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SENATE

Thursday, January 8, 1970

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Roy W. Moody of Gardiner.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

House Papers

Bills and Resolves today received from the House requiring Reference to Committees were acted upon in concurrence.

Senate Papers

Mr. Stuart of Cumberland presented, Bill, "An Act to Clarify and Amend the State Housing Authority Law." (S. P. 612) (L. D. 1790)

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.

Under suspension of the rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Logan of York ORDERED, the House concurring, that the joint rules be amended by adding a new Joint Rule 12-A, to read as follows:

12-A. Statement of fact. All bills and resolves shall, upon introduction and later amendment thereof, be accompanied by a written statement of fact indicating intent, prepared by the sponsor, legislator or legislative committee involved. (S. P. 616)

Which was read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Logan.

Mr. LOGAN of York: Mr. President, I would speak to my motion. I would like to give you a little background on this thing, how it would operate, what the specifics are and what it would do for us. I am thinking back now to a year ago at this time when we were beginning to get our printed bills in before us, and I was reading them and running over to the statute to find out what was on either side of it, and in the case of repealers trying to determine what was being repealed. I was coping, until the amendments started to roll in, and I gradually

found I was engaged in something of an unequal struggle. I thought at that time what a wonderful benefit it would be to me, how it would save my time and help me if I simply had a plain language statement of what the bills were and a plain language statement of what the amendments to the bills did. Well, of course, we do that already under Joint Rule 12: "Fiscal Notes: Every bill or resolve effecting loss or revenue or requiring an appropriation shall be accompanied by a written statement as to the amount involved." This, of course, is the statement of fact, and we see it on the appropriations bills — we should anyway — on spending bills, that is, and such things as the claims that come into the Claims Committee, a statement of the circumstances surrounding the introduction of the document. So, this is actually an extension of what we are presently doing, and the language is very similar to Joint Rule 12-A.

Now, here is how this would operate, very specifically. When a sponsor prepares a bill he will prepare and submit to the research office a plain language statement of the intent of the legislation. This would be printed right on the document just as it is now, just as our present statement of facts are printed on, and would be included right in your book. It goes down to committee in the usual fashion, and let's say that the committee turns this out in new draft or amends it. Well, then when we get our amendment sheets from the committee, right on that sheet they would print a revised statement of fact which would indicate what they have done to this original bill. And if an individual legislator places on a floor amendment it would be part of his obligation to put on a plain language statement of fact. So this way we could very easily keep up with what was happening, what changes were happening to these bills.

Now, I know from the last session that my committee took a bill and we put it out in new draft and changed the title, and we actually repealed the particular section involved, and I don't think

anybody outside of the committee knew about it. It was a good move, incidentally, but that isn't right, I don't feel, however, the way the machinery is set up it happened.

Also, I can conceive that with a plain language statement of fact probably for the first time in a long time all of us would really know what was in that errors and omissions bill the Judiciary Committee puts out.

Now, is this operating? Well, I learned that other states are indeed doing this. I don't mean to imply that because other states do it that all is grand, because we know that isn't necessarily true. But it is being done and it is working. The State of Wisconsin, for example, has what they call a Legislative Reference Bureau which does the analysis. They don't have the sponsor do it; they have a bureau that puts the statement on, and it is printed right on the bill. I have some Xerox copies of a sample of how Wisconsin does it, if any of you are interested. The State of California in their General Assembly also has statements of intent on each and every document. Now, they go one step further. When the session is over they appropriate money to have these statements of fact printed and bound — this is on bills that are enacted — printed and bound separately for two reasons. No. 1, it serves as a layman's guide to the law. A fellow can take this thing and he can read it and he can understand what it is all about. Secondly, it is a clear indication to the courts as to what the intent of the legislature was. With this it would be less likely that they would have to go down to the law library, get out the horse blanket and search through the debate, as they do now, to try and find out what we had in mind.

Now, one other thing I neglected to mention: the statement of fact, the statement of intent, like the title on a bill, would disappear. It is not part of the bill itself, and when it is in the engrossing stage it disappears into limbo.

