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Senate called to order by President Pro Tem Richard Kneeland of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Reverend George Bovill, Retired, of Portland.

REVEREND BOVILL: Let us pray. Oh Thou who hears our prayers, surely the women and men of this Senate often feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of their task. Responsible as they are, along with many other things, for the most vulnerable of our people. Responsible as they are for our children who need to be protected from abuse and who need a good education. Responsible as they are for the elderly, some of whom need long term care while others wish to be able to stay at home as long as possible. Responsible again for the elderly who must be able to have the medicine they need to sustain life. Responsible as they are for those who are physically and mentally ill. For those who are hearing impaired and sightless. Responsible as they are for those who have been burdened by the high cost of heating their homes through this long cold winter. And responsible as they are for our natural resources, for our lakes and forests so important to so many who earn their livelihood. And responsible all the while for the air we breath and the water we drink and the taxes we pay. Oh Thou who hears prayers, their responsibilities are many and vital to the well-being of so many. And so we pray this day that Thou will strengthen and guide them, that their insights may be deepened, their horizons broadened, and their usefulness increased and that Thy will shall be done. Help them to know the satisfaction of service to others and the satisfaction of having done well a difficult task. May each one here do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with Thee. Amen and amen.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 20, 2001.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Human Services Abuse and Neglect Investigators Access to Certain Baxter School for the Deaf Records"

S.P. 492 L.D. 1581

In Senate, March 13, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Establish a Circuit Breaker Program for Fuel Assistance"

H.P. 631 L.D. 831

Reference to the Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

In House, February 28, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committees on **TAXATION** and **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

In Senate, March 5, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body **INSISTED** and **ASKED FOR A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**.

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, the Senate **ADHERED**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Good morning, Mr. President. It is with great pride this morning that I rise and recognize the boys basketball team from SAD 4 who has a home base of Guilford. SAD 4 is a vast school district that has 6 towns in it. Very poor. I was the chairman of the school board up there for 5 years, and having been a State Trooper in that area for 23 years, I know the district well and I know many of the students. I'm very proud, obviously, as a prejudice father, having had 2 students graduate from SAD 4 and become professionals in their own right. I'm very proud of them. SAD 4 has done things that they aren't supposed to do occasionally. Every year or so they break some sort of record. They either score top in the MEA test scores in the state or they have a winning team. Today it's a winning team. The basketball team from Piscataquis Community High School is the Eastern Maine Champions. Everybody in that school district and in the surrounding area is very proud of them as I am. I would ask them to rise and ask the Senate if they'd give them a warm welcome. Thank you.

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Clarify, Enhance and Strengthen the Animal Welfare Laws of Maine"

H.P. 1260 L.D. 1695

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Health Insurance"

H.P. 1256 L.D. 1703

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act"

H.P. 1259 L.D. 1694

Bill "An Act Relating to Licensing Board Fee Caps"

H.P. 1267 L.D. 1718

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing DNA Testing"

H.P. 1250 L.D. 1698

Bill "An Act to Clarify Parental Rights and Responsibilities When Children are Placed in the Custody of the Department of Human Services as a Result of Court Proceedings Governed by the Maine Juvenile Code"

H.P. 1253 L.D. 1701

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Allow the Chief Medical Examiner to Assume the Responsibility for the Disposition of Certain Dead Bodies"

H.P. 1248 L.D. 1696

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Expand Family Life Education in Maine Schools"

H.P. 1180 L.D. 1603

Bill "An Act to Ensure Adequate Funding for School Construction Costs"

H.P. 1241 L.D. 1684

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Sprinkler Protection in all Secondary and Postsecondary Dormitories"

H.P. 1161 L.D. 1561

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**.

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

Resolve, to Change Eligibility for Persons who Transfer Assets and Move into Assisted Living Facilities

H.P. 1242 L.D. 1685

Bill "An Act Regarding People with Disabilities and the Use of Service Animals"

H.P. 1244 L.D. 1687

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Certain Technical and Clarifying Changes to the Medical Examiner Act"

H.P. 1258 L.D. 1705

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Make Certain Changes in the Child Welfare Laws"
H.P. 1251 L.D. 1699

Bill "An Act to Improve Child Support Services"
H.P. 1265 L.D. 1716

Come 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 Enhance the Safety and Health of Students in Public School Facilities"
H.P. 1249 L.D. 1697

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections"
H.P. 1243 L.D. 1686

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Activities of Membership Organizations in Maine"
H.P. 1257 L.D. 1704

Bill "An Act Relating to the Election of Candidates by the Instant Runoff Voting Method"
H.P. 1263 L.D. 1714

Bill "An Act Relating to Video Gaming Machines"
H.P. 1264 L.D. 1715

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Municipal Shellfish Management"
H.P. 1266 L.D. 1717

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection Program"
H.P. 1254 L.D. 1702

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

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

Bill "An Act to Return a Portion of the Tax Imposed on Lodging to the Municipality in Which the Tax was Levied"
H.P. 1262 L.D. 1713

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

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

**Pursuant to Public Law
Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive
Internet Policy**

The **Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy** pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 762, section 3 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Create a Resource within State Government to Protect the Privacy of Personal Information"
H.P. 233 L.D. 270

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

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

On motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Public Law

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

The **Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs** pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part FFF, section 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on the Maine Learning Technology Endowment"

H.P. 1261 L.D. 1712

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** 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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order: H.P. 1245

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Committee to Find a Sustainable Source of Funding for Gun Safety Classes is established as follows.

1. Committee established. The Joint Select Committee to Find a Sustainable Source of Funding for Gun Safety Classes, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of 12 members appointed as follows.

A. The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members from the Senate who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and 3 members from the Senate who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

B. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 3 members from the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and 3 members from the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

3. Chairs. The first Senate member named is the Senate chair and the first House member named is the House chair.

4. Appointments; convening committee. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chairs of the committee shall call and convene the

first meeting of the committee no later than 60 days following the effective date of this order.

5. Duties. The committee shall investigate ways to obtain sustainable sources of funding for gun safety classes.

6. Staff assistance. Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the committee.

7. Compensation. Members of the committee who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the committee.

8. Report. The committee shall submit a report along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice no later than November 1, 2001. Following receipt of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice may introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. If the committee requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

9. Committee budget. The chairs of the committee, with assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the committee's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The committee may not incur expenses that would result in the committee's exceeding its approved budget.

Upon request from the committee, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's designee shall provide the committee chairs and staff with a status report on the committee's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: H.P. 1246

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs report out, to the House, a bill directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to revise the form used by candidates for public office to report campaign finances to closely resemble the version used in 1994.

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

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: H.P. 1247

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government report out to the House such legislation as is necessary to revise the salaries of the Kennebec County officers and lay the county taxes for the calendar year 2001.

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

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 123

**120TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

March 16, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

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

L.D. 922 An Act Requiring the Court System to Notify Credit Rating Companies of Debt Clearances

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne M. Rand S/Rep. Charles C. LaVerdiere
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 124

**120TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

March 16, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

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

L.D. 424 An Act to Restrict Atlantic Halibut Fishing in State Waters

L.D. 553 An Act to Exempt Seaweed Harvesting from Certain Restrictions

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kenneth F. Lemont S/Rep. David G. Lemoine
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 125

**120TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

March 16, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

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

L.D. 496 An Act to Amend the Maine Revenue-sharing Formula

L.D. 617 An Act to Require Property Tax Payments on Conservation Easements and Development Rights Purchased After October 1, 2001

L.D. 635 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Value All Land Based on Its Current Use

L.D. 657 An Act to Exempt Individuals Who are 65 Years of Age or Older and Meet Income Requirements from Increases in Property Taxes

L.D. 693 An Act to Reduce Property Taxes

- L.D. 710 An Act to Authorize Towns to Give Tax Breaks to Volunteer Firefighters
- L.D. 722 An Act to Strengthen the Maine Taxpayer Bill of Rights
- L.D. 738 Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Revenue Services to Relocate the Chickadee Checkoff on the Maine Income Tax Form
- L.D. 765 An Act to Establish a Municipal Reimbursement Formula for Current Use Taxation Programs
- L.D. 785 An Act to Promote Capital Formation and Investment
- L.D. 786 An Act to Create a State Tax Deduction for Donations to Maine Nonprofit Corporations

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Norman K. Ferguson, Jr. S/Rep. William R. Savage
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 127

**120TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 15, 2001

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
Maine State Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Please be advised that I have made the following appointments:

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission: Pursuant to P.L. 1999, Chapter 731, Part AAAA:
Senator William B. O'Gara of Cumberland County
Senator Christine Savage of Knox County

Maine Children's Trust Incorporated: Pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A., Chapter 1058, §3883:
Senator Michael H. Michaud of Penobscot County

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 128

**120TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 15, 2001

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kenneth T. Gagnon S/Rep. Bonnie Green
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 126

**120TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

March 16, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

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

- L.D. 304 An Act Regarding the Franchises of Transmission and Distribution Electric Companies
- L.D. 486 An Act to Implement a State Universal Service Fund
- L.D. 1000 An Act to Promote Consistency in Dialing Cellular and Landline Telephone Numbers

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Joint Orders

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Chapter 780, Sec. 1 M.R.S.A. c8, I am pleased to appoint Senator Anne M. Rand of Cumberland County to the Maine Adult Drug Treatment Court.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.
Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

On motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, the following Joint Order: S.P. 562

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding the funding of biomedical research.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **SAWYER** of Penobscot, the following Joint Order: S.P. 563

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources report out, to the Senate, legislation regarding the recycling of plastics.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Prevent Interstate and International Smuggling of Illegal Drugs Into the State by Creating the Crime of Illegal Importation of Scheduled Drugs"

S.P. 565 L.D. 1725

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth and Senator: McALEVEY of York, Representatives: PEAVEY of Woolwich, QUINT of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WHEELER of Bridgewater.
Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide for Remediation of Abandoned Landfills"
S.P. 564 L.D. 1724

Sponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, TESSIER of Fairfield.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, the following Joint Order: S.P. 566

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Blue Ribbon Commission on Electric Energy Production, Demand and Cost is established as follows.

1. Commission established. The Blue Ribbon Commission on Electric Energy Production, Demand and Cost, referred to in this order as the "commission," is established.
2. Membership. The commission consists of 3 members of the Senate chosen by the President of the Senate, provided that all members are not from the same political party; 3 members of the House of Representatives chosen by the Speaker of the House, provided that all members are not from the same political party; and 5 public members chosen jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House as follows: a person with experience in an executive position at a Maine utility; one representative of a competitive energy provider; a person with experience in an executive position for a major power producer; a representative of individual consumers; and a representative of a major industrial consumer. In addition, the Public Advocate may participate as an ex officio member if the Public Advocate decides participating would advance the Public Advocate's mandate under law. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each designate a joint chair when naming the commission members.
3. Convening meeting. The chairs shall call the first meeting prior to June 1, 2001.

4. Duties. The commission shall study developments in the Maine electric energy market since deregulation and report to the Legislature their findings on the following questions.

A. What will be the impact of recent Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rulings on Maine energy consumers?

B. What is the ongoing role and purpose of the standard offer price in the competitive market and what can Maine consumers expect will happen with the standard offer price over the next 3 years?

C. What is the likelihood of energy shortfalls in Maine over the next 3 years?

D. Are there changes in Maine's restructuring law that could encourage an increase of generating capacity, improve conservation of energy or in any way facilitate more competition in the wholesale market, thus providing lower prices for consumers?

E. Are Maine electric consumers vulnerable to being harmed by anticompetitive behavior in the energy market?

F. Are the design and operation of New England's regional market optimal from the point of view of Maine energy consumers?

G. What are the appropriate size and scope of the regional transmission organization to be created to serve the needs of Maine's consumers of electricity?

H. How can load peak power periods be reduced and what are other strategies to reduce peak power use?

I. In light of the findings on questions A to F, what actions should Maine take to protect and serve Maine's energy consumers? If Maine has choices, how will those choices affect Maine energy consumers, the Maine environment and the Maine economy?

5. Staff assistance. The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide staffing as the commission directs. In addition, the legal counsel to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall assist as requested. The Maine Public Utilities Commission shall provide staff assistance as requested by the commission and approved by the chair of the Maine Public Utilities Commission. The commission is empowered to hire an economist as needed.

6. Compensation. Members of the commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and all commission members are entitled to receive reimbursement for travel and other expenses for attendance at authorized meetings of the commission.

7. Report. The commission shall report on the issues studied with any recommended legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than January 1, 2002.

8. Commission budget. The commission is authorized to expend no more than \$75,000 from the legislative budget to complete its work. The chairs of the commission, with assistance of commission staff, shall administer the budget.

READ.

Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot moved the Joint Order be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Michaud.

Senator **MICHAUD**: Thank you, Mr. President. Men and Women of the Senate, I'm pleased to offer this Joint Order that would establish a Blue Ribbon Commission and ask that you support it being referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy. Deregulation of electricity is a new idea in Maine and we still have much to learn as far as how it will work. I'm calling on the creation of this Blue Ribbon Commission to give Maine a chance to bring together all the players and look at the recent developments that have been happening in the northeast and across the country in California. I'm convinced that by the time the Commission completes its work next January, Maine consumers will have gained a real insight into what we expect over the next few years. For my part, I'm anxious to understand how the future and change in electric prices and availability might effect businesses and consumers, particularly in the northern part of the state. The economy in northern Maine is the most vulnerable and I want to make certain that we leave no stone unturned in our efforts to look at how electricity effects the economy, not only in northern but also in western and eastern Maine. So I hope that you will adopt this order. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot (Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland and Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford, CATHCART of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, EDMONDS of Cumberland, FERGUSON of Oxford, GAGNON of Kennebec, KNEELAND of Aroostook, LaFOUNTAIN of York, LEMONT of York, MARTIN of Aroostook, MILLS of Somerset, MITCHELL of Penobscot, NUTTING of Androscoggin, O'GARA of Cumberland, RAND of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SAWYER of Penobscot, SHOREY of Washington, SMALL of Sagadahoc, TREAT of Kennebec, TURNER of Cumberland, WOODCOCK of Franklin, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot, Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BELANGER of Caribou, BERRY of Belmont, BERRY of Livermore, BOWLES of Sanford, BRYANT of Dixfield, BUMPS of China, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CANAVAN of Waterville, CARR of Lincoln, CHASE of Levant, CHICK of Lebanon, CLARK of Millinocket, COLLINS of Wells, COLWELL of Gardiner, COTE

of Lewiston, COWGER of Hallowell, DAVIS of Falmouth, DUDLEY of Portland, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, DUNLAP of Old Town, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, ETNIER of Harpswell, FISHER of Brewer, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GLYNN of South Portland, GOOLEY of Farmington, GREEN of Monmouth, HALL of Bristol, HASKELL of Milford, HATCH of Skowhegan, HAWES of Standish, JODREY of Bethel, JONES of Greenville, KANE of Saco, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, LEDWIN of Holden, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, MARLEY of Portland, MAYO of Bath, McDONOUGH of Portland, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, McKEE of Wayne, McKENNEY of Cumberland, MENDROS of Lewiston, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, MORRISON of Baileyville, MURPHY of Kennebunk, MUSE of Fryeburg, NASS of Acton, NORBERT of Portland, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, O'NEIL of Saco, PARADIS of Frenchville, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, PINKHAM of Lamoine, POVICH of Ellsworth, QUINT of Portland, RICHARD of Madison, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, ROSEN of Bucksport, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, STANLEY of Medway, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, TESSIER of Fairfield, TOBIN of Dexter, TREADWELL of Carmel, TUTTLE of Sanford, USHER of Westbrook, WHEELER of Bridgewater, YOUNG of Limestone), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 567

JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN RURAL MAINE

WHEREAS, International Paper Company announced on February 8, 2001 that it would within 60 days permanently shut down 2 sawmill operations at Costigan and Passadumkeag, Maine; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the 2 sawmills will have a direct impact on at least 260 jobs and an indirect effect upon many hundreds of other jobs within the economy of the Penobscot Valley and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, International Paper Company has itself provided recognition that the sawmills at Costigan and Passadumkeag are competitive and viable operations by stating that they do not want the mills "competing" with their remaining operations in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Costigan and Passadumkeag sawmills are the only ones owned by International Paper Company in the northeast that produce spruce, fir and hemlock stud framing lumber products and the sawmills will not compete with the other operations in the northeast market; and

WHEREAS, the resulting void in framing lumber supply may likely be filled by the import of foreign framing lumber from Canadian suppliers; and

WHEREAS, International Paper Company has so far refused to sell the sawmills to any interested parties, including the employees who each gave as many as 27 years of their lives to the operations; and

WHEREAS, International Paper Company has benefited financially from state and local government incentive programs like Tax Increment Financing, TIF, and Business Equipment Tax Reimbursements, BETR; and be it further

RESOLVED: That, We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the citizens we represent and in strong support of the desire of the State's inhabitants, call upon and strongly urge International Paper Company to reconsider its position concerning the sale of the 2 sawmills so that they can continue to be used by Maine's skilled workers for their highest and best use, which is indeed the production of stud dimension lumber; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature hereby calls upon the Governor and the Maine Congressional Delegation to continue to work with the International Paper Company hierarchy to preserve these much-needed Maine jobs by allowing the mills to be sold; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Governor Angus S. King, Jr. and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Michaud.

Senator **MICHAUD:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I'm pleased to introduce this Joint Resolution as well this morning on behalf of the men and women that are employed by International Paper sawmills at Passadumkeag and Costigan. This Joint Resolution will send a strong message today that the Legislature, in a bi-partisan way, is committed to economic growth and stability in northern Maine and that taking these sawmills off-line is not only unfair and unjust to the effected employees but will devastate the economy of that particular region. As a millworker myself, and having been through this very same situation in East Millinocket, I can assure you that we must remain firm in our resolve to do everything we can in our power to prevent the shutdown of these mills. I want to also thank President Pro Tem Bennett for helping me to win bi-partisan support on this Joint Resolution and wish to draw your attention to an oversight, that his name was omitted as a co-sponsor, but in fact his name will appear on the transmitted copy of this Joint Resolution. So I would urge your support today and also want to thank President Pro Tem Bennett for his help.

ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Protect Children and Elderly or Incapacitated Adults"

H.P. 811 L.D. 1066

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Establish Medical Savings Accounts"

H.P. 192 L.D. 203

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Allow Sheriffs to Use Modern Record-keeping Technologies in the Maintenance of Jail Records"

H.P. 458 L.D. 579

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.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2002" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 25 L.D. 25

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.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Establish Parity in Requirements for Exits Among Apartments, Boardinghouses and Lodging Houses"

H.P. 237 L.D. 274

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-28)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-28) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Enforcement of Laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 by Passamaquoddy Wardens"

H.P. 103 L.D. 107

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-25)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-25) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Limit the Boat Launching in East Winthrop on the Northern End of Cobbosseecontee Lake to Hand Carrying Only" H.P. 179 L.D. 190

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-30) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-26).**

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-26).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-26) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalty for Furnishing Liquor to a Minor if Injury or Death Results" H.P. 42 L.D. 51

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-29).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-29).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-29) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Designate April 15th as Small Business Day" H.P. 291 L.D. 369

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-30).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30).**

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

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Permit an Unspent Balance in the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund to be Carried Forward in Full for Fiscal Years 2000-01 and 2001-02"

H.P. 205 L.D. 240

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-31)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-31)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-31) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Require Credit Card Issuers to Provide Greater Notice of Changes in Terms"

H.P. 10 L.D. 10

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

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of York
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin
ABROMSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

CRESSEY of Baldwin
YOUNG of Limestone
MAYO of Bath
O'NEIL of Saco
SULLIVAN of Biddeford
MARRACHE of Waterville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

DUDLEY of Portland
SMITH of Van Buren
CANAVAN of Waterville
GLYNN of South Portland

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Create a Mandatory Automobile Insurance Premium Discount for Safe, Mature Drivers"

H.P. 34 L.D. 43

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

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of York
ABROMSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

DUDLEY of Portland
CRESSEY of Baldwin
SMITH of Van Buren
YOUNG of Limestone
O'NEIL of Saco
MARRACHE of Waterville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-19)**.

Signed:

Senator:

DOUGLASS of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MAYO of Bath
SULLIVAN of Biddeford
CANAVAN of Waterville
GLYNN of South Portland

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-19)**.

