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STATE OF MAINE

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KENNEBEC JOURNAL AUGUSTA, MAINE

HOUSE

Tuesday, February 23, 1971 The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Robert Butler of Hallowell.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Orders Out of Order

Mrs. Goodwin of Bath presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that David Bustin, Jr. and Catherine M. Bustin of Augusta be appointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

Mr. Berry of Buxton presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Thomas Harmon, Jr. of Buxton be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

Mr. Kelleher of Bangor presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that John E. Gill, Jr. and Stephen A. Gill of South Portland be appointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

Mr. Shaw of Chelsea presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Debbie Clark of Gardiner and Joan Lanza of Farmingdale be appointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

Papers from the Senate Tabled and Assigned

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Joint Rule 1 be amended by striking out in the 3rd line of the 2nd paragraph under the caption "Reference of Bills." the punctuation and word ', orders' (S. P. 314)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read.

(On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending passage in concurrence and tomorrow assigned.)

Bills and Resolutions from the Senate requiring reference were disposed of in concurrence.

Reports of Committees Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation r e p o r t i n g "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Definitions and Credit Cards u n d e r Truth-in-Lending Law" (S. P. 140) (L. D. 379)

Report of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Charges for Care and Treatment of Persons in State Institutions" (S. P. 99) (L. D. 263)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Creating the Model White Cane Law for the Blind" (S. P. 142) (L. D. 381)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Community Mental Retardation Services" (S. P. 153) (L. D. 422)

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Referred to Committee on State Government

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of the Maine Insurance Advisory Board" (S. P. 131) (L. D. 343) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on State Government. Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on State Government.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 324) STATE OF MAINE

Department of State Augusta, Maine

February 20, 1971

To the Honorable Senate of the 105th

Legislature of the State of Maine:

I have the honor to herewith transmit initiative petitions relating to "An Act relating to Form of Ballots in General Elections."

This measure has been filed in this office in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Maine. This measure is proposed by what is purported to be approximately 41,157 signatures. These petitions were filed on February 20, 1971.

(Signed)

Respectfully,

JOSEPH T. EDGAR Joseph T. Edgar Secretary of State

Came from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the communication, together with Bill, "An Act relating to Form of Ballots in General Elections," Initiated Bill (I. B. 2) and accompanying petitions, be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary for an investigation and report as to the sufficiency of the petitions with the power to subpoena witnesses (S. P. 325)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolve were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Increasing the Mileage Allowance for State Employees on State Business" (H. P. 757) (Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon)

(On motion of Mr. Donaghy of Lubec, tabled pending reference and tomorrow assigned.)

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Authorizing Temporary Bank Closings in Emergencies" (H. P. 758) (Presented by Mr. Bustin of Augusta)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Prohibition against Combined Licensing under the Maine Insurance Code" (H. P. 759) (Presented by Mr. Trask of Milo)

Bill "An Act Exempting Health Insurance Premiums from Premium Tax" (H. P. 760) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act Limiting Discounts by Hospitals and Other Providers of Health Care" (H. P. 761) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

County Government

Bill "An Act Amending Fees Charged by Registers of Deeds" (H. P. 762) (Presented by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act relating to Conveyance of Secondary Pupils" (H. P. 763) (Presented by Mr. Murray of Bangor)

Bill "An Act relating to Supervisory School Units" (H. P. 764) (Presented by Mr. Woodbury of Gray)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Election Laws

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Requirement That the Boundary Voting Districts in Lines of Municipal Elections Follow Streets" (H. P. 765) (Presented by Mr. Bustin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Clarify Marine Research under the Sea and Shore Fisheries Law" (H. P. 766) (Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act to Authorize a Food Stamp Program in Kennebec County" (H. P. 767) (Presented by Mr. Bustin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Providing for Law Research Clerks for the Judiciary" (H. P. 768) (Presented by Mr. McCloskey of Bangor)

Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction for Divorce" (H. P. 769) (Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to Benefits Received under Erroneously Employment Security Law" (H. P. 770) (Presented by Mr. Genest of Waterville)

Bill "An Act relating to Disqualification for Benefits under **Employment Security Law Because** of Work Stoppage'' (H. P. 771) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to Earnings Requirement and Penalty Period for Benefits under Employment Security Law'' (**H**. Ρ. 772)(Presented by same gentleman)

"An Act Bill relating t o Disgualification for Benefits under Employment Security Law for Certain Elderly Employees" (H. P. 773) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to Eligibility for Benefits under Employment Security Law Due to Temporary Disability" (H. P. 774) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to Claim for Benefits under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 775) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to Disqualification for Benefits under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 776) (Presented by same gentleman)

''An Bill Act relating to Eligibility Conditions for Benefits Under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 777) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Operation of Motor Vehicles on Ice" (H. P. 778) (Presented by Mr. Bailey of Woolwich)

Bill "An Act relating to Appoint-ments to the Portland Renewal Authority" (H. P. 779) (Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland)

"An Act to Permit Bill Municipalities to Promote Highway Safety by Adopting the Model Traffic Ordinance'' (H. P. 780) (Presented by Mr. Bustin of Augusta)

Bill "An Act Defining a Trainee Plumber" (H. P. 781) (Presented by Mr. Genest of Waterville)

Bill "An Act relating to Appointments to Housing Authorities' (H. P. 782) (Presented by Mr. Lucas of Portland)

Resolve to Reimburse Perley E. Joy of Milo for Loss of Bee Hives by Bear (H. P. 783) (Presented by Mr. Trask of Milo)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act relating to Entertainment for Class A Restaurants under Liquor Law" (H. P. 784) (Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Excluding Residential Housing from Site Location

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Law in Planning Board Communities" (H. P. 785) (Presented by Mr. Hancock of Casco)

Bill "An Act Creating the Cobbossee - Annabessacook Authority" (H. P. 786) (Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act relating to Acceptance of Gifts and Purchases of State Lands" (H. P. 787) (Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta)

Bill "An Act relating to Stating Purposes of Bond Issues Referred to the People" (H. P. 788) (Presented by Mr. Silverman of Calais)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act Granting Snow Plowing and Removal Equipment the Right of Way" (H. P. 789) (Presented by Mrs. Kilroy of Portland)

Bill "An Act relating to Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Current Certificate of Inspection" (H. P. 790) (Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta)

Bill "An Act relating to Winter Maintenance of State Aid Highways and Town Ways by Municipalities" (H. P. 791) (Presented by Mr. Millett of Dixmont)

Bill "An Act relating to Expiration Date of Motor Vehicle Registrations" (H. P. 792) (Presented by Mr. Murray of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Veterans and Retirement

Bill "An Act relating to Amount of Life Insurance for Certain Retired State Employees" (H. P. 793) (Presented by Mr. Hayes of Windsor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The following Bill approved by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills for introduction: Resolve relating to Retirement and Pension of Norman F. Hanson of Eliot (H. P. 794) (Presented by Mr. Gagnon of Scarborough)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Cote of Lewiston presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the Legislative Research Committee warned if river driving activities continued in the State such would be the object of more stringent laws; and

WHEREAS, the Great Northern Paper Company forecasts the end of its log drives on the West Branch of the Penobscot by 1972, at the latest; and

WHEREAS, the Scott Paper Company following this lead has pledged to terminate pulpwood drives on the Kennebec River by October 1, 1976; and

WHEREAS, these companies must overcome sizable economic and other difficulties to honor such commitments; and

WHEREAS, in accepting the inspiring responsibility of phasing out the traditional river drive, needless legislation has been averted and has further credited their stewardship; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate con-curring, that the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Fifth Legislature, now assembled, do recognize and hereby thank the Great Northern and Scott Paper Companies and affiliates for their sincere cooperation with the Legislative Research Committee in solving a most difficult problem for the public good and general betterment of restoring Maine's magnificent waterway system; and be it further

ORDERED, that duly authenticated copies of this Order be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of the Senate to said company officials in recognition of their outstanding efforts. (H. P. 795)

The Joint Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cyr of Madawaska presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its adoption:

WE, your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Fifth Legislative Session now assembled, most respectfully present and petition the Secretary of Agriculture, the Honorable Clifford M. Hardin, as follows:

WHEREAS, s e r i o u s economic conditions afflict all portions of the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, tight money and inflation have dealt crippling blows to the State's potato industry; and

WHEREAS, the State's second largest industry, agriculture, also is suffering economically, in particular respect to potatoes; and

WHEREAS, low prices have been such that many producers in the major potato-growing a r e a s, including Aroostook County, are faced with bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, potato prices currently do not reflect even 40 per cent of the cost of production to the grower; and

WHEREAS, other potato-growing regions of the United States, such as Washington, Idaho and northern California have an oversupply of 10 per cent to 15 per cent above normal market needs; and

WHEREAS, these regions are all competing in the same markets, driving prices down even further; and

WHEREAS, programs of the U.S. Department of A g r i c u l t u r e, through the Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Service, could be of vital assistance to Maine potato producers, and the producers of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and northern California; n o w, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, your memorialists, recommend and urge the Honorable Clifford M. Hardin, Secretary of Agriculture, to take appropriate action to promptly institute a commodity assistance or surplus removal program or any combination of both, for which potato growers may be eligible for relief under the federal farm laws; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives in Congress, to the members of said Senate and House of Representatives from this State, to the Honorable Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine and to Maynard C. Dolloff, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Maine. (H. P. 796)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. CYR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The situation in the potato industry has reached a critical point. Unless relief is in sight and soon, many farmers will not be able to carry on their farming operations this spring. Many of the credit agencies have already notified many of the farmers to look elsewhere for financing this spring. Loans outstanding are at an all-time high.

The reason for this distressed condition is the price farmers are receiving currently, and have received for the past three years, which represents only about 50 per cent of the cost of production.

This memorial is to dramatize the situation nation-wide, and to prod the United States Department of Agriculture into some "Set Aside Program" which would bring the supply in line with the demand, and hopefully would stimulate the market price for the balance of this marketing season.

In suspension of the rules, Mr. Speaker, I would like to have this memorial sent to the Senate forthwith.

Thereupon, the Joint Resolution was adopted and by unanimous consent ordered sent forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Trask of Milo, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. ROSS of Bath be excused from attendance for the duration of his illness.

Mr. Kelley of Machias presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the living marine resources found in the waters adjacent to the State of Maine and associated with the United States continental shelf and slope are vital as a source of seafood needs for the State of Maine and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the living marine resources are particularly vulnerable to damage from unrestrained harvesting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, the United States is handicapped in providing proper protection and management for these living marine resources by the lack of adequate jurisdiction over all domestic and foreign fishing in the area in which these resources are found; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has traditionally depended upon its commercial fishing industry for a major portion of its coastal income; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine believes that the harvesting of these marine resources on a sustained basis can be effective only if a greater measure of jurisdiction is given to coastal authorities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the 105th members of the Maine Legislature assembled, go o n record as petitioning each member of the Maine Congressional delegation to use every effort at his command to investigate all possibilities of the United States' securing a fisheries jurisdiction off its coastline to the outer edge of the continental slope or at least to such an additional distance as will give adequate protection and management of fishery resources emanating from or adjacent to the United States, and that such fishery jurisdiction be qualified to permit foreign fishing inside said United States fishery zone through agreements with foreign governments similar to those which are presently in effect; and be it further

RESOLVED: That duly attested copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted to said congressional delegates with our thanks for their prompt attention to this important matter. (H. P. 797)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. KELLEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The purpose of this resolution is obvious to every member of the House. Maine has seen its once great fishing industry sink to a fraction of its former size. Now this has been due to a number of reasons, not the least of which has been the unrestricted and ruinous harvesting methods used by foreign fishing fleets.

Now the commercial fishing industry puts out weekly quotations on prices and conditions within the industry. And these are known as sheets. And they include blue reports also on the surveillance of foreign fishing fleets. And the blue sheet issued January first showed 53 foreign fishing vessels operating in the area from south of Cape Sable into the Georges Banks and down to the Stellwagen. And of these 53 vessels, 47 were Russian, four West German and two East German.

They are, in effect, floating canneries, complete with machine shops, living quarters for entire families, and even a seagoing tug. Now they take everything. That which is edible is canned; that which is not is processed for fertilizer. And as the weather improves the size of these fleets will grow larger.

Our present three-mile limit was initiated in 1793 under Thomas Jefferson. And it was determined at that distance because that was the extreme range of land based batteries. During the 1920's, during the rum running days, this was extended to 12 miles, but has never been clearly defined and has been challenged by other maritime nations.

Now one thing is certain. The three-mile limit is unrealistic in this space age. A more realistic distance would be, say, a hundred miles. Other coastal states have, from time to time, initiated similar requests of the Congress. And one thing seems certain, that the imposition and enforcement of such an extension of our national territorial waters would go far toward revitalizing Maine's fishing industries, and would do the same for our states on the West Coast. including Oregon and Washington.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of this resolution.

Thereupon, the Joint Resolution was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Crosby from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Resolve to Reimburse Ray C. and Athene M. Towne of Hinckley for Well Damage by Highway Construction (H. P. 132) (L. D. 187) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Mr. Brawn from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Adopt a State Housing Code" (H. P. 198) (L. D. 333) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Report was read and accepted, the Bill referred to the Committee on Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Printed Bill

Mr. Evans from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Return Date for Warrants Against Owner or Keeper of Unlicensed Dogs" (H. P. 395) (L. D. 581)

Report was read and accepted, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendent

Mr. Lee from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Length of Certain Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 213) (L. D. 280) reported "Ought to pass" as a m e n d e d by C o m m ittee Amendment "A" s u b m itte d therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice. Committee Amendment "A" (H-32) was read by the Clerk and adopted, and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Service of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court for Retirement" (H. P. 67) (L. D. 108)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Pollution of the Waters of Nokomis Pond, Penobscot and Somerset Counties" (H. P. 273) (L. D. 362) Bill "An Act relating to Inspec-

Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Motorcycles and Motor Driven Cycles" (H. P. 282) (L. D. 371)

Bill "An Act relating to Membership of the Advisory Committee for a Research and Advance Study Center at the University of Maine in Portland" (H. P. 385) (L. D. 500)

Bill "An Act relating to Transporting Piranhas, Catfish and Fresh-water Fish" (H. P. 388) (L. D. 503)

Bill "An Act relating to the Conservation and Management of Migratory Birds" (H. P. 412) (L. D. 539)

Resolve relating to Fishing in Mopang Lake, Washington County (H. P. 341) (L. D. 450)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolve read the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Waiver of Certification of Certain Water Utilities" (S. P. 157) (L. D. 426)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Motorboats on Ox Brook Lakes, Washington County" (H. P. 296) (L. D. 396)

Bill "An Act Creating the Dexter Utility District" (H. P. 360) (L. D. 482)

Bill "An Act relating to School Administrative District Assessments" (H. P. 482) (L. D. 623)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Violations of Parking Regulations at the State House (H. P. 136) (L. D. 191)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a twothirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 129 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Powers of State Park and Recreation Commission (H. P. 276) (L. D. 365)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a twothirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 132 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Creating a Second Assistant County Attorney for Kennebec County (H. P. 241) (L. D. 322)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a twothirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 129 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure Tabled and Assigned

An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings A ut h o r i z i n g the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by School Administrative District No. 75 (S. P. 197) (L. D. 548)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Porter of Lincoln, tabled pending passage to be enacted and tomorrow assigned.)

Finally Passed Emergency Measure

Resolve Authorizing the County Commissioners of S a g a d a h o c County to Pay Medical Bills for Certain Deputy Sheriffs (H. P. 181) (L. D. 239) Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a twothirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 128 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Designate an Official Mineral for the State of Maine (S. P. 98) (L. D. 262)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Enactor Tabled and Assigned

An Act relating to Preparation of List of Residents by Assessors (H. P. 185) (L. D. 278)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mrs. Boudreau of Portland, tabled pending passage to be enacted and tomorrow assigned.)

An Act relating to Secondary Tuition Payments to the Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf (H. P. 334) (L. D. 443)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Baxter State Park" (H. P. 160) (L. D. 226)

Tabled—February 19, by Mr. Donaghy of Lubec.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Thursday, February 25.

(Off Record Remarks)

Mr. Jalbert was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am happy to at least see that the gentlewoman from Falmouth Mrs. Payson was reading from a prepared text concerning the offthe-record remarks that she made. Had I known that the remarks were made off the record I would have objected to the off-the-record remarks.

I would ask her for a copy of the remarks she made. At least if I am going to be called foolish I would like to have it on the record.

On motion of Mr. Bernier of Westbrook,

Adjourned until n i n e - t h i r t y o'clock tomorrow morning.