I earnestly believe that this is a good step; it is not a radical step. It is something that would be of value to us. One question

on the thing that people have raised to me when I have discussed it with them is: Well, it can be misleading, can't it? Of course, it can, but certainly I have been given to understand that titles occasionally are misleading. Of course, the legislator that does put down a misleading statement of fact has to stand on that before the committee, and a legislator that would put down a misleading statement of fact is putting his personal credibility on the line, and that is not something that we tend to do casually. So, I hope you will think about this and I hope that you will be able to see fit to give it your support. Mr. President, thank you.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, tabled and tomorrow assigned, pending Passage.

Committee Reports House

Leave to Withdraw - Covered by Other Legislation

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Relating to Secondary School Tuition." (H. P. 1322) (L. D. 1651)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw Covered by Other Legislation.

Comes from the House the report Read and Accepted.

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Governor." (H. P. 1353) (L. D. 1682)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Comes from the House the report Read and Accepted.

Which report was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Stuart.

Mr. STUART of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I just rise to express my displeasure over this. This is probably a speech I shouldn't make, but I feel that the Governor

of this State should make more than \$20,000 a year. It seems to me there is nothing quite as sad as an impecunious ex-governor. I have a feeling that this is highly political and that nothing is going to be done for that reason.

I haven't had the time to discuss this with other members, and I wish I had, but probably if we did pass this it would be vetoed because I have heard the Governor is not requesting this. But this is a time when college presidents and full professors are making much more than \$20,000, and I refuse to believe that the citizens of the State of Maine would think that we had done wrong if we increased his salary by perhaps \$5,000. I think \$40,000 is unrealistic. But I am just very disappointed that this body is not able to do something that should be done, and purely because of political reasons.

I am not going to make a motion to substitute the bill for the report because I have a feeling, as I said before, that it won't get anywhere, but if somebody else should rise and support me on this issue I would like it very much.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to accept the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Levine.

Mr. LEVINE of Kennebec: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I mentioned the other day that we had an election in Waterville, but there was another election in Biddeford and in Saco, and I think the mood of the people in the State of Maine is against overspending. The Governor gets \$20,000 as a salary, but his fringe benefits are a lot larger than \$20,000. I don't know if my good friend, Senator Stuart from Cumberland, looked into how much the fringe benefits would add up to, but I think the fringe benefits would be more than double the salary the Governor is getting.

After all, we have been elected by the people. They send us here to vote for them, to vote for what they think is right. Now, we shouldn't ignore the wishes of the people; we should vote the way they want us to. And the mood

has been lately, from the elections that have been held in the State, against overspending. I think we should try to hold the line as much as we can everywhere. I would make a motion that we should accept the Ought Not to Pass Report, and it isn't political either, as far as I am concerned. Nobody controls my vote. So far they never did; I don't know what is going to happen.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Levine moves that the Senate accept the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Stuart.

Mr. STUART of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I am well aware of the fringe benefits, but I still think that other governors have the same fringe benefits, and I am not proud that our Governor is one of the lowest paid governors in the United States. I just don't think we are getting the real mood of the people. They may want us to spend less, but I don't think they are proud of the fact that our Governor is one of the lowest paid. I will say what I said originally: I think that his salary should be increased. I don't care who is in the corner office, the Governor of Maine should be paid a salary of more than \$20,000. And realistically I say it should be something like an increase of \$5,000 and not doubled. That is all I have to say.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to accept the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee in concurrence?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Reed.

On motion by Mr. Reed of Sagadahoc, a division was had. 19 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Wyman of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the record.

(Off Record Remarks)

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act to Clarify School Construction Aid." (H. P. 1326) (L. D. 1655)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The Committee on Education on Resolve, Approving of Conveying of Anson Academy to School Administrative District No. 74. (H. P. 1328) (L. D. 1657)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Come from the House the reports Read and Accepted and the Bill and Resolve Passed to be Engrossed.

