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OF THE

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Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Tuesday, January 30, 1973

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Father Leonard LeClair of Togus.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem by the Winthrop High School Band.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 146)

STATE OF MAINE

Legislative Research Committee
State House

Augusta

January 3, 1973

To the Members of the 106th Legislature:

The Legislative Research Committee hereby has the pleasure of submitting to you Volume II of its report on activities for the past two years.

This volume, designated as the second summary volume, is a continuation of both, assigned and unassigned matters undertaken by the Committee and contains findings and recommendations pursuant thereto.

Again, we of the Committee, gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the many individuals, organizations and agencies for their valuable contributions to the work of the Committee and it is our hope that the information contained in this report will be of assistance to the members of the 106th Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

JOSEPH SEWALL
Chairman

Legislative Research Committee
Came from the Senate read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

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

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 147)

STATE OF MAINE

Department of Transportation

January 23, 1973

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the 106th Legislature

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 132, Private and Special Laws of 1971, An Act Providing for a Feasibility Study of Alternative Methods for Crossing Fore River (between the Cities of Portland and South Portland), the State Department of Transportation herewith submits the enclosed report entitled, "Bridge-Tunnel Crossing Study — Portland Harbor — Fore River — Portland-South Portland" prepared for the Maine Department of Transportation by Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Inc., Engineers, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

DAVID H. STEVENS

Commissioner of Transportation

Came from the Senate read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

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

Tabled and Assigned

From the Senate: The following Order: (S. P. 145)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate be reimbursed for monies personally paid by him to an employee of the Senate for administrative services in the Senate office while the Legislature was not in session; and be it further

ORDERED, that the President of the Senate be authorized to approve vouchers for the payment of said monies.

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, tabled pending passage and tomorrow assigned.

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

Messages and Documents
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA

January 30, 1973

To the Honorable Members of the House of Representatives of the 106th Legislature:

In accordance with my duty under Article V, Part 1, Section 9 of the Constitution of Maine, I am transmitting in a separately printed document a Special Message on Legislation.

During the weeks ahead I look forward to working with members of the Legislature as you consider these and other proposals for the welfare of the State of Maine.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

KENNETH M. CURTIS
Governor

The Communication was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

The SPEAKER: The Chair requests the Sergeant - at - Arms to escort the gentleman from Wayne, Mr. Ault, to the rostrum for the purpose of presiding as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. Ault assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem and Speaker Hewes returned to his seat on the floor of the House.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves
Requiring Reference

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

Agriculture

Bill "An Act Relating to Agricultural Cooperative Arguments" (H. P. 300) (Presented by Mr. Mahany of Easton)

Bill "An Act Relating to Permits for State Entry of Animals and Birds" (H. P. 331) (Presented by Mr. Cooney of Sabattus)

Bill "An Act Relating to Equine Infectious Anemia (Swamp Fever) in Equidae" (H. P. 333) (Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom)

Bill "An Act Providing Funds for Purchase of Electronic Milk Testing Equipment" (H. P. 334)

(Presented by Mr. Hunter of Benton)

Bill "An Act to Revise the Maine Weights and Measures Law" (H. P. 368) (Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial
Affairs

Bill "An Act Increasing State-Municipal Revenue Sharing" (H. P. 319) (Presented by Mr. Farnham of Hampden)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of Court Reporters" (H. P. 328) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Augusta)

Bill "An Act Reducing the Amount of Bonds Authorized for Student Housing" (H. P. 340) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft)

Bill "An Act to Allocate Money from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1974 and June 30, 1975" (H. P. 341) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Winslow)

Bill "An Act to Allocate Moneys for the Administrative Expenses of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages, Department of Finance and Administration and the State Liquor Commission for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1974 and June 30, 1975" (H. P. 342) (Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon)

Bill "An Act Reducing the Amount of Bonds Authorized for Capital Improvements, Construction, Repairs, Equipment, Supplies and Furnishings for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1964" (H. P. 343) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Payment of Expenses to Members of Institutional Boards of Visitors" (H. P. 344) (Presented by Mr. Whitzell of Gardiner)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Relating to Exemption of Certain Securities and Dealers from Registration under the Securities Law" (H. P. 304) (Presented by Mr. Donaghy of Lubec)

Bill "An Act Establishing Licensure Fees for Manufacture and Sale of Lightning Rods" (H. P. 305) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Fee for Registration of Securities" (H. P. 306) (Presented by the same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

County Government

Bill "An Act to Increase Fees of Deputy Sheriffs" (H. P. 297) (Presented by Mr. Farrington of China)

Bill "An Act to Increase Salaries of Certain Somerset County Officials" (H. P. 301) (Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan)

Bill "An Act to Increase Salaries of County Officers of Washington County" (H. P. 303) (Presented by Mr. Donaghy of Lubec)

Bill "An Act Providing for a County Budget Review Board for York County" (H. P. 320) (Presented by Mr. McMahon of Kennebunk)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act Regarding the Membership of School Committees and Boards of School Directors" (H. P. 324) (Presented by Mr. Finnermore of Bridgewater)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

At this point, Speaker Hewes returned to the rostrum.

SPEAKER HEWES: The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Mr. Ault to his seat on the floor, amid the applause of the House, and Speaker Hewes resumed the Chair.

Election Laws

Bill "An Act Relating to Absentee Voting by Persons Serving Sentences in Jails and Penal Institutions" (H. P. 299) (Presented by Mr. Dunleavy of Presque Isle)

Bill "An Act to Designate One Dollar of Income Tax Refunds to Political Parties" (H. P. 321) (Presented by Mr. Snowe of

Auburn)

Bill "An Act Relating to Circulating Specimen or Sample Election Ballots" (H. P. 345) (Presented by Mr. Pratt of Parsonsfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act Relating to Open Season on Deer in Northern and Southern Zones" (H. P. 308) (Presented by Mr. Cameron of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act Relating to Use of Snowmobiles During the Deer Season" (H. P. 309) (Presented by Mr. Walker of Island Falls)

Bill "An Act Relating to Boundaries of Ocean Park Game and Bird Sanctuary" (H. P. 346) (Presented by Mrs. Morin of Old Orchard Beach)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act Relating to Permits to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 312) (Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland)

Bill "An Act Relating to Selecting Chairman of and Length of Tenure of the Members of the State Board of Hairdressers" (H. P. 315) (Presented by the same gentlewoman)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Eating and Lodging Recreational Place Licensing Law" (H. P. 327) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Augusta)

Bill "An Act Providing for Voluntary Continuance of Residence at Juvenile Institutions and the Military and Naval Children's Home for Program Completion Beyond the Age of 18 Years" (H. P. 347) (Presented by Mr. Whitzell of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Authorization of Nongeographic School Administrative Units at Correctional Institutions" (H. P. 348) (Presented by the same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Human Resources

Bill "An Act Relating to Reburial of Indian Bones and Skeletons" (H.

P. 349) (Presented by Mrs. Murchison of Mattawamkeag)

Bill "An Act Relating to Legislation Affecting Penobscot Tribe of Indians" (H. P. 350) (Presented by the same gentlewoman)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Hunting, Trapping and Fishing on Indian Lands by Non-Indians" (H. P. 351) (Presented by the same gentlewoman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Relating to Action of Forcible Entry and Detainer" (H. P. 281) (Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon)

Bill "An Act Relating to Suspensions under the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H. P. 310) (Presented by Mr. Keyte of Dexter)

Bill "An Act Relating to Identity of Defendant in Suspension Cases under Motor Vehicle Laws" (H. P. 311) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Bill "An Act Repealing Certain Laws Relating to Actions by Share Holders" (H. P. 313) (Presented by Mr. Perkins of South Portland)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Law Making Relatives Responsible for Persons Receiving Hospital Care" (H. P. 318) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Bill "An Act Relating to Interstate Parole and Probation Hearing Procedures" (H. P. 335) (Presented by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport)

Bill "An Act Relating to Release and Discharge of Persons Acquitted by Reason of Mental Disease or Mental Defect" (H. P. 336) (Presented by Mr. Dunleavy of Presque Isle)

Bill "An Act Relating to Seizing Firearms Equipped with a Silencer" (H. P. 357) (Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick)

Bill "An Act Relating to Sentence for Crime Committed by Parolee" (H. P. 358) (Presented by Mr. Whitzell of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act Relating to Criminal Contempt for Failure to Pay Alimony and Support of Children" (H. P. 359) (Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon)

Bill "An Act to Insure that Citizens are Granted Due Process

of Law by Governmental Agencies" (H. P. 360) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act Relating to Custodian for Beneficiary under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act" (H. P. 361) (Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Sanction and Conduct of Assistants to Physicians" (H. P. 369) (Presented by Mrs. Baker of Orrington)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act Relating to Minimum Wages for Students" (H. P. 352) (Presented by Mr. Lawry of Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Resolve to Reimburse Norman W. Ahlholm of Warren for Loss of Beehives (H. P. 294) (Presented by Mr. McCormick of Union)

Bill "An Act Relating to Issuance of Temporary Notes by Hospital Administrative District No. 1 in Penobscot County" (H. P. 307) (Presented by Mr. Cameron of Lincoln)

Resolve to Reimburse Berkshire Mutual Insurance Company for Damage to Property of Leonard Smith by Highway Construction" (H. P. 353) (Presented by Mr. Sproul of Augusta)

Bill "An Act to Reduce Fees for Junkyards and Auto Graveyards" (H. P. 370) (Presented by Mr. Rollins of Dixfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act Relating to Liquor Licensee Records" (H. P. 354) (Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick)

Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Sale of Liquor in Violation of Law" (H. P. 355) (Presented by the same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for a Fishway at West Bay

Pond in Gouldsboro" (H. P. 356)
(Presented by Mr. Bunker of
Gouldsboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Resolve Proposing Study of
Feasibility of Establishing State
Park Facilities within Penobscot
County (H. P. 316) (Presented by
Mr. McKernan of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Relating to Re-
moval of Dilapidated Wharves
or Piers" (H. P. 317) (Presented
by Mr. Mulkern of Portland)

Bill "An Act Providing for Volun-
tary Water Quality Monitors" (H.
P. 330) (Presented by Mr.
McKernan of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Extending the
Territorial Limits of the South Ber-
wick Sewer District" (H. P. 332)
(Presented by Mr. Goodwin of
South Berwick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act to Include Court
Reporters under Unclassified State
Officials' Salary Law" (H. P. 323)
(Presented by Mr. Brown of
Augusta)

Bill "An Act Changing the
Names of Certain State Institu-
tions" (H. P. 362) (Presented by
Mr. Whitzell of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act Changing the Name
of the Maine Law Enforcement and
Criminal Justice Academy" (H. P.
363) (Presented by Mr. Stillings of
Berwick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Exempting Sales to
the American Cancer Society from
the Sales Tax" (H. P. 293)
(Presented by Mr. LaCharite of
Brunswick)

Bill "An Act Exempting Hearing
Aids from the Sales Tax" (H. P.
364) (Presented by Mr. Snowe of
Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act Relating to
Insurance for Motor Vehicle
Dealers under Financial Responsi-
bility Law" (H. P. 298) (Presented
by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport)

Bill "An Act Relating to Delivery
of Suspensions under the Motor
Vehicle Laws" (H. P. 314)
(Presented by Mr. Keyte of
Dexter)

Bill "An Act Relating to Motor
Vehicle Licenses for Persons on
Active Duty in the Armed Forces"
(H. P. 322) (Presented by Mr.
Morton of Farmington)

Bill "An Act Relating to
Reservation of Same Motor Vehicle
Registration Number" (H. P. 325)
(Presented by the same gentle-
man)

Bill "An Act Relating to Require-
ment for Filing Proof under Finan-
cial Responsibility Law" (H. P.
326) (Presented by the same
gentleman)

Bill "An Act to Correct Certain
Inconsistencies in the Motor
Vehicle Laws" (H. P. 329) (Pre-
sented by Mr. Tyndale of Kenne-
bunkport)

Bill "An Act Relating to Display
of Vehicle Headlamps" (H. P. 365)
(Presented by Mr. Stillings of Ber-
wick)

Resolve Designating Lewiston-
Auburn Bridge as "Louis Jalbert
Bridge." (H. P. 366) (Presented
by Mr. Fraser of Mexico)

Bill "An Act Providing a Full-
time Office in the Town of
Skowhegan for Registration and
Licenses for Operation of Motor
Vehicles" (H. P. 367) (Presented
by Mr. Faucher of Solon)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Veterans and Retirement

Bill "An Act Relating to Social
Security and Veterans' Benefits in
Making Budget for Recipients of
Public Assistance" (H. P. 302)
(Presented by Mr. Rolde of York)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees

Mr. Finemore from the Commit-
tee on Taxation reported "Ought
not to pass" on Bill "An Act to
Eliminate Beddington from the

Forestry District" (H. P. 93) (L. D. 114)

In accordance with Joint Rule 17-A, was placed in the legislative files and sent to the Senate.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Exempting Clothing from the Sales Tax" (H. P. 21) (L. D. 21)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WYMAN of Washington
COX of Penobscot
— of the Senate.

Messrs. SUSI of Pittsfield
FINEMORE
— of Bridgewater
IMMONEN of West Paris
MERRILL

— of Bowdoinham
MORTON of Farmington
— of the House.

Minority Report of same committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr FORTIER of Oxford
— of the Senate.

Messrs. DAM of Skowhegan
MAXWELL of Jay
DRIGOTAS of Auburn
DOW of West Gardiner
COTTRELL of Portland
— of the House

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi.

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker, I move that we accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report and will speak briefly to my motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi, moves that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In my opinion, this Legislature is still in a state of fiscal euphoria. There are still those amongst us who believe that we have money to fool around with. I think that soon that we will come in contact with reality. Just a few months ago, the sponsor of this particular piece of legislation was

predicting that we would be needing, as I remember it, fifty-odd-million dollars of new revenue just to keep the store open in this coming session, and here today we have a proposal that if we adopted it would deprive us of some \$16 million in this biennium of revenues that already exist.

The majority of the Committee on Taxation doubts that this is a reasonable measure for us to adopt at this time, and I would hope that you would support the "ought not to pass" motion.

(On motion of Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Susi of Pittsfield to accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report and tomorrow assigned.)

Consent Calendar First Day

(L. D. 37) Bill "An Act Exempting Prosthetic Devices from Sales Tax" (H. P. 30) (Committee on Taxation reported "Ought to pass")

(L. D. 95) Bill "An Act Changing Name of Promote Recreation and Industry Down East, Inc." (S. P. 38) (Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass")

No objection having been noted, were assigned to the Consent Calendar's Second Day list.

Tabled and Assigned

(L. D. 106) Bill "An Act Exempting Fuels to Burn Blueberry Fields from the Sales Tax" (H. P. 86) (Committee on Taxation reported "Ought to pass")

(On motion of Mr. Bustin of Augusta, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and tomorrow assigned.)

Second Day

(L. D. 13) Bill "An Act Relating to Fingerprinting of School Children" (H. P. 13) "Ought to pass" in New Draft (H. P. 296) under new title "An Act Repealing the Law Providing for the Fingerprinting of School Children"

(L. D. 94) Resolve to Reimburse Willard M. Judkins of Rangeley for Automobile Damage Due to Highway Construction (H. P. 81) "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A"

No objection having been noted, the Bill and Resolve were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

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

House Joint Resolution re Memorializing Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States of America, to Lift the 18-Month Moratorium on Federal Housing Programs. (H. P. 339)

Tabled — January 24, by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

Pending — Adoption.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, retabled pending adoption and tomorrow assigned.

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

Bill, "An Act Repealing the Mountain Resorts Airport Authority Act" (H. P. 273)

Tabled — January 24, by Mr. Shaw of Chelsea.

Pending — Reference.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Chelsea, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Establishing the Profession and Regulation of Soil Scientists in Maine" (H. P. 280)

Tabled — January 24, by Mr. Emery of Rockland.

Pending — Reference.

On motion of Mr. Emery of Rockland, referred to the Committee on State Government, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Joint Resolution Memorializing The Honorable Winton M. Blount, Postmaster General and the United States Congress for Restoration of Maine Postal Service (S. P. 83)

Tabled — January 24, by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

Pending — Adoption.

On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, the Resolution was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Providing for Mandatory Jail Sentences for Night Hunting" (H. P. 153) (L. D. 186)

Tabled — January 24, by Mr. Henley of Norway.

Pending — Reference.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Orland, the House voted to recede and concur.

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

Bill "An Act Governing Disclosure of School Records" (S. P. 89) (L. D. 235)

Tabled — January 24, by Mr. Henley of Norway.

Pending — Reference.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Bither.

Mr. BITHER: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Bither, moves that L. D. 235 be referred to the Committee on Education in non-concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Parsonsfield, Mr. Pratt.

Mr. PRATT: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have this bill tabled for one extra day. Mr. Henley is out of his seat.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, retabled pending the motion of Mr. Bither of Houlton to refer to the Committee on Education and tomorrow assigned.

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Amount of Property Held by Empire Grove Campmeeting Association" (H. P. 72) (L. D. 85)

Tabled — January 24, by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater.

Pending — Acceptance of Committee Report.

On motion of Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater, the "Ought to pass" Report was accepted.

The Bill was read once.

At this point, the Speaker appointed the following House members to the Committee on Public Lands:

Messrs. SIMPSON of Standish

Chairman

ROLLINS of Dixfield

BRIGGS of Caribou

PALMER of Nobleboro

MARTIN of Eagle Lake

LYNCH

of Livermore Falls

ROLDE of York

On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish,

Recessed until the sound of the gong.

After Recess

Called to order by the Speaker.

From the Senate: The following Order: (H. P. 338)

WHEREAS, Thursday the 25th day of January 1973 has been proclaimed a day of mourning for President Lyndon Baines Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the 106th Legislature will stand at recess on that day and will require the payment of lodging for some of its members, now therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Finance Officer be authorized to pay lodging expenses in the usual weekly manner to cover this day of recess.

Which was passed in the House on January 24.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur.

From the Senate: The following Order: (S. P. 185)

WHEREAS, Thursday, the 25th day of January, 1973, was proclaimed as a day of mourning for former President Lyndon Baines Johnson; and

WHEREAS, a regular session of the Legislature was scheduled for that day; and

WHEREAS, members of the Legislature had made arrangements for lodging on the evening of that day and had become obligated for the same; and

WHEREAS, to require members to pay for lodging from their own pocket would work an undue hardship on the legislators; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Legislature that the above is a unique situation and that the applicable Statute can reasonably be interpreted to allow payment for such lodging; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Legislative Finance Officer be authorized to pay lodging expenses in the usual weekly manner to cover this emergency day of recess.

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

On motion by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.