

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 23, 2000

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem Robert E. Murray, Jr. of Penobscot County.

Prayer by Father Michael Seavey of St. Andrews Catholic Church in Augusta.

FATHER SEAVEY: Lord God, You have promised to be with us and assist us with the burdens we carry in life. These Legislators before You have been chosen and sent by Your people to serve and care for the common good. May they know Your presence in the burden of this responsibility. May Your wisdom and inspiration be seen as Your solace and encouragement for them. As we stand in the sunrise of a new millennium, may You inspire them with the vision that seeks a unity flowing with the creative energies of Your spirit and a binding force that serves the dignity and sacredness of all our citizens in the State of Maine. May they know the strength of Your love, the challenge of Your call, and the peace of Your consolation. May they count among their greatest achievements their efforts to serve the poorest among us. May their words and actions bring healing to any divisions, justice to any inequality, and hope to any despairing of the future. May they embrace this graced time of opportunity for Your glory and the good of all. Amen

Doctor of the day, Robert Hockmuth, M.D., Durham.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, March 22, 2000.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator RAND of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 1054

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until Monday, March 27, 2000, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 1055

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 22, 2000

Senator Carol A. Kontos
Representative Gary L. O'Neal
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Kontos and Representative O'Neal:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Michael L. Finnegan of Edgecomb for appointment as Executive Director of the Maine State Housing Authority; and Margaret S. Haynes of Freeport, James E. Cassidy of Turner and Elizabeth Horning of Richmond for appointment as members of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A MRSA, §4723, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development 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 BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 1056

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 22, 2000

Senator Sharon Anglin Treat
Representative John L. Martin
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Treat and Representative Martin:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Warren Balgooyen of Norridgewock and Dennis L. Higgins of Mattawamkeag for reappointment and Marcia

McKeague of Medway for appointment as members of the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5 MRSA §6204, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources 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 **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 582

**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 21, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2345 Resolve, to Enhance the Availability of Neuropsychological Assessment to Maine's Children

L.D. 2546 Resolve, to Ensure Equity to High School Athletes Participating in Skiing

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Georgette B. Berube
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,550,000 to Renovate Teaching Laboratories, Classrooms and Dormitories of the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and the University of Maine System"

S.P. 1057 L.D. 2647

Sponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.
(GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative BAKER of Bangor and Representative: SAXL of Bangor.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enter Into the International Emergency Management Assistance Compact" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 1058 L.D. 2648

Sponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford, Representative: LABRECQUE of Gorham.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act Relating to Eligibility for the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program"

H.P. 1900 L.D. 2644

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1876.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

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

On motion by Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Program Evaluation Report Contents of the State Government Evaluation Act"

H.P. 1899 L.D. 2640

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to Resolve 1999, Chapter 74, Section 7.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Restore the Chaplaincy in the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1837 L.D. 2575

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Fort Kent Utility District"

H.P. 1830 L.D. 2566

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kennebunk Sewer District" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1856 L.D. 2592

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Off Record Remarks

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Require Completion of an Ambulance Operator Course"

H.P. 471 L.D. 678

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-888)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-888)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-888) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code"

H.P. 1741 L.D. 2447

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-885)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-885)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-885) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Allow Certain Disabled Persons to Fly-fish With Open-faced Reels"

H.P. 523 L.D. 730

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-887).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-887).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-887) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Resolve, to Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Review Rules for Compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act

H.P. 868 L.D. 1225

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-886).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-886).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-886) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Amend Requirements for Maine Technical College System Employees Participating in a Defined Contribution Plan"

H.P. 1704 L.D. 2410

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-895).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-895).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-895) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Modify the Campaign Finance Laws with Regard to Running for Federal Office"

H.P. 1508 L.D. 2153

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-892).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-892).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-892) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Exempt Capital Gains from the Maine Income Tax"

H.P. 219 L.D. 297

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-890).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-890).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-890) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Reduce the State Rate for Tax on Telecommunications Personal Property" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1752 L.D. 2458

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-897)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-897)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-897) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Trust Fund to Provide Statewide Assistance to Low-income Electric Consumers"

H.P. 1069 L.D. 1500

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-891)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-891)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-891) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Wrongful Death Actions"

H.P. 480 L.D. 687

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-871)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LONGLEY of Waldo
TREAT of Kennebec

Representatives:

THOMPSON of Naples
BULL of Freeport
LaVERDIERE of Wilton
MITCHELL of Vassalboro
NORBERT of Portland
JACOBS of Turner
SCHNEIDER of Durham

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

Signed:

Senator:

BENOIT of Franklin

Representatives:

