

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Friday
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Senate called to order by President Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

Prayer by Mr. Paul Cates of the Vassalboro Friends Meeting.

MR. CATES: This is the first time that I've ever written a prayer for the House or for the Senate. After looking for a parking space for half an hour, I was very grateful that I had written the prayer because I would have lost it, I'm sure.

Let us pray together. Dear God, as the members of the Maine State Senate convene once again, we ask You to guide their deliberations. We recognize that the persons in this chamber are human beings. Yes, fallible human beings, chosen by the voters of towns all over our beloved State. Our expectations of them is clearly unreasonable. We expect them to do not just a good job, but a truly great job. We know that this can happen as they remember the many good, hard working people in their home districts and are inspired by them. We pray that the members of this Body will legislate soundly, distinguishing between matters best dealt with locally and the things that require carefully crafted State laws. Dear God, we, the citizens of Maine, need Your help towards growing in wisdom and understanding, in appreciating rather than rejecting differences between people. If this can happen we, the electorate, will give our elected representatives the type of inspired support and encouragement which they want and need. If our expectations of our Legislators are supremely high, it is also because we know that You are present, giving guidance towards overcoming partisanship in the interests of all the people. We sometimes get into rough situations when we forget that You are with us. We thank You, dear God, this day that You are with us. In the name of all the good people of this great State. Amen.

Doctor of the day, John H. Burton, M.D., Falmouth.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator PINGREE of Knox, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 1013

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn the House does so until Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at 9 o'clock in the morning and the Senate does so until Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Increase Health Insurance Benefits for Retired Educators"

S.P. 607 L.D. 1730
(C "B" S-480)

In Senate, February 15, 2000, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-480).**

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-480) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-794)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION.**

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 1015

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 22, 2000

Senator Marge Kilkelly
Representative Matthew Dunlap
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Kilkelly and Representative Dunlap:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Dr. Harold H. Brown of Bangor and Kenneth E. Bailey of Camden for reappointment as members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, M.R.S.A. §7033-A, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 1016

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 22, 2000

Senator Susan Longley
Representative Richard Thompson
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Longley and Representative Thompson:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Linda E. Abromson of Portland for reappointment and Warren C. Kessler of Readfield for appointment as members of the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5, M.R.S.A. §4561, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 1018

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 24, 2000

Senator Susan Longley
Representative Richard Thompson
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Longley and Representative Thompson:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has made the following nominations:

Pursuant to Article V, Part 1, §8 of the Maine Constitution, the Honorable Howard H. Dana, Jr. of Portland for reappointment as Maine Supreme Judicial Court Associate Justice, and the Honorable Nancy D. Mills of Cornville for reappointment and the Honorable Ellen Gorman of Durham for appointment as Maine Superior Court Justices.

Pursuant to Title 4, M.R.S.A. §157, the Honorable Rae Ann French of Augusta as Maine District Court Judge (Resident in the Seventh District), John McElwee of Caribou as Maine District Court Judge (no resident designation) and Patricia Worth of Belfast as Maine District Court Judge (no resident designation).

Pursuant to Title 4, M.R.S.A. §157-B, the Honorable Courtland D. Perry of Augusta as Maine District Court Judge, Active Retired.

Pursuant to Title 4, M.R.S.A. §1151, Rick E. Lawrence of Portland for appointment as Maine Administrative Court Judge.

These nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 517

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

February 18, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1052 An Act to Assist Disabled Fly-fishing Anglers

L.D. 1313 An Act to Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Sole Discretion to

Determine the Need for and Location of Boat Launches

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Marge L. Kilkelly
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthew Dunlap
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 518

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

February 18, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1080 An Act to Direct State Capital Investments to
Locally Designated Growth Areas

L.D. 1457 An Act to Decrease Restrictions on the Sale of
Land

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Sharon Anglin Treat
Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Martin
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 520

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE**

February 22, 2000

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
The Honorable G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House of Representatives
119th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35, we are pleased to submit the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance from the review and evaluation of the State Employee Health Commission under the Government Evaluation Act. In its review, the committee found that the Commission is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

S/Senator Lloyd LaFountain III

S/Representative Jane Saxl

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 521

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

February 18, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
Honorable G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House of Representatives
119th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to the Government Evaluation Act, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 35, we submit the findings and recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources with respect to the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste.

Pursuant to Title 3, section 954, we are submitting with our report legislation that would implement our recommendations.

Sincerely,

S/Sharon Anglin Treat
Senate Chair

S/John L. Martin
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 519

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

ORDERS

Joint Orders

February 17, 2000

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House
119th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to the Government Evaluation Act, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 35, we submit the findings and recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with respect to the Maine Advisory Committee on Mental Retardation (MACMR).

The committee has concluded that the MACMR is operating in accordance with its statutory authority. We are satisfied that the MACMR is conducting its work in accordance with its duties under the law and believe that MACMR is doing a good job fulfilling its statutory mandate.

We believe the MACMR enabling law should remain in place. We are recommending no change to the law.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Judy Paradis
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Thomas J. Kane
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Provide Education Benefits For Maine National Guard Members" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 1017 L.D. 2585

Sponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators:
AMERO of Cumberland, MICHAUD of Penobscot,
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, CAMPBELL of Holden,
FISHER of Brewer, KNEELAND of Easton, O'BRIEN of Augusta,
THOMPSON of Naples.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

On motion by Senator TREAT of Kennebec, the following Joint Order: S.P. 1014

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources report out, to the Senate, a bill to implement the land use recommendations of the task force created to review smart growth patterns of development.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to Report to the Legislature on Matters Related to State Veterans Laws"

H.P. 1661 L.D. 2330

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-797).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-797).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-797) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Encourage Environmental Management Systems"

H.P. 1072 L.D. 1519

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-801).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-801).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-801) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

Six members of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Promote Stability in Labor Management Relations in the Public Sector"

H.P. 960 L.D. 1358

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-433).**

Signed:

Representatives:

- HATCH of Skowhegan
- MUSE of South Portland
- GOODWIN of Pembroke
- MATTHEWS of Winslow
- DAVIS of Falmouth
- SAMSON of Jay

Six members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:

- DOUGLASS of Androscoggin
- LaFOUNTAIN of York
- MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:

- MacDOUGALL of North Berwick
- MACK of Standish
- TREADWELL of Carmel

Comes from the House with Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED, READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-433).**

Reports **READ.**

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Easements and the Discontinuance of Town Ways"
H.P. 1288 L.D. 1849

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

Signed:

Senators:
PENDLETON of Cumberland
GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock
DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:
AHEARNE of Madawaska
BAGLEY of Machias
RINES of Wiscasset
McDONOUGH of Portland
BUMPS of China
KASPRZAK of Newport
JODREY of Bethel
RICHARDSON of Greenville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-792)**.

Signed:

Representative:
TWOMEY of Biddeford

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Return a Percentage of the Meals and Lodging Tax to the Municipality in Which Those Taxes were Levied"
H.P. 799 L.D. 1122

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-798)**.

Signed:

Senator:
DAGGETT of Kennebec

Representatives:
LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach
CIANCHETTE of South Portland
MURPHY of Berwick
COLWELL of Gardiner
LEMONT of Kittery
BUCK of Yarmouth

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

Signed:

Senators:
RUHLIN of Penobscot
MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:
GAGNON of Waterville
STANLEY of Medway
DAVIDSON of Brunswick
GREEN of Monmouth

Comes from the House with the Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Regarding Taxation of Clean Vehicle Fuels"
H.P. 940 L.D. 1337

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-788)**.

Signed:

Senators:
O'GARA of Cumberland
PARADIS of Aroostook
CASSIDY of Washington

Representatives:
FISHER of Brewer
COLLINS of Wells
SANBORN of Alton
WHEELER of Eliot
LINDAHL of Northport
JABAR of Waterville
BOUFFARD of Lewiston
SAVAGE of Union
WHEELER of Bridgewater

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

Signed:

Representative:
CAMERON of Rumford

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 "B" (H-788)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-788) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Create a Purple Heart Motorcycle License Plate"
H.P. 1653 L.D. 2322

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-789)**.

Signed:

Senator:
O'GARA of Cumberland

Representatives:
FISHER of Brewer
SANBORN of Alton
CAMERON of Rumford
WHEELER of Eliot
LINDAHL of Northport
JABAR of Waterville
SAVAGE of Union

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-790)**.

Signed:

Senator:
CASSIDY of Washington

Representatives:
COLLINS of Wells
BOUFFARD of Lewiston
WHEELER of Bridgewater

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-789)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **FAILED OF PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-789)**. Subsequently, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-790)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-789)** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-789)** Report, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator BERUBE for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Qualifying Examination for Initial Teacher Certification"
S.P. 937 L.D. 2387

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

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator GOLDTHWAIT for the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Allow Certain Aquaculture Activities by Rule"
S.P. 567 L.D. 1634

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-508)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-508) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Permit Persons Out-of-state to Ship Malt Liquor and Wine to Maine Residents" S.P. 785 L.D. 2200

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

Signed:

Senators:
DAGGETT of Kennebec
CAREY of Kennebec
FERGUSON of Oxford

Representatives:
TUTTLE of Sanford
CHIZMAR of Lisbon
FISHER of Brewer
GAGNE of Buckfield
LABRECQUE of Gorham
HEIDRICH of Oxford
McKENNEY of Cumberland
O'BRIEN of Lewiston

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-505).**

Signed:

Representatives:
MAYO of Bath
PERKINS of Penobscot

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Allow Other New England States to Join the Tri-state Lotto Compact" S.P. 877 L.D. 2292

