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SENATE

Friday, January 17, 1964

Senate called to order by President.

Prayer by the Rev. Frederick W. Whittaker of Bangor.

Journal of yesterday read and passed.

Communication

State of Maine

Bureau of Public Improvements
Augusta

January 17, 1964

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the One Hundred and First Legislature

In accordance with the provisions of Section 25, Chapter 151A of the Revised Statutes (1954) of Maine, as amended, we are submitting herewith the Status of Capital Improvement Projects including cash expenditures through June 30, 1963.

Respectfully,

(Signed) NIRAN C. BATES
State Director of Public
Improvements

Which was read and ordered placed on file. Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

Mrs. Harrington of Penobscot presented JOINT ORDER, relative to Legislative appreciation for assistance in carrying out the Caribou project. (S. P. 703) which was read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec,

ORDERED the House concurring, that the Attorney General's opinion to the Governor of March 22, 1963 on the interpretation of Revised Statutes 1954 Chapter 29, Section 15, Subsection 1 as amended by the Public Laws, 1961, Chapter 361, Section 4, Disqualifications for Benefits under the Maine Employment Security Law reflects the intent of the legislature on this section.

Mr. FARRIS of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the

Senate, I do not believe that a year ago any of us would have ventured an opinion that this legislature would not in the intervening period, have changed the language of the existing law as it pertains to the so-called voluntary quit. Yet it seems that with all of the controversy we have had, the same language is still in the statutes and the only reason as of the moment that the harshness of the voluntary quit proposition is not being invoked by the Employment Security Commission is because of the fact that the Attorney General rendered an opinion which changed the administrative procedures in that agency. There is always a possibility of this issue going to the court. Some employer could very well take it to the court because there has been controversy. In my opinion I think it is only fair and equitable that this legislature at least put into the record the legislative intent that we do not wish to have the harsh provisions as previously invoked by the Employment Security Commission again invoked.

Thereupon the order received a passage.

Such papers as require House action were ordered sent forthwith to the House for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Reed to the rear of the Senate Chamber in order that he may escort Maine's Apple Queen to the rostrum.

This was done and Senator Reed of Sagadahoc escorted to the rostrum Maine's Apple Queen for 1964, Miss Susan McCleery.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair is happy to introduce to the Senate, Miss Susan McCleery. She is from Farmington, Maine. She is a Sophomore at Farmington State Teachers College and she is the 1964 Apple Queen.

Miss SUSAN McCLEERY: Mr. President of the Senate, distinguished Senators, ladies and gentlemen, it is a great pleasure for me to present greetings to

you from the Maine Pomological Society and Maine orchardists. I would like to express my thanks to Commissioner of Agriculture Newdick, Representatives Jones and Mr. Gerald Dunn for inviting me to attend this, the final session of the Maine Legislature. Maine apples are exported to all parts of the world. One reason for this popularity is the superb taste and texture of Maine apples. I am very proud to represent this industry as Maine 1964 Apple Queen. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Communication

State of Maine
House of Representatives
Office of the Clerk
Augusta

January 17, 1964

Hon. Chester T. Winslow
Secretary of the Senate
101st Legislature
Special Session

Dear Sir:

The Speaker has appointed the following Committee of Conference on the Disagreeing Action of the two branches of the Legislature on:

Senate Joint Order relative to Study of Hydro-electric projects by Public Utilities Commission. (S. P. 682):

Messrs: ANDERSON of Ellsworth
JALBERT of Lewiston
PIKE of Lubec

Respectfully,

HARVEY R. PEASE
Clerk of the House

HRP:TS

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Enactors

Out of Order

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

Emergency

Bill, An Act Appropriating Funds for Grants-in-Aid for Construction of Municipal Sewage Treatment Facilities and Relating to Issuance of Water and Sewer

System Revenue Bonds by Municipalities. (H. P. 1164) (L. D. 1674)

Which Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 members of the Senate, was Passed To Be Enacted.

Emergency

Bill, An Act Creating the Damariscotta Sewage District. (S. P. 649) (L. D. 1655)

Which Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 members of the Senate, was Passed To Be Enacted.