PLOWMAN of Hampden
MADORE of Augusta
WATERHOUSE of Bridgton

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 "A" (H-871)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LONGLEY** of Waldo moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** 1 Legislative Day, pending motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption"
H.P. 1662 L.D. 2331

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-882)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RUHLIN of Penobscot
DAGGETT of Kennebec

Representatives:

GAGNON of Waterville
GREEN of Monmouth
COLWELL of Gardiner
STANLEY of Medway
LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach
LEMONT of Kittery
MURPHY of Berwick
BUCK of Yarmouth
DAVIDSON of Brunswick

CIANCHETTE of South Portland
LEMONT of Kittery
DAVIDSON of Brunswick

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

Signed:

Senators:
DAGGETT of Kennebec
MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:
GREEN of Monmouth
STANLEY of Medway

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

Signed:

Senator:
MILLS of Somerset

Representative:
CIANCHETTE of South Portland

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 "A" (H-867)**.

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 "A" (H-882)**.

Reports **READ**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** 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** 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** Report, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Create Employment Opportunities by Clarifying Maine's Tax Laws Regarding Mutual Fund Companies"

H.P. 1694 L.D. 2400

Senator **NUTTING** for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Preserve the State's Farm Economy and Heritage"

S.P. 736 L.D. 2086

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-574)**.

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-867)**.

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

Signed:

READ ONCE.

Senator:
RUHLIN of Penobscot

Committee Amendment "A" (S-574) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Representatives:

GAGNON of Waterville
COLWELL of Gardiner
LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach
MURPHY of Berwick
BUCK of Yarmouth

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits of Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining and for Certain Employees Excluded from Collective Bargaining" (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1902 L.D. 2646

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-916)**, without reference to a Committee.

READ ONCE, without reference to a Committee.

House Amendment "A" (H-916) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-916)**, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Division.

Senator LaFOUNTAIN for the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Clarify Underinsured Motor Vehicle Coverage"

S.P. 723 L.D. 2043

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-572)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-572) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator KILKELLY for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Deer Hunting Season in the Town of Cranberry Isles"

S.P. 936 L.D. 2386

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-575)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-575) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator LONGLEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Pay for Jury Duty"

S.P. 902 L.D. 2354

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-576)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-576) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Fund the Local and State Share of Minor Collector Road Reconstruction"

S.P. 970 L.D. 2517

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

Signed:

Senator:

O'GARA of Cumberland

Representatives:

COLLINS of Wells

CAMERON of Rumford

WHEELER of Eliot

LINDAHL of Northport

JABAR of Waterville

BOUFFARD of Lewiston

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

Signed:

Senator:

CASSIDY of Washington

Representatives:

SANBORN of Alton

FISHER of Brewer

SAVAGE of Union

WHEELER of Bridgewater

Reports **READ**.

Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

SECOND READERS

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

House As Amended

Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Amount for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services Under the Medicaid Program

H.P. 1655 L.D. 2324
(H "A" H-903 to C "A" H-853)

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

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Ensure that an Eligible Work Force is Promptly Certified for Trade Act Assistance and Has Full Access to Training and Education Services as Provided by Law"

S.P. 677 L.D. 1927
(C "A" S-569)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Public Resources and Information for Maine Foundation"

S.P. 737 L.D. 2087
(C "A" S-570)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Elections"

S.P. 878 L.D. 2293
(C "A" S-552)

Bill "An Act to Provide for Safety in the Maine Conservation Corps"

S.P. 915 L.D. 2367
(C "A" S-568)

Bill "An Act to Rid Maine's Waters of Ocean Vessel Sewage"

S.P. 924 L.D. 2375
(C "A" S-567)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Contamination from Home Heating Oil Tanks"

S.P. 927 L.D. 2377
(C "A" S-566)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Create a Seamless Treatment Plan for the Juvenile Offender with Substance Abuse Problems

H.P. 466 L.D. 629
(C "A" H-851)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Prevent Misuse of Mortuary Trust Funds

S.P. 922 L.D. 2373
(C "A" S-521)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Acts

An Act to Strengthen the Motor Vehicle Laws Pertaining to Registration of Motor Vehicles

H.P. 1117 L.D. 1576
(C "A" H-863)

An Act to Clarify the Workers' Compensation Laws Regarding the Agricultural Laborer Exemption

H.P. 1390 L.D. 1995
(C "A" H-857)

An Act to Update and Amend the Preferred Provider Arrangement Act

H.P. 1422 L.D. 2029
(C "A" H-860)

An Act to Amend the Animal Welfare Laws

H.P. 1646 L.D. 2306
(C "A" H-834)