Report **READ**.

Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Establish Destroyer Escort Day" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 210 L.D. 245

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

Signed:

Senators:

- PENDLETON of Cumberland
- YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot
- ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

- BAGLEY of Machias
- McDONOUGH of Portland
- NORBERT of Portland
- HATCH of Skowhegan
- LESSARD of Topsham
- McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth
- MURPHY of Berwick
- KASPRZAK of Newport
- HASKELL of Milford

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

Signed:

Representative:

- CHASE of Levant

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator YOUNGBLOOD for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Purchase Land in Charleston, Maine

S.P. 39 L.D. 207

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-18)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-18) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator SAVAGE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Light Trailer Transporter Plate and License"

S.P. 56 L.D. 220

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-17)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-17) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator O'GARA for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Coordinate with Municipalities Regarding Landscaping and Planting"

S.P. 149 L.D. 493

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-16)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission on Child Abuse"
H.P. 27 L.D. 27

Bill "An Act to Amend the Animal Trespass Laws"
H.P. 128 L.D. 139

Bill "An Act Providing for the Revocation of a Driver's License upon Conviction for Certain Crimes"
H.P. 165 L.D. 176

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council"
H.P. 250 L.D. 286

Bill "An Act Concerning Disability Registration Plates and Placards"
H.P. 563 L.D. 718

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Specify That Possession of Sexually Explicit Materials by Way of the Internet is Criminal"
H.P. 121 L.D. 125
(C "A" H-17)

Bill "An Act to Add Prior Conviction for Burglary of a Motor Vehicle to Enhancement of Theft Penalties"
H.P. 240 L.D. 292
(C "A" H-16)

Resolve, to Extend the Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 28 L.D. 28
(C "A" H-21)

Resolve, to Create a Greenhouse Gas Registry
H.P. 78 L.D. 87
(C "A" H-23)

Resolve, to Implement the Saco Bay Regional Beach Management Plan (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 186 L.D. 197
(C "A" H-24)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority"
H.P. 345 L.D. 435
(C "A" H-22)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Act of Separation of Frye Island from the Town of Standish" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 156 L.D. 500

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount Transferred through State-municipal Revenue Sharing"
S.P. 41 L.D. 209
(C "A" S-13)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to Receive Real Estate Transfer Tax Forms for Municipalities in its Jurisdiction"
S.P. 67 L.D. 263
(C "A" S-14)

Bill "An Act to Specify the Permissible Hours for Sale of Liquor by Wholesale Licensees"
S.P. 76 L.D. 296
(C "A" S-12)

Bill "An Act to Designate the Ryefield Bridge an Historic Bridge"
S.P. 82 L.D. 302
(C "A" S-9)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Maine Turnpike Authority's Power Regarding Confidentiality of Information"
S.P. 90 L.D. 317
(C "A" S-10)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to Construct Communications Facilities"
S.P. 107 L.D. 333
(C "A" S-11)

Bill "An Act to Promote Equity Among Health Care Clinics"
S.P. 128 L.D. 404
(C "A" S-15)

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 Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 11: Rules for the Maine Biomedical Research Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Economic and Community Development

H.P. 150 L.D. 161

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Act

An Act to Clarify the Laws Prohibiting Consumption or Possession of Alcohol by a Minor

S.P. 74 L.D. 294

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters 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 (3/8/01) Assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER - relative to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting out an emergency bill providing \$110,000 to complete the upgrades to the State of Maine Building at the Eastern States Exposition. H.P. 1142

Tabled - March 8, 2001, by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In House, March 8, 2001, **READ** and **PASSED**.)

(In Senate, March 8, 2001, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc, **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President Pro Tem **RICHARD KNEELAND** of Aroostook County.

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

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Human Services Abuse and Neglect Investigators Access to Certain Baxter School for the Deaf Records"

S.P. 492 L.D. 1581

Tabled - March 21, 2001, by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 13, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.)

(In House, March 20, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **SHOREY** of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **CARPENTER** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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

On motion by President Pro Tem **BENNETT** of Oxford, **ADJOURNED**, to Thursday, March 22, 2001, at 10:00 in the morning.