Emergency

Bill, An Act to Apportion One Hundred and Fifty-one Representatives Among the Several Counties, Cities, Towns, Plantations and Classes in the State of Maine. (H. P. 1167) (L. D. 1676)

Which Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 members of the Senate, was Passed To Be Enacted.

Bill, An Act to Appropriate Moneys to Increase Rates of Payment for Nursing Home Care for Public Assistance Recipients. (S. P. 654) (L. D. 1646)

Which Bill was Passed To Be Enacted.

The President laid before the Senate the 1st tabled and today assigned item, H. P. 1131, L. D. 1602, Bill, An Act to Appropriate Additional Moneys for Caribou Sewage Treatment Works, tabled on January 16 by Senator Edmunds of Aroostook pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Leave to Withdraw report was accepted, in concurrence.

Additional Paper from the House—out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Conference Committee Report—Senate

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill, An Act Relating to Detention by Counties and Municipalities of

Persons Arrested by Law Enforcement Officers. (S. P. 694) (L. D. 1672) reported that the Senate recede from its action whereby it passed the Bill to be Engrossed; adopt Conference Committee Amendment "A" and pass the Bill to be Engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" and Conference Committee Amendment "A".

That the House recede from its action whereby it indefinitely postponed the Bill; accept the Ought to Pass in New Draft Report; adopt Senate Amendment "A" and Conference Committee Amendment "A" and pass the Bill to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Which report was accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

**Conference Committee Report—
Senate**

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Senate Joint Order Relative to Study of Hydro-electric Projects by Public Utilities Commission. (S. P. 692) reported that they are Unable to Agree.

Which report was Accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook
Recessed to the sound of the gong.

(After Recess)

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Communication

STATE OF MAINE

Senate Chamber, January 17, 1964
Hon. Robert A. Marden,
President of the Senate, 101st
Legislature:

Dear President Marden:

Due to my membership on two other interim committees I feel it necessary to resign from the Interim Committee to study Accreditation of Secondary Schools.

Respectfully,

Lloyd H. Stitham"

Read and placed on file.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will appoint in the place of the

Senator from Somerset, Senator Stitham, the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Sproul.

Orders Out of Order

Mr. COUTURE of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I present an order and move its passage and I wish to speak on the order after the Secretary has read the order.

The order was read by the Secretary as follows:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Employment Security Commission be authorized and directed to declare seasonal those industries which are defined as seasonal but are not now under seasonal categories."

Mr. COUTURE of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate: All during our long hearings on the Labor Committee, and one day it kept us over seven hours, I have heard debate on both sides in regard to proposed unemployment legislation. We have heard some saying they do not want any effective laws that will decrease the funds of the Employment Security Commission. Everyone had a question to ask us to how this would affect the funds of the Employment Security Commission.

In the years I have served here I have always had interest in unemployment compensation, as most of you are aware. I have made up my mind in this session to come out with the facts of what is causing the draining of the unemployment fund as we go along. I have mentioned a few words about it before but it just flew around the Senate Chamber and that was it. But I do feel obliged and I feel that I will not be able to go home unless I express my belief on what does make the funds for unemployment in such a condition that we feel obliged to reinforce the law on disqualifying people most of the time that should not be disqualified and make them lose what they are entitled to by law. It was even repeated in this room yesterday that the reinforcement of disqualification here in the state had helped in building the fund higher since the law has been changed. It has been said here

that since the law has been amended that the fund has been increased. It has been done by disqualifying people who never should have been disqualified, and they have been deprived of their unemployment compensation that they should be entitled to.

I have mentioned here before that what really does decrease it is the seasonal workers who are under the full fifty-two weeks protection under unemployment, people who are working some two and a half to three months and a big portion of them are receiving social security and are entitled to earn twelve hundred dollars a year and then go out and earn their twelve hundred dollars a year at seasonal work and then turn around and draw unemployment benefits for six months afterwards. But this going on in the State this is what is depriving the people who are entitled to it, and they should not be receiving this unemployment compensation. Are we to stand here again and end this session and say, "We will see you later and see what we can do in the next session," unless some steps are taken so that we might gain some point to work on.