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, the Bill and Resolve Read Once and tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Insurance of the Payment of Revenue Bonds of the Maine School Building Authority." (H. P. 1305) (L. D. 1618)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House the report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which was read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ of Kennebec: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This bill seeks to implement the constitutional amendment which we passed at the regular session. If you read in the paper last night and this morning, there is a certain amount of confusion as to the propriety of the issuance of bonds by the State. Consequently, pending a review by the Supreme Judicial Court, which I understand will be out perhaps by the end of the week, I would hope that this bill be tabled for further consideration.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Hoffses.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, tabled pending Acceptance of the Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Authorizing the State Board of Education to Lease a Section of Property at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute to the Research Institute of the Gulf of Maine." (H. P. 1327) (L. D. 1656)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House the report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ of Kennebec: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I am in possession of a copy of a letter from the Attorney General. This bill seeks to give leasing rights to Trigon to put up a building on land that is presently owned by S.M.V.T.I. The Attorney General, having studied this, indicates that the size of the building probably exceeds the size of land which is about to be leased. On that basis perhaps it might be well if somebody tabled this until we resolve this question.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Hoffses.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, tabled pending Acceptance of the Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Duties of Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation and Town of Dedham as to Education of Children." (H. P. 1340) (L. D. 1669)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Elections in City of Biddeford." (H. P. 1342) (L. D. 1671)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Powers and Duties of the Public Safety Commission of the Town of Old Orchard Beach." (H. P. 1341) (L. D. 1670)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Relating

to Authority of State Employees Appeal Board." (H. P. 1352) (L. D. 1681)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Come from the House the reports Read and Accepted and the Bills Passed to be Engrossed.

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, the Bills Read Once and tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Relating to Certain Classified Employees in the Forestry Department." (H. P. 1354) (L. D. 1683)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House the report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence, and the Bill Read Once.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, tabled and tomorrow assigned, pending assignment for Second Reading.

Ought to Pass - As Amended

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act to Change the Name of Westbrook Seminary and Junior College to Westbrook College." (H. P. 1325) (L. D. 1654)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-619).

Comes from the House the report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Senate

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Peabody for the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act Relating to Compensation for Full-time Deputy Sheriffs and Chief Deputies of Androscoggin County." (S. P. 558) (L. D. 1633)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Which was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Minkowsky.

Mr. MINKOWSKY of Androscoggin: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This happens to be my only bill in the Senate during the Special Session. It is very, very close and very dear to me and I would like to give you a brief or thumbnail synopsis of the entire thing.

First, I am very pleased to say that all three Senators from Androscoggin County are in accord with passage of this particular measure. The second point of interest is that fifteen members of the Androscoggin County delegation, including the Chairman, agree wholeheartedly that this should become law or enacted. This in itself speaks a great deal if you know the politics of Androscoggin county.

Basically what this does: as you may recollect, during the regular session of the 104th I had an amendment, and because of the communication gap between members of the Androscoggin County Delegation, the amendment was killed. This was originally the Hewes Bill which originated in the other branch. Basically what this does is allow the Commissioners in Androscoggin County the flexibility to negotiate with the full-time deputies and the chief deputy as far as setting an equitable pay scale. Basically what we are asking for is an exemption, as in the case of Cumberland County and York County, so that the County Commissioners may fix this salary. At the present time, as you may recollect, under the statutory law the salaries are fixed by legislation; \$114 for the full-time deputy and \$119 for the chief deputy. We feel that in this day and age a little county home rule should be allowed to let these elected officials negotiate with these people to give them the necessary coverage and leverage that they may need to set the salaries.

At the hearing yesterday when this bill was heard the only real argument I heard in reference to it was that there would be a variation in the various counties in the State of Maine as far as the full-

time deputy salaries are concerned, and did I feel at the time, as I was asked by the House Chairman, should this apply to all counties. The answer is very definitely yes, it should apply to all counties, but I am not in a position to state for other county delegations what they should do, and also I believe it should be approved by their county commissioners. In our particular case we did go through the necessary strategy to have it approved by the County Commissioners. It was put in the Governor's call at their request. I believe that this particular bill has a great deal of merit, even though it is in the special session. There is no emergency attached to it, but still it would go into effect in January of 1971 when a new budget is submitted.

