
CATHCART of Penobscot

Representatives:
NORBERT of Portland
BULL of Freeport
SIMPSON of Auburn
RICHARDSON of Brunswick

Reports **READ**.

Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of Independent Expenditures Under the Election Laws"

S.P. 402 L.D. 1196

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-205)**.

Signed:

Senators:
GAGNON of Kennebec
LEMONT of York

Representatives:
CLARK of Millinocket
GLYNN of South Portland
HOTHAM of Dixfield
BROWN of South Berwick
MOORE of Standish
LANDRY of Sanford
PATRICK of Rumford
BLANCHETTE of Bangor
CANAVAN of Waterville
JENNINGS of Leeds

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-206)**.

Signed:

Senator:
MAYO of Sagadahoc

Reports **READ**.

Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-205)** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Madame President. I rise to support the motion by the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Gagnon. This proposal before us will, in my view, fulfill the promise of the Clean Elections Act by closing the loophole that has troubled the act since its passage. I congratulate the committee for working in a bipartisan fashion in order to close this troubling loophole that has alluded heretofore, due to constitutional issues, the effective work of the legislature. I know that there is a minority report here, but I understand further that the two proposals, both Ought to Pass reports, differ in rather small ways. The essence of this report is maintained in the committee majority report, which has been achieved in a very deliberative, thoughtful, and cooperative fashion. I encourage your support of the pending motion.

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

Senator **EDMONDS:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. I just want to also echo the words of the good Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett. This bill was my bill and I'm very tickled that people worked so hard to come to some good agreement. I think all of us will benefit and I deeply appreciate the work of the committee. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-205)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-205) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-205)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Energy Resources Council" S.P. 233 L.D. 669

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-200)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HALL of Lincoln
YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Portland
RINES of Wiscasset
FLETCHER of Winslow
LUNDEEN of Mars Hill
MOODY of Manchester
BERRY of Belmont
BLISS of South Portland
RICHARDSON of Skowhegan
CRESSEY of Baldwin

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

Signed:

Representative:

GOODWIN of Pembroke

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HALL** of Lincoln, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-200) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Provide Equitable Treatment to State Employees" H.P. 1198 L.D. 1619

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **EDMONDS** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the New Portland Water District" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1199 L.D. 1620

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HALL** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Encourage Agricultural Cooperative Associations To Provide Group Health Plans

H.P. 381 L.D. 492
(C "A" H-336)