In the long debates in which I have participated, in this body and in the other body, on this law, this is the first time I have stood up on my feet and taken action to create the fund higher than what it is now. I was a member of the labor committee when the fund was forty-five or forty-eight million dollars. In the future if the fund is decreasing we will walk forward ourselves to have similar legislation so that we can go back to what we were paying before. They were granted legislation by the State of Maine to allow them to go to .5. Now they do not want to go up and you can't blame them. Who is there in this Senate that really wants to take money and throw it away when they can get away with it. I have lost all my courage to see them go back where they were as they promised this legislature in the past.

I come back to the seasonal features of the law. I am only asking by this order for the law to be reinforced as the law of the

State of Maine reads here. It reads that the commission shall do it but it is not done. It seems that it is not done because it is not requested by the people possibly that get their hammer on the third house here defeat everything and then they oppose supports in this branch here and in the other body. As I expressed myself before, some of you are over here and naturally worked hard on re-apportionment and some of the other laws and have introduced amendments to make it a better understood law. All I am asking here is a better understanding on the law of unemployment compensation. I have fought against the ruling by the Attorney General after the last session when thousands of people lost their unemployment benefits for a year's time. I myself consulted with the Governor of the State of Maine and pleaded with him to go to the commission and try to get them to come down to what should be right for the people. Finally after a year and a few months the Attorney General ruled otherwise, as was mentioned here this forenoon, on this disqualification, but the people had been disqualified for a whole year before that action was taken. That is what I am trying to tell you. For a whole year thousands of people were disqualified to help build up this fund.

All this order asks for is to see that the commission does just exactly what the law tells them to do, and it tells them with the word of "shall" and not the word "may." As it is now they may do it if they so please. This has been going on for years and years and years. I am sorry to touch on this because I never intended to but I cannot take a defeat for the people who should qualify. I am only hoping that this order has a passage here and let the unemployment commission decide on who is right and who is wrong and have them do what is according to law.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate: I would like

to say this; that everything that the good Senator from Androscoggin has said is true. In the bill that we had we did try to correct some of these things, but I will say this: that his order at this time, with all that we have heard and understood—as I have said before, it is a way of life for these people, you cannot change this arbitrarily even though the law does say it should be enforced or may be enforced—I would doubt very much if this is the time, without further consideration and further study, and I would hope that the people that are in this industry and in this business will realize that something has got to be done and perhaps will come up with their own solution. At this time I would move the indefinite postponement of this order.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I rise in support of the motion of Senator Johnson to indefinitely postpone this order. We have an Employment Security Commission and I do not think we need to tell them what to do. If this order were to be passed and if the intent, as I understand it, of the good Senator from Androscoggin were to be carried out we do not know how many industries it would hit or where it would hit. There are some 954 employers with negative balances and I suspect a good many of these would be in that category.

Finally, the question was asked at the hearing on the second day as to whether these seasonal industries were mainly responsible for the depletion of the fund and Dr. Poulin, who has been called in by the committee as an expert, testified that he did not think so, that he thought that fluctuations in the business cycle were more responsive than anything else for the condition of the fund, and while without doubt the seasonal industries did contribute toward depletion of the fund, at the same time he did not think they were the main cause.

Mr. COUTURE of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I am really kind of shocked to see my chairman and

our good Senator come out for the indefinite postponement of this order. It would seem to me we really do not need any committee to find out whether there is need for change or how the law should be changed to correct a situation that does exist.

What I would like to bring across to you is this: the good Senator Wyman has pointed out that some 900 people are affected by it. How many good employees in summer resorts are affected by it. Why pick the summer resorts. The summer resorts are not by law and what I am proposing is just by law. How many employees do we feel we have in Poland Spring during the summer, and what stops Poland Spring from operating 52 weeks a year? They do not have to be seasonal if they do not want to be. There is no law that tells them they have to be seasonal. This is what I am trying to get across. But under the order the Unemployment Compensation has placed them in the category of seasonal. I say justice for one is justice for all. If it is good for the people working in summer resorts, working for a period of four months or more at times, to be in this category, why isn't it good for the rest of them under this law? We make the laws here. This is where the laws of the State of Maine are made. Are we the ones to get up and see that the laws are not enforced during our sessions? Are we the ones to say that the Commission is good enough if they see fit to do it? Should we inject in there that the commission shall enforce the law if we do not want them to do it? I say they are failing to do their duty. That is what I am saying, they are failing to do the duty they are required to do by law.