Mr. President, at this particular point I would appreciate it if I could substitute the bill for the report, and also would make reference to a letter I received from the Attorney General's office this morning where there is one word that is a discrepancy, which doesn't clarify the bill, and it is the word "this" which should be changed to "these".

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Androskoggin, Senator Minkowsky, moves that the bill be substituted for the report on Senate Paper 558, Legislative Document 1633.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Peabody.

Mr. PEABODY of Aroostook: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: As we know, this bill was brought up in the regular session, and my committee felt as they did before, when they did not go along with it. We had quite a discussion yesterday and, if I remember right, all members on the committee felt that this bill should not pass due to the fact that it should be statewide, and they felt it should not be brought up at this time, but at the regular session. They had very good support on the bill, but the committee felt the same as they did in the regular session, that it should not pass. That is the only statement that I have to make.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androskoggin, Senator Minkowsky.

Mr. MINKOWSKY of Androskoggin: Mr. President, I would ask for a division when the vote is taken.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The pending question before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Androskoggin, Senator Minkowsky, that the bill be substituted for the report on "An Act Relating to Compensation for Full-Time Deputy Sheriffs and Chief Deputies of Androskoggin County". As many Senators as are in favor of the motion to substitute the bill for the report will rise and remain standing until counted. Those opposed will rise and remain standing until counted.

A division was had. Sixteen Senators having voted in the affirmative and fifteen Senators having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed, and the Bill was Read Once.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would move that this bill and all of its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. I would request a roll call.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, moves that Bill, "An Act Relating to Compensation for Full-time Deputy Sheriffs and Chief Deputies of Androskoggin County", be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androskoggin, Senator Minkowsky.

Mr. MINKOWSKY of Androskoggin: Mr. President, may I pose a question through the Chair to Senator Berry? Since Cumberland County has this particular exemption, why he would be opposed or would be discriminating against Androskoggin County for the same privilege?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Androskoggin, Senator Minkowsky, has posed a question which the Senator may answer if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I think under the purview of the call of the Governor that this hardly can be considered an emergency when it received full consideration at the regular session.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Levine.

Mr. LEVINE of Kennebec: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I feel that I usually vote on the conservative side, but after the statement made by the chairman of the committee I got the impression that the committee felt that it was a very good bill but they didn't want to handle it this session. If it is a good bill, I think we should go along and pass it. That is the way I feel about it.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Quinn.

Mr. QUINN of Penobscot: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: It is my feeling that at this special session we should stick right to matters that are extraordinary occasions or emergency matters. Now this matter was duly heard in the regular session. Are we going to hash and rehash those things at this special session? I hope we cut this session as short as we can and eliminate such bills as this. I support the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Minkowsky.

Mr. MINKOWSKY of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I would like to make a point of clarification, that this was not a regular bill submitted to the 104th legislature; it was an amendment to the Hewes Bill, which was submitted and was accepted and passed by the Senate, but was rejected by the House because of a communication gap in Androscoggin at the time.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The pending question before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry that the bill be indefinitely postponed. A roll call has been requested.

Under the Constitution, in order for the Chair to order a roll call it requires the affirmative vote of one-fifth of all Senators present and voting. Will all Senators in favor of ordering a roll call please rise and remain standing until counted?

Obviously more than one-fifth having arisen a roll call is ordered.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Tanous.

Mr. TANOUS of Penobscot: Mr. President, may I pose a question to Senator Minkowsky through the Chair?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator has the floor.

Mr. TANOUS: What I would like to know: he is asking for full-time salaries for full-time deputies, and I am curious what the duties of these deputies are going to be, or are at this time, if he cares to answer.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator has posed a question through the Chair which the Senator may answer if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Minkowsky.

Mr. MINKOWSKY of Androscoggin: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: In my statement in the first place they are all law enforcement officials. In the second place we do maintain a county jail which is quite a task, where we take care of other counties. Many of the small towns in Androscoggin County do not have adequate police protection where since the county is quite small that the sheriffs department is called upon a great deal to take care of the complaints that originate in these different towns. Basically these would be the major reasons I would present to Senator Tanous for his consideration.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The Chair will state the question. The motion before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, that Bill, "An Act Relating to Compensation for Full-time Deputy Sheriffs and Chief Deputies of Androscoggin County", be indefinitely postponed. A "Yes" vote will be in favor of indefinite postponement and a "No" vote will

be opposed. The Secretary will call the roll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Senators Anderson, Barnes, Berry, Dunn, Greeley, Hoffses, Katz, Logan, Martin, Peabody, Quinn, Sewall, Stuart, Tanous, Wyman, and President MacLeod.

