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Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, Warren, White

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bernard, Bickford, Bradstreet, Crockett, Gifford, Grignon, Kryzak, Pierce, Sharpe, Skolfield, Theriault, Underwood.

Yes, 76; No, 59; Absent, 13; Vacant, 3; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, 3 vacancies with 13 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-778) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-769) was ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-769) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-778) thereto was ADOPTED.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-769) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-778)** and sent for concurrence.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-775)** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Most Time-sensitive Recommendations of the Maine Climate Council"

(H.P. 1045) (L.D. 1429)

Signed:
Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
BOYLE of Gorham
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ZEIGLER of Montville

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representatives:

HANLEY of Pittston
O'CONNOR of Berwick
TUELL of East Machias

READ.

Representative TUCKER of Brunswick moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report.**

Representative HANLEY of Pittston **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report.**

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 Pittston, Representative Hanley.

Representative **HANLEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the amended version of this bill is much better than the original, I thank goodness for that, but, again, even the amended version projects 23 years into the future a zero carbon emission for the entire State of Maine. I don't think anyone can project anything 20 years into the future, much less 23 years. It sets an unrealistic goal of zero, but the problem with the bill is it also sets in motion, now it's in Statute, so, the grinding of government will start and what will happen is a massive increase in the cost of living in this State, especially energy cost. I ask you to follow my vote and defeat this motion. It is a feel-good piece of legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Berwick, Representative O'Connor.

Representative **O'CONNOR**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Time sensitive, 23 years; that really doesn't make a lot of sense. But also, if we keep following this path, our energy costs will, of course, rise even more and right now they are already higher than an elephant's fanny and I don't think we can afford that. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Tucker.

Representative **TUCKER**: This bill is needed for planning purposes. You have to plan for the future. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 456

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Corey, Crafts, Craven, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Blier, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bernard, Bickford, Bradstreet, Crockett, Gifford, Grignon, Kryzak, Pierce, Sharpe, Theriault, Underwood.

Yes, 81; No, 55; Absent, 12; Vacant, 3; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 55 voted in the negative, 3 vacancies with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-775)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-775)** and sent for concurrence.

JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

READ.

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative JAVNER of Chester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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 Hodgdon, Representative Quint.

Representative **QUINT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can you hear me okay? All right, thank you.

This bill was brought forward for constituents that spoke to me when I was campaigning. Many things have been said about what I thought about the bill, that I brought it forward because I said this or I did this or I was a conspiracy theorist. But, to be honest, this bill was brought forward because I was asked to bring it forward. So, I'm a little upset that the press would say such a thing. I'm bringing it forward for health care workers who have walked away from their jobs. I'm bringing it forward for parents who are concerned that their children will have to be vaccinated against their will, against the parents' will or the State would step in. Grandparents as well have also come to me about this.

So, I would like to take a moment to thank the people that testified on this bill because I feel they were very brave. I feel that people that speak up against the COVID-19 vaccination are vilified and that's not acceptable. As a nurse, it is not acceptable to vilify someone for not wanting a medical treatment. So, I just really wanted to thank them for that and acknowledge them. I would also like to acknowledge the people who have been injured or who have died from the COVID-19 vaccine. That doesn't seem to make it in the papers. We will see constant things on the news or in the papers about people who have died of COVID and that is a tragedy, but it's also a tragedy of people who did what they felt was the right thing and then they have suffered for it. So, I did want to bring them up and acknowledge them now. And I thank you for allowing me to do that. It's also brought forward for constituents in my own district who have given me their personal medical records to help them fill out VAERS reports. They have elevated troponin levels, soaring D-dimer levels, this has to do with blood clotting and now they're having to take Eliquis for the rest of their lives but, don't worry, it is a Pfizer product, so they're making some good money off of this. More information is becoming available. This bill was introduced over a year ago and, at first I was disappointed that it wasn't brought forward but now I'm not because we're receiving more information. Many countries have backed away from their mandates, many states are working on proposals to prevent government overreach and mandates. Why are we not taking a pause to address these concerns? We now have fully-vaxxed and boosted health care workers providing care to patients in the hospital who are COVID positive. Once again, long-term studies, which is what this is about, in part, would have given us this useful information. It did not take long to

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE Pursuant to Statute

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Representative **MATLACK** for the **Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12006, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions"

(H.P. 1488) (L.D. 2002)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 635) (L.D. 867)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-768)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant