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SENATE

Tuesday, January 20, 1970

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Dr. Howard O. Hough of Portland.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, Recessed pending the sound of the bell.

(After Recess)

Called to order by the President.

**Papers From The House
Non-concurrent Matter**

Bill, "An Act Repealing Provision for Student Tuition in Coordination of Public Higher Education." (S. P. 565) (L. D. 1640)

In the Senate January 15, 1970, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-366).

Comes from the House, Committee Amendment "A" Failed of Adoption and subsequently the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed, in non-concurrence.

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: The Senate will well remember the debate we had on this the other day. The Senate passed this in the form which grandfathered certain students into a fixed tuition. I noticed by the Advance Journal that the House position is quite different; the House position is a repealer, and I am reminded that no matter what we pass here, that what we are doing is giving to the trustees of the University of Maine full prerogatives to use their good judgment in an area where presumably they have full responsibilities. No matter what we do, it does not mean an immediate increase in tuition for any Maine student. Mr. President, I move that the Senate recede and concur with the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, moves that the Senate recede and

concur with the House. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Reed.

Mr. REED of Sagadahoc: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would at this time, I believe, oppose the motion to recede and concur. I believe that this item had considerable debate here last week. I feel, at least, that this should be kept around until such time as we know approximately what is coming forth from the Appropriations Committee in support of the University system. I would hate to think that we are trying to pass the full load onto the students at the university. Therefore, at this time I would oppose the motion to recede and concur, and hope that the Senate might come forth with the motion to insist and request a committee of conference.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is whether the Senate should recede and concur with the House on Bill, "An Act Repealing Provision for Student Tuition in Coordination of Public Higher Education".

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ of Kennebec: Mr. President, I request a division.

The PRESIDENT: A division has been requested. As many Senators as are in favor of the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, that the Senate recede and concur will rise and remain standing until counted. Those opposed?

A division was had. Seventeen Senators having voted in the affirmative, and twelve Senators having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

Non-concurrent Matter

Resolve, to Loan Funds from the Unappropriated Surplus for the Construction of an International Ferry Terminal. (H. P. 1310) (L. D. 1624)

In the Senate January 15, 1970, Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Comes from the House, Recommended to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, in non-concurrence.

Which was Read.

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, tabled pending Consideration.

Joint Order

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Bill, "An Act Adjusting Salaries of Certain Unclassified State Personnel," (S. P. 590) (L. D. 1745) be recalled from the legislative files to the Senate. (S. P. 630)

Which was Read and Passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

**Committee Reports
House**

Ought to Pass

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections to Convey Interest in Real Estate Devised to the Pine-land Hospital and Training Center by the Will of Henrietta K. Allen, late of Portland." (H. P. 1386) (L. D. 1735)

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. Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its Second Reading and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Extending the Term of the Maine State Sesquicentennial Commission." (H. P. 1391) (L. D. 1740)

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.

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

Mr. MOORE of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would like to inquire from somebody on State Government as to the necessity for extending this time.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Moore, has posed a question through the

Chair which any Senator may answer if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, tabled until later in today's session, pending Acceptance of the Committee Report.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act Relating to Annual Reports of Counties." (H. P. 1361) (L. D. 1690)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft Under Same Title. (H. P. 1429) (L. D. 1799).

Comes from the House, the report Read and Accepted and the Bill, in new Draft, Passed to be Engrossed.

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence and the Bill, in New Draft, Read Once. Under suspension of the rules, the Bill in New Draft, was given its Second Reading and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass - As Amended

Mr. Duquette for the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill, "An Act Providing Additional Funds for Salaries in the Department of the Attorney General." (S. P. 594) (L. D. 1765)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-376).

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted and, under suspension of the rules, the Bill, as Amended, given its Second Reading and Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

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

An Act to Enable the Town of Falmouth to Establish Sewer Service Charges. (H. P. 1428) (L. D. 1797)

An Act to Create the Eastern Hancock County Community School District. (H. P. 1393) (L. D. 1748)

An Act to Amend the Home Solicitation Sales Act. (S. P. 614) (L. D. 1796)

Which were Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

An Act to Authorize the Insurance of the Payment of Revenue Bonds of the Maine School Building Authority. (H. P. 1305) (L. D. 1618)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 29 members of the Senate, was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

An Act Relating to the Charter of the Van Buren Light and Power District. (S. P. 601) (L. D. 1772)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 28 members of the Senate, was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Bag Limit on Bears and Roadside Menagerie Permits for Bear." (H. P. 1374) (L. D. 1723)

Tabled—January 19, 1970 by Senator Wyman of Washington.

Pending—Enactment.

Which was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The President laid before the Senate the second tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Law Providing a Uniform Fiscal Year for Municipalities." (H. P. 1424) (L. D. 1794)

Tabled—January 19, 1970 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending—Enactment.

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

Mr. BERRY of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would inquire of the Secretary if this is an emergency measure?

The PRESIDENT: It is an emergency act.

Mr. BERRY: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This is a bill which would repeal the action of our regular session which gave the communities of the State, in effect, four fiscal years to accommodate their municipal budgets to that of the State. As the members will recall from the debate when this legislation came out of committee, the original bill was one of the products of the Governor's Task Force on Taxation Reform, and probably the only one that didn't have a price tag of any kind on it.

Recalling the debate in this body earlier on this particular bill last week, the opponents probably made the most telling progress when they said there was a federal movement afoot to put the federal fiscal year coincidental with the calendar year. I have been unable to find in my research since then that this has any possibility of becoming a fact, and I think should be dismissed in our consideration of the virtues or lack of virtues of this legislation.

Frequently, we in Augusta, in the Legislature, run up against a brick wall of federal regulations of what happens to us when we accept federal monies, to wit: the State Highway Commission matching funds, Health and Welfare matching funds, and many other state operations which receive federal monies. We lament and bemoan the fact that we accept these federal monies, and by doing so we are told what to do, and that our hands are tied in the operation of state government by the federal government.

I ask your thinking for a minute on applying somewhat the same reasoning in dealing with our municipalities. I ask your favorable consideration for this because

we are being very fair to our municipalities in asking that they conform with our state fiscal year. Going back to my parallel, you can be sure that if this were the federal government there would be no debate; you either do this or you don't get the money. We are giving many, many millions of dollars to our communities in the form of state aid of one kind or another, and in particular education.

It is impossible for us to take any particular community and line it up with another community, unless by chance it happens to have a fiscal year the same, and say this community and that community are doing exactly the same thing. Our fiscal years of our communities vary anywhere from January 1st up well into the month of March. This causes confusion in financial affairs, in billing, in statistical matters, and annual reports. This would bring order out of chaos. We leaned over backwards in giving them adequate time. My personal experience around the State, in talking with those responsible for the conduct of municipal affairs, is that the vast majority of them favor this, they understand the need for it.

I can appreciate the fact that we have been contacted by individual selectmen. I think this requires a certain amount of removing yourself from immediate contact with these municipal officials and saying to yourself, "Does this legislation do something for putting our State on some common sense financing, particularly with the relationship between the communities and the State?" I would hope that you would vote "no" when this comes up for enactment, and I am sure that this would be a very good thing for our communities, and in the end will get you a great deal of support if we want to look at it from a rather small personal angle.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ of Kennebec: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: The other day in debate it was said here that our job is

to be responsive to the desires of the people. At the committee, it was unanimously, those who appeared favored this bill which repeals our action of the regular session. But those who appeared were municipal officers, and we are well aware of the fact that the action we took in the regular session is causing substantial problems for the municipal officers. But if you look at it from a taxpayer's point of view, the present system just is a shambles. If you will remember our action when we came in last January, we were faced with a fiscal emergency in the towns and cities, and they asked us to act, and act quickly, to resolve their fiscal problems with regard to school budgets. Gentlemen, we just are not equipped to come in in January and solve the almost needless problems of the towns and cities created by the fact that they are on their own individual calendar or fiscal years. Now, all the fuss of the regular session would have been completely unnecessary if all communities were on a uniform fiscal year.

It was said during debate the other day that we are not here to be responsive to the State Board of Education or the State Department of Education, and gentlemen, they are not involved in this, but prudence would indicate that if we are flowing some eighty million dollars in subsidies to the towns and cities we should do it in the most effective manner we can to prevent emergency situations, to prevent confusion, and to assure ourselves and the taxpayers that that money which we flow back to the towns and cities is planned for and spent in an orderly fashion. I suggest to you this morning that with a chaos of different fiscal and calendar years it just is not possible. Consequently, I shall vote against the enactment of this measure.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Quinn.

Mr. QUINN of Penobscot: Mr. President, when this vote is taken I move it be taken by a roll call.

The PRESIDENT: A roll call has been requested. In order for the Chair to order a roll call, under the Constitution, it requires the affirmative vote of one-fifth of those Senators present and voting. All those Senators in favor of ordering a roll call will please rise and remain standing.

Obviously more than one-fifth having arisen, a roll call is ordered. The Chair will state the question once more. The pending question is the enactment of Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Law Providing a Uniform Fiscal Year for Municipalities" (H. P. 1424) (L. D. 1794). A "Yes" vote will be in favor of enactment of the bill; a "No" vote will be opposed.

The Secretary will call the roll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Senators Anderson, Barnes, Dunn, Duquette, Greeley, Hanson, Hoffses, Holman, Kellam, Letourneau, Logan, Martin, Minkowsky, Moore, Peabody, Quinn, Stuart, Violette, and Wyman.

NAYS: Senators Beliveau, Bernard, Berry, Boisvert, Cianchette, Gordon, Katz, Reed, Sewall, Tanous, and President MacLeod.

ABSENT: Senators Conley and Levine.

A roll call was had. Nineteen Senators having voted in the affirmative, and eleven Senators having voted in the negative, with two Senators absent, and nineteen being less than two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the Senate, the Bill failed of Passage in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the third tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to State-owned Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 1356) (L. D. 1685)

Tabled—January 19, 1970 by Senator Dunn of Oxford.

Pending—Enactment.

On motion by Mr. Dunn of Oxford, retabled until later in today's session, pending Enactment.

The President laid before the Senate the fourth tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Appropriations and Allocations to the Legislative Research Committee." (H. P. 1315) (L. D. 1644)

Tabled—January 19, 1970 by Senator Hoffses of Knox.

Pending—Enactment.

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

Mr. SEWALL of Penobscot: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Out of respect to Senator Beliveau, who asked some questions concerning these matters yesterday, I have done a little research. L. D. 1644, on which there is no price tag, would simply allow monies which have been appropriated to continue on, monies for special studies particularly, to continue over into the next fiscal year. This would clear up an otherwise small problem, because obviously if you have taken on an assignment to do a study the monies should be available to pay for it. That is 1644, which is before us now.

Senator Beliveau also was concerned about general expenditures on legislative research which, of course, as everyone knows, is headed by Mr. Slosberg, and in conjunction with his office there is the Legislative Research Committee. The appropriations for this department were questioned by Senator Beliveau, and I did find out that the 102nd Legislature appropriated \$242,000 for their biennium. The 103rd Legislature appropriated \$243,000 and the 104th has appropriated \$260,000. There is a slight increase there between the 102nd and the 104th. Now, monies of this amount which have been allocated to the Legislative Research Committee in '65-'66 were \$25,000, in '66-'67 were \$28,000, in '67-'68 were \$27,000, and in '68-'69 were \$25,000. So, the monies that the Legislative Research Committee spends, exclusive of Sam Slosberg's operation, is approximately \$25,000 per year.

Now, in addition to these monies, which is the normal operation expense of Legislative Research,

there have been monies specifically appropriated for special studies, such as the Highway Study which was appropriated last year, I believe at Senator Beliveau's request, \$25,000 additional monies for that particular study. Back in '65 and '66 another \$25,000 was appropriated to the Legislative Research Committee for a medical school study. But by and large the normal operating monies for the Legislative Research Committee are on the order of \$25,000. I hope that this answers the good Senator's questions. If he has any further questions I would be glad to attempt to answer them.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate that this bill be passed to be enacted?

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The President laid before the Senate the fifth tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Imposing a Tax on the Unorganized Territory Within the Maine Forestry District for Spruce Budworm Control." (H. P. 1317) (L. D. 1646)

Tabled—January 19, 1970 by Senator Martin of Piscataquis.

Pending—Enactment.

Mr. Martin of Piscataquis moved that the matter be retabled and tomorrow assigned, pending Enactment.

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, a division was had. Twelve Senators having voted in the affirmative, and eighteen Senators having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Martin.

Mr. MARTIN of Piscataquis: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would like to convey to this body my points in attempting to table and hold this bill. I think possibly some of the members have not studied it and do not understand it as they should. This bill calls for the owners of unorganized lands to assess themselves one mill to fight the spruce budworm. This assessment would

actually be an assessment on all property within the forestry district. It would be an assessment on the cottage owner as well as the person who owns a farm in the unorganized area, and I am sure that the cottage owner with a \$10,000 assessed value on his cottage does not feel that he should pay a \$10 increase in taxes because of the spruce budworm; he could be the least interested in this bill.

Now, this bill is an emergency and I hope that it is not killed. I don't want to kill the bill, I just want to attempt to hold it. In L. D. 1632 we have the appropriation that goes along with this bill in the amount of \$119,000 from the general fund. Together with this \$119,000 there is another \$119,000 of public funds from the federal government that will go toward fighting the spruce budworm. I am not against that. What I am against is the fact that I maintain the owners of unorganized lands are not paying their fair share of taxes. We have a bill in committee to increase the rate of taxes on unorganized lands, and everything is tied in. This is the reason I wanted to hold this bill. It requires a two-thirds vote, and I certainly cannot vote for the bill at this time, but I hope that the bill is not killed.

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

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, recessed pending the sound of the bell.

(After Recess)

Called to order by the President

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

Mr. KATZ of Kennebec: Mr. President and Gentlemen: We are in the midst of debating Item 5 concerning the spruce budworm spraying. I am disturbed that this is an emergency measure. It has been in the possession of the Senate since the 15th, and it has been tabled since then on a day by day basis. If indeed amending had been warranted, I have a feeling that in a special session the 15th to the 20th was ample time, and I would hope, under the circumstances, that the Senate will

not jeopardize the bill and will vote for it as an emergency enactor.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Martin.

Mr. MARTIN of Piscataquis: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: In order to clarify the statement made by Senator Katz, I have attempted to get an opinion from the Attorney General a week ago. I have requested the opinion relative to this matter in writing. I went down this morning and it still isn't ready, but I am told that it will be ready today and I shall have it tomorrow. I also don't want to jeopardize this bill, however, we have a problem here. We have an inequity in assessment and this bill should be changed. It should be amended to relieve the cottage owners, the farm owners and the store owners in the unorganized territory that are going to pay part of this one mill tax. They are not interested in spruce budworm control, and I can't see why they should pay for it any more than anybody else. I hope that the bill, in the condition it is in, gets defeated and passed on to the other body so we can have a committee of conference in order to give me the time that I need for this. I am told that the opinion from the Attorney General will come in today.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Violette.

On motion by Mr. Violette of Aroostook, retabled and tomorrow assigned, pending Enactment.

The President laid before the Senate the sixth tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Clarifying and Correcting an Omission in the Charter of the Town of Gorham, and the Town of Winslow." (H. P. 1345) (L. D. 1674)

Tabled—January 19, 1970 by Senator Dunn of Oxford.

Pending—Enactment.

On motion by Mr. Tanous of Penobscot, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby it

adopted Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto and, on subsequent motion by the same Senator, voted to reconsider its action whereby it adopted House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A", and House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was then indefinitely postponed.

The same Senator then presented Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A".

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-362, to Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted. Committee Amendment "A", as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" thereto, was Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the matter tabled earlier in today's session, by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, Bill, "An Act Extending the Term of the Maine State Sesquicentennial Commission" (H. P. 1391) (L. D. 1740), pending Acceptance of the Committee Report.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to accept the Ought to Pass Report of the Committee?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I have been asked why this bill is needed. At the hearing before the Committee on State Government there was no opposition to it, and the proponents indicated that it seemed logical that a business that existed for the year 1970 should have additional time to clean up its business and pay its bills. That seemed logical to the Committee and, therefore, we reported it out Ought to Pass. It would seem to me that it is almost impossible to wind up a business one day and not have bills and other problems that are late coming along to be taken care of. I can see no reason why this bill is not in order.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to accept

the Ought to Pass Report of the Committee?

Thereupon, the Ought to Pass Report of the Committee was Accepted in concurrence and the Bill Read Once. Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its Second Reading and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the second matter tabled earlier in today's session, by Mr. Dunn of Oxford, Bill, "An Act Relating to State - owned Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1356) (L. D. 1685), pending Enactment.

On motion by Mr. Tanous of Penobscot, retabled and tomorrow assigned, pending Enactment.

Under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to take up the following papers from the House:

Enactors

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

An Act to Pay for Fifty Percent of Health Insurance Plans for State Employees Beginning July 1, 1970. (H. P. 1306) (L. D. 1620)

(On motion by Mr. Sewall of Penobscot, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

An Act Relating to Certain Charges to the State Retirement Allowance Fund. (H. P. 1351) (L. D. 1680)

An Act Relating to Snow Removal from Airports. (H. P. 1411) (L. D. 1777)

Which, except for the tabled matter, were Passed to be Enacted and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

An Act Appropriating Funds to Greater Bangor Chamber of Commerce to Aid in Defraying Costs of a Promotional Film. (H. P. 1402) (L. D. 1758)

(On motion by Mr. Sewall of Penobscot, placed in the Special Appropriations Table.)

Emergency

An Act to Incorporate the Mapleton Water District. (H. P. 1347) (L. D. 1676)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 27 members of the Senate, was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

An Act Increasing Interest Rates on Maine School Building Authority Bonds. (H. P. 1324) (L. D. 1653)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 30 members of the Senate, was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Hoffses of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. HOFFSES: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I realize the hour is late and I will be as brief as possible. We have with us today some very distinguished gentlemen associated with the Council of State Government. Leading this distinguished group is a Senator from the good State of Vermont, Senator Charles Delaney, who is Chairman of the Governing Board of the Council of State Government. With him is Senator Thomas Kalman of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Eastern Division of the Council of State Government. Also William Fredericks, the Executive Secretary of the Eastern Region. Also Alan Sakalow, Assistant to the Executive Secretary. With the Senate's permission, I would ask these gentlemen to rise and receive the greetings of the Maine Senate. (Applause)

Mr. President, I think perhaps this might be an opportune time, when these distinguished gentlemen are with us, to bring to our attention a little matter which has happened this past year which I believe is of great credit to the State of Maine, to the sponsor of a piece of legislation, and to the Legislative Research Committee, of which I would make special note. We are all extremely conscious of conservation

measures, of pollution of our waters, our land and our air. We are also conscious of the wildlands which we have in the State of Maine. One of the bills which was passed, and the report by the Legislative Research Committee is in regards to our wildlands use regulation. The original bill that was introduced, and the bill which came out of the committee, and which was enacted, is a little different in its title. The bill which we enacted was "An Act to Create the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and to Regulate Realty Subdivisions."

Now the report which I have in my hand, which was prepared by the Legislative Research Committee and which, in my humble opinion, deserves a great deal of credit for this job, and of which I would make note, has been criticized, but I believe that this one document will perhaps minimize some of the criticism

which is leveled against this very hard-working committee that we have in our State Government. Now, at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia the State of Maine, for its report on the Wildlands Use Regulation, received one of six citations. I repeat, only six citations. And it was my privilege, on behalf of the State of Maine and the Legislative Research Committee, to receive this citation and bring it back to the State of Maine. I certainly am proud, because of the action which we have taken here in this legislative body and our Research Committee, which I feel is doing an outstanding job, to accept this and present it to the State of Maine. Thank you, gentlemen.

On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.