Let me inform you here in the Senate that my mind is made up, and it took me quite a few years to come out with this, but there was the request of at least three employers that the commission shall act. If this body does not want to take the stand to see that the commission obeys the law we will see that those who pay into the fund will request it to be obeyed. But I do believe it is

the duty of this Senate here to act upon it, not the duty of the employer who knows the fund is going out this way, to have to go to the trouble of requesting it after the facts and the truth have come out there. A good many in here are lawyers and good lawyers, very good attorneys from all over the State of Maine and they know that this law is bad, and yet they get up and say, "Let the good Commission do whatever they want to." Let's correct this by this order. I do not have anything more to say.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the passage of the order. A division has been requested. All those in favor of the motion of the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson, that the order be indefinitely postponed will rise and remain in your places until counted.

A division was had.

The PRESIDENT: Twenty-seven senators having voted in the affirmative and three in the negative the motion prevails and the order is indefinitely postponed.

Mr. COUTURE of Androscoggin: Mr. President, is it possible to have a count of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The vote will be taken over again. All those in favor of the motion of the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson that the order be indefinitely postponed will rise and remain standing until counted.

A division was again had.

The PRESIDENT: Twenty-six having voted in the affirmative and three in the negative the motion prevails and the order is indefinitely postponed.

Does the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Couture, have another order?

Mr. Couture of Androscoggin presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring that there be created an interim joint committee to be appointed by the Governor, to consist of two Senators, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, two Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, and six members

representing labor, management and the public, three of whom shall be members of the minority party, to study the employment security law and to report to the 102nd Legislature such changes and amendments as may be necessary or desirable to revise or consolidate such law so as to make such law more readily understandable, workable and useful to the persons affected thereby; and be it further

ORDERED, that there be appropriated to the committee from the legislative appropriation the sum of \$1500 for expenses of the members to carry out the purposes of this order.

Mr. COUTURE of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate: If the other order had been passed I would not have spoken on this one, but I feel that most of us know down deep in our hearts that something has got to be done under this unemployment compensation law. I am hoping that nobody will deny the fact that something has got to be corrected. They claim that the special session here was too short a time to study this. Now I am asking this committee to work on this so that this committee that works on it will be prepared and that people who come in front of the committee can make their recommendations as to what should be corrected or reworded in the law under which we live today. I am hoping that this order has passage.

Mr. EDMUNDS of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I rise in opposition to the order that has just been presented. I do this for two reasons: 1. I note that the order says that the right of naming the Senate and House members of the proposed committee would be with the Governor. This would be surrendering one of our legislative prerogatives because in the past the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House have had the prerogative of naming members from their respective bodies to study committees, although I entirely agree that the Governor should name

the public members of the proposed committee.

Secondly, just to be partisan for a moment, the party I represent does have in both branches far more than a majority, I think roughly 75-25, and I do not see why we should propose an interim study committee which would be divided equally on party lines at this particular time.

I would further state that I do feel this matter does need further study. I would hope that the order that has just been presented would be indefinitely postponed, and I would ask for a division. If that is the case, I have here an alternative order which I would then present to the Senate which would provide for a study of this complicated problem.

Mr. COUTURE of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I expected that. I said it about an hour ago. The minority party is mentioned in there and I said, "This will go down the drain faster than I can introduce it." But I claim that it is unfair when they try to use party lines on what belongs to the people. I am not asking for the minority party to be representing itself alone. I am just asking to be equal. Do you want to prove here that the minority party of the State of Maine cannot be equal with the Majority Party? Does it mean that the Majority Party should be respected and the other party shouldn't be? I think I respect the majority party and the majority party in the other branch but they are starting talking in party lines here and I don't think I'll go for it. I have voted at times against my own party and at times against the Republican Party. I have used my own judgment.

Don't the people of the State of Maine deserve to be represented by the Minority party? The first thing we know there'll be an order in here saying that they will represent the people and we won't have any rights. It so happens that I live in Androscoggin County and that County is Democrat and I think it should be respected as much as other counties.

I have not asked the Republicans to do anything. The Minority Party only wants to be represented, and wants to be on a committee to study a law here. Has the Majority forgotten completely that we have Democrats in this State? There may be a day when they will be reminded and I hope the day comes soon if that is the attitude of the other party. This is my second term in the Senate and I have been denied everything. I have yet to serve two terms in the Senate and I haven't been able to introduce an order and this was my seventh one. And it has been stopped by the same member of the State Senate, the Majority Floor Leader. The record will speak for itself. I think this is total discrimination in two party representation in the State of Maine.

The PRESIDENT: The question is on the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edmunds, that the order be indefinitely postponed and a division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Twenty-five having voted in the affirmative and four opposed, the motion prevailed and the order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook

ORDERED, the House concurring that the Legislative Research Committee be directed to study the Employment Security Law and be it further

ORDERED that the Committee report the results of its study to the 102nd legislature.

Mr. COUTURE of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate, if the good Senator from Aroostook County feels that he is right on this, I will go along with him but if I am reelected and come back here maybe I will tell him differently the next session.

Thereupon, the Order received a passage and was ordered sent forthwith to the House.

Mr. PHILBRICK of Penobscot presented the following order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this great and honorable body that marriage was recently solemnized between the Senator from Cumberland, Samuel A. Hinds and a rose of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, this marriage was consummated without the knowledge and leave of this august body and remote from its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, this Senate has ever maintained a deep affection for the bodily comforts of Senator Hinds; and

WHEREAS, this recent assumption of matrimonial bonds by the Senator from Cumberland will promote an affection contrary to the best interests of the members of this body and diminish the value of Senator Hinds' services; and

WHEREAS, the journal of this Senate is replete with the vociferous concern of the Senator for the welfare and well-being of his fellows; and

WHEREAS, the diminution of Senator Hinds' interests will greatly impair the efficiency and harmonious tranquility of the membership; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Senator Hinds' devotion to this body, it is hoped, will have other more tangible results; now therefore, be it

ORDERED, that the ardent congratulations of this Senate be extended to Mr. and the now Mrs. Samuel A. Hinds on this occasion of their marriage; and it is with the hope of their future happiness and well-being that the last words of this order are written; and be it further

ORDERED, that an attested copy of this order be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the same.

Read and passed.

(Recessed to the sound of the gong)

Ater Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

Additional Paper from the House— out of order

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly Engrossed, the following Bill:

Emergency

Bill, An Act Relating to Detention by Counties and Municipalities of Persons Arrested by Law Enforcement Officers. (S. P. 694) (L. D. 1672)

Which Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 25 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Additional Paper from the House —out of order

Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the members of the Reference of Bills Committee that served as the screening committee for the special session be reimbursed from the legislative funds for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. (H. P. 1169)
Comes from the House read and passed.

In the Senate, read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook.

ORDERED that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that body that the Senate has transacted all the business before it and is ready to adjourn without day.

Which was read and passed and the President appointed Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook to convey the message.

Subsequently Mr. Edmunds returned, saying that he had fulfilled the duty with which he was charged.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through Representative Wellman of Bangor, stating that that body had acted upon all matters before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee of three

on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted on all matters before them and are ready to receive any further communication he may be pleased to make. (S. P. 706)

The President appointed as Senate members of such committee, Senators: Brooks of Cumberland, Christie of Aroostook and Jacques of Androscoggin.

Subsequently the Committee returned and reported that they had conveyed the message and that the Governor would attend the session forthwith.

At this point His Excellency, Governor John H. Reed entered the Senate Chambers and addressed the Senate as follows:

GOVERNOR JOHN H. REED: Mr. President and members of the Maine Senate, the hour of adjournment has arrived and it is now my duty to submit to you a tabulation of the results of your action at this special session. There were 37 acts approved. There were 5 resolves approved. There was one veto presented. You have complied with the provisions of the constitutional amendment requiring reapportionment of the Maine House in 1964. You have met the need for additional funds for the public assistance programs administered by the Health and Welfare Department. The State of Maine will also be able to comply in part with new federal regulations of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare with respect to the public welfare programs by the authorization of additional positions in the Department of Health and Welfare. You have provided additional funds for the nursing home care program. I am pleased by the unanimous approval which you gave my request for legislative action to increase the lending capacity of the Maine Industrial Building Authority.

You have also given favorable consideration to a number of other items of an emergency nature. I

have mentioned only those that I outlined to you in my message of January 6.

There remains, however one vital problem that has not been resolved at this special session. This of course is the matter of corrective amendments to the Employment Security Law. House action emphatically agreed with me that Legislative Document 1259 did not rectify existing inequities but regrettably the legislature was not successful in finding a proper answer. Failure to reach a satisfactory conclusion on this issue has not lessened the severe problem to thousands of Maine people. The problem, therefore continues to exist and I can assure you that I shall work unceasingly on behalf of the working men and women of the State of Maine to see that we shall find an equitable solution to this big problem at the next special or regular legislative session.

I am certainly encouraged in this goal in the knowledge that many of you share my convictions in this matter of urgent importance.

I wish you Godspeed and a safe journey home.

Governor Reed retired from the Chambers amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

THE PRESIDENT: Members of the Senate, it is time for us to say Goodbye, temporarily at least, but before exercising the motion to adjourn, I wonder if the Senate would join me and rise to pay brief tribute to a fellow Senator by the name of Harold Pike. I would like to say something and I wish you would stand while I say it. Harold, you don't have to stand because this is addressed to you. We don't mean to embarrass you by these few words but we want the record to show that we are paying tribute to you.

You will soon be making the adjournment motion or referring to somebody who will and I just want to call attention to your faithful appearance here and your continued devotion to duty. Not only at this special session but during the regular session, in spite

of what we know to be indescribable handicaps, you have participated here without a whimper, without a complaint, without asking a single favor. It is my personal feeling that you, sir, symbolize this Senate which has received my undying respect because you have epitomized the orderly conduct and the cooperative attitude, the patience and the respect of all of us and of all of the people of the State who have witnessed this Senate in operation.

I know that all of us your friends, not only as Senators, subscribe to what I am saying and we rise to you and we look forward, those of us who will return, to welcoming you back in your same seat at the next Special Session. (Applause)

Senator PIKE of Oxford: Mr. President and fellow Senators, I don't expect that any of you realize how much satisfaction it gave me to be here at roll call when we opened. I had been in bed ever since early last fall and when I learned there was to be a session on January 6, I resolved I was going to be here. I was of course, told that I couldn't. But I tried sitting up a little more every day and then they told me that I'd have to have a wheel chair and couldn't march in with the Senators when they left this Body for the other one. But I'm here and I didn't have a wheel chair and I marched in.

I want to thank all these good Senators who had anything to do with sending letters or flowers or cards. Probably one of the best letters I had was from Senator Hollis Wyman. Senator Norman Ferguson lives probably thirty miles from me but he visited me in the hospital more than once. He visited my home, made telephone calls, wrote letters and cards, kept me informed as to

what was going on and did lots of other nice things like having the Legislative Research Committee sign a card for me, and flowers from the Republican Oxford County Committee and other such things. I want to thank you, Norman.

Mrs. Pike, sitting back there on the sidelines, she probably hasn't left me a minute for weeks. I have waked her up in the night sometimes every hour. She has not had any complaints. She has taken care of me. Even now she has to take my bandages off twice a day. But she has always been cheerful and it has helped me so much. And I want to thank her. I hope none of you ever have to go through what I have, but if you do I hope you have good care and that everybody will be as nice to you as they have been to me. I thank you. (Applause, members rising)

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate, one of the things that concerned me when I heard that Senator Pike was ill was the thought that he might not be able to come to this session and I was so happy when I saw him here. It has been a pleasure for me to be here with all you fine people. I have enjoyed working in this Senate. I have enjoyed the presiding of our Senator Marden and all the associations I have had here. It is my hope that most of you, perhaps all of you, will be back again, and it is my hope that I shall be back again next year. And now I move that we adjourn without day.

Thereupon, at 3:31 Eastern Standard Time on January 17, 1964, Robert A. Marden, President of the Senate of the State of Maine declared the Special Session of the 101st Legislature adjourned without day.