An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Corporate and Other Entities

H.P. 1664 L.D. 2333
(H "A" H-826; S "A" S-533 to C "A" H-818)

An Act to Improve Licensing Efficiency within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

H.P. 1742 L.D. 2448
(C "A" H-864)

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

An Act to Designate a Poison Control Center and to Adequately Fund Poison Control Services

H.P. 1693 L.D. 2399
(C "A" H-849)

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

An Act to Support and Expand the Maine Writing Project

H.P. 1708 L.D. 2414
(C "A" H-859)

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

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon, with exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem **ROBERT E. MURRAY, JR.** of Penobscot County.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Teacher of the Year for 1999, Mr. Todd Fields from Biddeford. Mr. Fields teaches in Westbrook at Westbrook High School and lives in Biddeford. He is the guest today of the Senators from York, Senator LaFountain and Senator MacKinnon, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator O'Gara.

Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate. The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator LaFountain

Senator **LAFOUNTAIN:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I am pleased to address the Senate today in order to recognize the achievement of my constituent and neighbor, Todd Fields of Biddeford. Todd was one of three finalists for the Year 2000 Teacher of the Year Program and in a surprise assembly held last fall at Westbrook High School he was notified of this distinction as being named the Year 2000 Teacher of the Year. Todd has a distinguished 15 year career in technology, vocational and technical education, including 11 years experience as drafting instructor for Westbrook Regional Vocational Center, 7 years as computer aided drafting instructor for Westbrook Adult Education, and 3 years teaching industrial arts in Maine and New Hampshire. Todd's dedication to growth and development of his students has been manifested not only in his decade long service as advisor of the Westbrook Chapter of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society but also in the numerous awards won by his students, including 15 Skills USA VICA medals; 1 National, 2 Regional and 1 State championship in the National Association of Women in Construction; the WCSH TV award; and the Maine Vocational Association Outstanding Non-Traditional Student award and in the exceptional high percentage of his students that successfully complete his program and go on to more specialized training, technical colleges, and four year baccalaureate degree programs. Todd comes from an extended family of teachers and educators. His wife, Ellen, who is a lifelong friend of mine, is a teacher at the Middle School at Westbrook High School. His sister-in-law, Kathy, who served as my babysitter growing up, teaches elementary school at Kennedy School in Biddeford. His mother-in-law, Mary Chenard, who passed away last year, taught in Biddeford for approximately 25 years and was one of the most popular and respected educators from the Biddeford system. I wish to personally congratulate Todd on his achievement and I wish him luck this spring as he travels to Washington DC to represent the State of Maine as Maine's Teacher of the Year. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator O'Gara.

Senator **O'GARA:** Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, the Senator from York has spoken eloquently of Mr. Fields and I will not attempt to add very much more to that except to say that I just want the Senate to know that Mr. Fields' colleagues and his students are very proud of his work and of his teaching skills and his teaching style, which has had such a marked impression on the students that he has had and I know will continue to have in the future. We just wanted to express, on behalf of the Westbrook delegation, our pride and our sincere congratulations and to add to the Senator's best wishes as you travel and compete with the National level. Thank you Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator MacKinnon.

Senator **MACKINNON:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to stand today to recognize Todd Fields as Maine's Teacher of the Year. Prior to listing all those years of experience, he had to go

through one year of experience in U.S. History as I was his history teacher in his Junior year of High School. So some of the things he may have had now, I may be able to bury and bring up from the past. I certainly would not do that because, as an educator and a former educator, it gives me great deal of pleasure to stand before you to recognize, not only a former student, but somebody that you've watched and admired. As a teacher you sometimes never get to see a person fulfill their dream or fulfill things in their lives that make you very proud and also know that you had, or hopefully had some type of impact, on this person. Personally, last year I had a tremendous amount of pride when I walked down to the Rotunda and saw Todd and watched his portfolio he developed being shown. Not only the pride that he took into that but the pride of the people and his parents around him, it was very nice for me to see. I'm certainly very, very happy that he is here today representing the good educators of the State of Maine and will go on to other places. But more importantly, he's giving back to his community and to his State in the form of education, when he could have been out in private business and doing things, I'm sure, monetarily. But the things and the people that he is affecting are affecting our future and for that I'm very proud of him, very proud to have known him as a former student and to be associated with him in school activities. I know his family very well and today is a nice day in the Rotunda. Our color of the bright sun in here not only shines here but also on him. For that I'm very appreciative. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: Again, the Chair would ask Mr. Fields to rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of York, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Monday, March 27, 2000, at 9:00 in the morning.