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-506).**

Signed:

Senators:
DAGGETT of Kennebec
CAREY of Kennebec
FERGUSON of Oxford

Representatives:
CHIZMAR of Lisbon
MAYO of Bath
TUTTLE of Sanford
O'BRIEN of Lewiston
HEIDRICH of Oxford
McKENNEY of Cumberland
GAGNE of Buckfield
FISHER of Brewer

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass.**

Signed:

Representatives:
LABRECQUE of Gorham
PERKINS of Penobscot

Reports **READ.**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-506) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act to Maintain the Eel and Elver Management Fund and Regulate Permits for Eel Weirs" H.P. 1632 L.D. 2284

Bill "An Act to Increase the Bonding Limit of the Trustees of the City of Brewer High School District from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1651 L.D. 2320

Bill "An Act to Revise the Charter of the Madawaska Water District" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1666 L.D. 2335

Bill "An Act to Correct Inconsistencies of the Taxable Wage Amount in the Unemployment Compensation Law" H.P. 1713 L.D. 2419

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library"

H.P. 1770 L.D. 2483

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Allow the Surviving Veteran Spouse of a Veteran to Continue to Receive the Property Tax Exemption"

H.P. 1128 L.D. 1587
(C "B" H-787)

Bill "An Act to Permit Certain Referrals by Health Care Practitioners" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1578 L.D. 2225
(C "A" H-786)

Bill "An Act to Address Financial Inequities in Special Waste Fees"

H.P. 1656 L.D. 2325
(C "A" H-791)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act to Clarify Granting Authority Under the Agricultural Development Grant Program"

S.P. 880 L.D. 2295

Bill "An Act to Change the Name in the Statutes of a Native American Organization Able to Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 891 L.D. 2310

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of the Natural Resources Information and Mapping Center to More Accurately Reflect its Roles and Duties and to Correct Inconsistent Statutes"

S.P. 925 L.D. 2376

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Maine State College Savings Program"

S.P. 742 L.D. 2101
(C "A" S-501)

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes in the Law Authorizing the Capital Riverfront Improvement District"

S.P. 863 L.D. 2261
(C "A" S-495)

Bill "An Act to Require Expenditure of Designated Funds for the Purpose for which the Legislature Designated the Funds"

S.P. 932 L.D. 2382
(C "A" S-497)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Requiring Legislative Approval of Ecological Reserves"

S.P. 157 L.D. 477
(C "A" S-500)

READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Televising Senate and House Sessions

H.P. 175 L.D. 253
(C "A" H-771)

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Acts

An Act Relating to Certain Commercial Insurance Contracts

S.P. 866 L.D. 2264
(C "A" S-472)

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Disability License Plates

H.P. 1623 L.D. 2270

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Work Center Product and Services Set Aside

H.P. 1628 L.D. 2275

An Act to Realign Capital Requirements for Specialty Bank Charters

S.P. 875 L.D. 2283

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matter in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/22/00) Assigned matter:

Emergency

An Act to Amend the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program
H.P. 1795 L.D. 2518
(C "A" H-802)

Tabled - February 22, 2000, by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland.

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, February 18, 2000, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-802)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, February 18, 2000, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-802)**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-802), in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-507) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-802) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-802) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-507) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-802) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-507) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Refer to the Committee on Labor Pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 1008)

Senator DOUGLASS for the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Method of Determining Employer Contributions to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund"
S.P. 1019 L.D. 2588

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**, pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 1008.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Pursuant to Public Law Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

The **Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources** pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 397, section 7 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Regarding Waiting Lists for Limited-entry Lobster Management Zones"
H.P. 1846 L.D. 2583

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Public Law
Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources** pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 330, section 6 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Establish an Appeals Process for License Denial Under Limited-entry Fisheries"
H.P. 1847 L.D. 2584

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

**Pursuant to Statutes
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources**, pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources Relating to the Review of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning Under the State Government Evaluation Act"
H.P. 1849 L.D. 2587

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland, the following Joint Order: S.P. 1022

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development report out, to the Senate, a bill to promote economic development in the State.

READ and **PASSED**.

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 Correct the Inadvertent Repeal of the Abandoned Property Disposition Process for Municipalities"
H.P. 1845 L.D. 2582

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create the Alfred Water District" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1848 L.D. 2586

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Matching Funds for the Study of Nondefense Uses of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard"
S.P. 1020 L.D. 2589

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Eliot and Representatives: LEMONT of Kittery, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MURPHY of Berwick, MURPHY of Kennebunk. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **ABROMSON** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **AMERO** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **RAND** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.
Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order: H.P. 1850

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government report out, to the House, a bill repealing certain inactive boards and commissions established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 379 and making other changes to reporting deadlines and sunset review.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: H.P. 1851

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation report out, to the House, a bill to implement the tax policy recommendations of the task force created to review smart growth patterns of development.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at 10:00 in the morning.