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**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook moved the Senate remove from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Allow a Tax Credit for College Loan Repayments  
I.B. 2 L.D. 1856  
(C "A" H-414)

Tabled - June 19, 2007, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 18, 2007, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-414)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 19, 2007, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

Senator **WESTON** of Waldo requested a Roll Call. Subsequently, same Senator requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw her request for a Roll Call.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, Bill and accompanying papers removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**.

On further motion by same Senator, 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 York, Senator Courtney.

Senator **COURTNEY:** Thank you, Madame President. Maybe I'm the only one that's trying to catch up, but I'm wondering if somebody could explain the bill to us again and refresh us.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Senator from York, Senator Courtney poses a question through the Chair to anyone who may wish to answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Nass.

Senator **NASS:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. This is the initiated referendum. I think it's been referred to as Opportunity Maine. They collected 73,000 signatures, as I recall. The question before us is to enact exactly or to send it out to referendum. It is my understanding that this enactment would enact it exactly as they committed it to us and would thus make it effective. The only other bit of information is that, as I recall, the fiscal note is very minor at this point, but very major in a few years. It rises to more than \$10 million pretty quickly. I would call this a significant factor in this thing we call the structural gap. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is Enactment. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#197)**

**YEAS:** Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MITCHELL, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROTUNDO, SCHNEIDER, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

**NAYS:** Senators: GOOLEY, MILLS, NASS, ROSEN, SAVAGE, SHERMAN, SMITH, TURNER

27 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 8 Senators having voted in the negative, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Enable the Dirigo Health Program To Be Self-administered

H.P. 347 L.D. 431  
(C "A" H-285; S "D" S-309)

Tabled - June 19, 2007, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 14, 2007, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-285) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "D" (S-309)**.)

(In House, June 18, 2007, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Improve the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula"

H.P. 759 L.D. 1041