NAYS: Senators Beliveau, Bernard, Boisvert, Cianchette, Conley, Duquette, Gordon, Hanson, Holman, Kellam, Letourneau, Levine, Minkowsky, Moore, Reed, and Violette.

The **PRESIDENT:** The Chair will announce the vote. Sixteen Senators having voted in the affirmative, and sixteen Senators in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail —

Mr. **BERRY:** Mr. President, I wish to change my vote from "Yes" to "No".

The **PRESIDENT:** The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, wishes to be recorded as having his vote changed from "Yes" to "No".

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, tabled until later in today's session, pending Consideration.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Sewall for the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill, "An Act Appropriating Funds for Employment of an Occupational Safety Engineer by the Department of Labor and Industry." (S. P. 577) (L. D. 1704)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Anderson for the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act to Improve Sanitary Standards to Stop Unlawful Sales of Shucked Shellfish." (S. P. 563) (L. D. 1638)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Boisvert for the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act to Extend the Period During Which the Trustees of Harrison Water District Have to Acquire Properties Owned by Harrison

Water Company." (S. P. 567) (L. D. 1694)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which reports were Read and Accepted, the Bills Read Once and tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Ought to Pass - As Amended

Mr. Conley for the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "On Act Amending the Liquor Laws." (Emergency) (S. P. 586) (L. D. 1741)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-356).

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Mr. Katz of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the record.

(Off Record Remarks)

Senate at Ease

Called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to take up the following Papers from the House:

Papers From the House Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there is appropriated from the Legislative Appropriation a sum sufficient to pay each of the Indian representatives mileage for 3 round trips and compensation for meals, lodging and attendance commensurate with other members of the Legislature for attendance at the First Special Session of the 104th Legislature. (H. P 1423)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

House Papers

Bill, "An Act Creating the Maine Insurers Insolvency Pool Act." (H. P. 1420) (L. D. 1788)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation

and Ordered Printed in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Requiring Bonds to Insure Performance of Waste Discharge License Provisions." (H. P. 1421) (L. D. 1789)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Ordered Printed in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Creating the Maine Forest Authority and Conforming the Powers of the Forest Commissioner and the Baxter State Park Authority to a Certain Inter Vivos Trust Created by the late Percival Proctor Baxter. (H. P. 1422) (L. D. 1791)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed in concurrence.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the matter tabled earlier in today's session by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, Bill, "An Act Relating to Compensation for Full-Time Deputy Sheriffs and Chief Deputies of Androscoggin County" (S. P. 558) (L. D. 1633), pending consideration.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boisvert.

Mr. BOISVERT of Androscoggin: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I do believe that the sponsor of the bill has made aware to the Senate that this bill is only doing something that is being done in York and Cumberland Counties.

I appreciate the remarks of Senator Quinn from Penobscot, but if you will look at our journal of today, the item prior to 6-13 — I am referring to 6-12 — that is "An Act to Change the Name of Westbrook Seminary and Junior College to Westbrook College," can this be defined as an emergency?

I think that the sponsor made a good point. The people of the State of Maine in the last election voted to approve home rule. In the broad sense, home rule is getting the government closer to the people. The county commissioners are elected by the people, and I do believe that they should have the right to set the salaries for the employees of the county. The chief deputy and the deputies are employees of the county.

There was a remark made about the bill taking care of full-time deputies, well, they are full-time at the present time. They are on call 24 hours a day. They cannot be paid overtime; they can only receive the set salary according to law. So, all we are asking at the moment is to place faith in the men that are elected by the people, and I mean the Commissioners. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will announce the vote. Fifteen Senators having voted in the affirmative, and seventeen Senators having voted in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox,

Adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning.