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OF THE

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Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

Volume II

April 23, 1973 to June 5, 1973

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Tuesday, May 1, 1973
Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Douglas Robbins of Augusta.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Papers from the House**Non-concurrent Matter**

Bill, "An Act Increasing License Fee for Nurserymen." (H. P. 1019) (L. D. 1342)

In the House April 26, 1973, Indefinitely Postponed.

In the Senate April 27, 1973, Passed to be Enacted, in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that Body having Insisted. On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to Adhere.

Non-concurrent Matter

RESOLUTION, Proposing a n Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Legislature to a Single Chamber, Unicameral System, with Single Member Districts. (S. P. 273) (L. D. 798)

In the Senate April 27, 1973, Passed to be Engrossed.

Comes from the House, Bill and accompanying papers, Indefinitely Postponed, in non-concurrence. On motion by Mr. Clifford of Androscoggin, tabled and Specially Assigned for May 3, 1973, pending Consideration.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill, "An Act Relating to Payment of Patients at Certain State Institutions as Employees under Fair Labor Standards Act." (S. P. 167) (L. D. 422)

In the Senate April 23, 1973, Passed to be Engrossed.

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-284), in non-concurrence.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to Recede and Concur.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill, "An Act to Amend Definitions in Ambulance Service Licensing." (S. P. 591) (L. D. 1863)

In the Senate April 20, 1973, Passed to be Engrossed.

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-285) as Amended by House Amendment "A" Thereto (H-294), in non-concurrence. Thereupon, the Senate voted to Recede and Concur.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill, "An Act to Create Hospital Administrative District No. 1 in Piscataquis, Somerset and Penobscot Counties." (H. P. 515) (L. D. 681)

In the Senate April 20, 1973, Passed to be Engrossed as a Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-222), in concurrence.

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" as Amended by House Amendment "A" Thereto (H-295) in non-concurrence. Thereupon, the Senate voted to Recede and Concur.

Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there is appropriated from the Legislative Appropriation a sum sufficient to pay the Passamaquoddy Indian representative a meal allowance for an additional 10 days' attendance during the Regular Session of the 106th Legislature. (H. P. 1467)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

House Papers

The Bill today received from the House requiring Reference to Committee was acted upon in concurrence.

Communications

State of Maine

House of Representatives

Augusta, Maine 04330

April 30, 1973

Hon. Harry N. Starbranch

Secretary of the Senate

106th Legislature

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On April 18, the Speaker of the House appointed the following conferees on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Death Caused by Violation of

Law by Operator of Motor Vehicle" (H. P. 201) (L. D. 274):

Mrs. BAKER of Orrington

Mr. McMAHON of Kennebunk

Mr. GAUTHIER of Sanford

Respectfully,

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

House of Representatives

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

State of Maine

House of Representatives

Augusta, Maine 04330

April 30, 1973

Hon. Harry N. Starbranch

Secretary of the Senate

106th Legislature

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The House voted to Adhere to its action on the following matter:

Bill "An Act Relating to the Appointment of Clerks of the Judicial Courts" (S. P. 456) (L. D. 1428) whereby it was Indefinitely Postponed in the House on April 26.

Respectfully,

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

House of Representatives

Which was Read and Ordered and Placed on File.

State of Maine

House of Representatives

Augusta, Maine 04330

April 30, 1973

Hon. Harry N. Starbranch

Secretary of the Senate

106th Legislature

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On April, 24, the Speaker of the House appointed the following conferees on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Recklessly Causing Death by Operation of a Motor Vehicle." (H. P. 202) (L. D. 275):

Mrs. BAKER of Orrington

Mr. McMAHON of Kennebunk

Mr. GAUTHIER of Sanford

Respectfully,

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

House of Representatives

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

Senate Papers Judiciary

Mr. Roberts of York presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Cost of Operation of and Venue in the

Superior Courts." (S. P. 603)

(Approved by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule No. 10).

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Greeley of Waldo,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State currently maintains eleven offices throughout the State, including a central office at Augusta for the registration of and licenses for the operation of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, reflected in the total are four additional offices authorized by the 105th Legislature and located at convenient places based on such factors as population, distance and travel; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has before it proposals to locate additional offices in the Towns of Farmington, Fort Kent, Houlton, Lincoln, Livermore Falls, Machias, Madawaska, Millinocket, Sanford, and Skowhegan; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee is authorized and directed to study the subject matter and sites proposed in Legislative Documents Numbers 87, 107, 119, 147, 181, 243, 482, 574, 671, 706, and such other areas, statewide, which by means of distance and travel are not now properly serviced, to determine to what extent, if any, additional offices for the registration of licenses for the operation of motor vehicles are needed in the best interests of the State; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Motor Vehicle Division of the Office of Secretary of State be directed to provide the committee with such technical advice and assistance as the committee feels necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Order; and be it further

ORDERED, that the committee report its findings at the next regular session of the Legislature and be it further

ORDERED, that upon passage, a copy of this Order be transmitted forthwith to said Division of Motor Vehicles as notice of the pending study.

(S. P. 604)

Which was Read.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, placed on the Special Legislative Research Table.

Committee Reports House

The following Ought Not to Pass Reports shall be placed in the legislative files without further action pursuant to Rule 17-A of the Joint Rules;

Bill, "An Act Relating to Payments by Town of York to York Harbor Village Corporation." (H. P. 990) (L. D. 1310)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Payments by Town of York to York Beach Village Corporation." (H. P. 992) (L. D. 1312)

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Sales Tax on Motor Vehicle Fuel Used on Farms." (H. P. 852) (L. D. 1126)

Resolve. Authorizing Director of Public Improvements to Convey Land in Hallowell to Highest Bidder. (H. P. 1293) (L. D. 1681)

Bill, "An Act Creating the Swimming Pool Licensing and Safety Act." (H. P. 994) (L. D. 1271)

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Education on, Bill, "An Act Providing for Drug Education in the Public Schools." (H. P. 1304) (L. D. 1712)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "an Act to Regulate Settlements of Total Loss under the Maine Insurance Code." (H. P. 1336) (L. D. 1755)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Come from the House, the reports Read and Accepted.

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass - As Amended

The Committee on Agriculture on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Membership in South Kennebec

Agricultural Society." (H. P. 1290) (L. D. 1678)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-288).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted in concurrence and the Bill, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on State Government on, Bill, "An Act Authorizing Maine Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Academy Trustees to Establish Certification Standards for Police Chiefs." (H. P. 667) (L. D. 879)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under New Title: "An Act Authorizing the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Trustees to Establish Certification Standards for Law Enforcement Officers." (H. P. 1463) (L. D. 1888)

The Committee on Human Resources on, Bill, "An Act to Establish within the Department of Indian Affairs a Bureau of Indian Police." (H. P. 377) (L. D. 506)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under Same Title (H. P. 1462) (L. D. 1887)

Comes from the House, the Bills, in New Draft Passed to be Engrossed.

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, the Bills, in New Draft Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Service Charges on Sales Tax Through Credit Card Sales." (H. P. 1188) (L. D. 1527)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

COX of Penobscot
KATZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

DESHAIES of Westbrook
 DONAGHY of Lubec
 TRASK of Milo
 BOUDREAU of Portland
 JACKSON of Yarmouth
 TIERNEY of Durham
 MADDOX of Vinalhaven
 HAMBLEN of Gorham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Representatives:

O'BRIEN of Portland
 CLARK of Freeport

Comes from the House, the Majority report Read and Accepted.

Which reports were Read and the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee Accepted in concurrence.

Senate

The following Ought Not to Pass reports shall be placed in the legislative files without further action pursuant to Rule 17-A of the Joint Rules.

Resolve, Providing a Deceased Member of the Maine State Retirement System with a Minimum of 10 Years Creditable Service. (S. P. 503) (L. D. 1587)

Bill, "An Act Providing a Full-time Officer in the Town of Houlton for Registration and Licenses for Operation of Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 98) (L. D. 243)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Transportation on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Examinations for Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses." (S. P. 156) (L. D. 390)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under same Title (S. P. 602) (L. D. 1893)

Signed:

Senators:

GREELEY of Waldo
 SHUTE of Franklin
 CIANCHETTE

of Somerset

Representatives:

BERRY of Madison
 WOOD of Brooks
 McNALLY of Ellsworth
 DUNN of Poland

KEYTE of Dexter

FRASER of Mexico

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Representatives:

McCORMICK of Union
 STROUT of Corinth
 WEBBER of Belfast
 JACQUES of Lewiston

Which reports were Read.

Thereupon, the Majority Ought to Pass in New Draft Report of the Committee was Accepted, the Bill in New Draft Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

House

Bill, "An Act Relating to Schooling of Indian Children." (H. P. 557) (L. D. 767)

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Immunity Provisions of the Unfair Trade Practices Act." (H. P. 1235) (L. D. 1606)

Bill, "An Act to Increase Penalties for Certain Sea and Shore Fisheries Laws." (H. P. 855) (L. D. 1142)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Tread Depth of Motor Vehicle Tires." (H. P. 1051) (L. D. 1380)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, in non-concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act to Repeal Borrowing Limitations Relating to Trust Companies." (S. P. 414) (L. D. 1253)

Resolve, Designating Kennebas Road in Indian Township, Washington County, as a State Road. (S. P. 601) (L. D. 1892)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Senate - As Amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Credit Unions." (S. P. 337) (L. D. 1036)

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Maine Automobile Insurance Cancellation Control Act." (S. P. 258) (L. D. 755)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, as Amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

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

An Act Relating to License Fees and Penalties for Nonresidents in the Private Detective Business. (S. P. 320) (L. D. 987)

An Act to Increase Fees for Motor Vehicle Inspection. (H. P. 625) (L. D. 823)

An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District. (H. P. 1116) (L. D. 1452)

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

An Act Providing Funds for Development of an International Conference Center on Peaks Island. (S. P. 381) (L. D. 1127)

Comes from the House, Indefinitely Postponed.

Which was Passed to be Enacted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Emergency

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Freeport Sewer District. (H. P. 783) (L. D. 1020)

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.

Orders of the Day

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

Bill, "An Act to Include Operators of Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plants in the Operator Certification Program. (S. P. 478) (L. D. 1534)

Tabled — April 26, 1973 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Consideration

In the House — Passed to be Enacted.

In the Senate — Indefinitely Postponed.

House Insisted and asked for a Committee of Conference.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, retabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending further Consideration.

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

Bill, "An Act to Permit Savings Banks to Invest in Obligations of the Asian Development Bank." (H. P. 1070) (L. D. 1395)

Tabled — April 27, 1973 by Senator Cox of Penobscot

Pending — Enactment

(In the House — Indefinitely Postponed.)

Which was Passed to be Enacted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill, "An Act Providing Funds for Director of the State Crime Laboratory." (S. P. 446) (L. D. 1413)

Tabled — April 27, 1973 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Enactment.

(In the House — Indefinitely Postponed.)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Regarding this bill, I am very much opposed to it and I always have been opposed to it. Let me read Section 1 and Section 2.

"There is created the position of Director, State Crime Laboratory, in the Department of Public Safety at an annual salary of up to \$25,000 and the Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to receive and disburse federal grants for that purpose.

"Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General

Fund to the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 the sum of \$18,750 to be allocated to the salary of the Director, State Crime Laboratory, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

"Statement of Fact: The Department of Public Safety has received a federal grant from LEAA (Safe Streets Act), to fund for 18 months from April 1, 1973 to September 30, 1974 the position of Director, State Crime Laboratory. This Act would authorize the position, authorize reception of this grant and appropriate money (\$18,750) to fund the position until the end of the 1974-75 fiscal year."

In other words, we are snapping at the dangling federal bait again.

I don't think that the State of Maine can afford a State Crime Bureau at this time, not that it wouldn't be a nice thing to have.

Now, we don't have too many homicides or unsolved mysteries in the State of Maine. As a rule, the motives are clear cut: family squabbles, jealousy, and so forth. Now, like doctors, these crime specialists specialize in certain categories. One will specialize in wood, another in metals, another in cloth, and so forth and so on, and they don't work for peanuts; they get \$25,000 or \$30,000 a year.

Now, the chief argument from the proponents has been that when we send stuff to Washington it takes too long to get the exhibits analyzed and get back to the State of Maine. Well, it is only three or four weeks, and as you know, sometimes in a trial on a felony it will be six months or a year before the defendant actually comes to trial.

Now, I want to quote from an interview with the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brennan, in regard to a proposed merger of district and superior court trials. He says "Our present system is just unresponsive to the demands of the present day, with the result that backlogs are building up everywhere. Right now in a serious felony case it can be thirty months between the date of arrest and final determination in the state court," he said. Now, their argument is that it takes too

long to get this testimony back from Washington, so this certainly refutes that.

I am very much opposed to the bill, Mr. President, and I move we recede and concur with the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would inform the Senator from Hancock, Senator Anderson, that the motion to recede and concur would be out of order. A motion to indefinitely postpone would be in order.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, I move that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, moves that Bill, "An Act Providing Funds for Director of the State Crime Laboratory", be indefinitely postponed.

The Senator has the floor.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I want to compliment the Senator from Hancock, Senator Anderson, on painting a very interesting picture for us today. Here is a case where we have an established public need, a crime lab, to aid our law enforcement people to give us the kind of professional assistance that we want. But here also is an excellent case were we think in terms of the State of Maine with tunnel vision.

One reason we think so of the State of Maine is we think we are geographically so big that we can't do something with New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, or Connecticut because the distances are so vast. I guess it is a fault that we all share, but I urge you to think in terms of regionalism this morning, because the whole New England area all jammed together would geographically make a small state, the 34th in the country from the viewpoint of size. We are not a big state. We are a big state because we are smacked up against New Hampshire and Vermont.

I don't think we should have a state crime lab anymore than we should have a State of Maine medical school, a State of Maine dental school, a State of Maine

school in veterinary medicine or a State of Maine lots of other things that would be nice to have, but I would urge you to pursue the alternatives of doing things in concert with other states, even if it is a little inconvenient. Senator Anderson was so right when he said this would be a nice thing to have, but there are alternatives I would ask you to pursue. I request a division.

The PRESIDENT: A division has been requested.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: With friends like I apparently have in this body, I sure don't need enemies. I even had breakfast with Senator Anderson from Hancock this morning.

Well, apparently Senator Katz from Kennebec has got a short memory, because we went through the debate either at the last special session or the last regular session on the impracticality of having a regional crime laboratory for the three northern New England States. This may be tremendous in the field of education, but in the field of crime detection it is not indicated.

Also, we do have a crime laboratory in the State of Maine now. It is not a question of either we want one, we don't need one, or to consolidate; we have one. I would encourage the members of this body to go over to the State Police Headquarters and ask to be shown the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory that serves your law enforcement agencies in the State of Maine. Your reaction, I am sure, would be what mine was when I first saw it. It is one of a mixture of disgust and hopelessness that this is what we give our law enforcement people to work with.

Let me be a little specific on the thought of consolidating with Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. There is a time element in criminal evidence or in analysis that's done, and the results of the tests have to be made available just as soon as possible. This results in either speeding up or slowing down the administration of

justice in our courts. So the crime laboratory is needed here in the State of Maine. We have one and we need to do something to make it a better one.

This bill provides only for the employment of a director for the laboratory. Previous proposals before the legislature have looked for the construction of a building to house it, and this is vitally needed. The thought expressed by our law enforcement people is that with the employment of this director there would be a study made of the physical needs and how they can be met, and the development of a program leading to the construction of a new building to house the crime laboratory.

As far as federal funds go and Senator Anderson indicated it might be the carrot being dangled before us, the explanation is quite simple. There is available federal money to pay until a year from next September the total cost of the new director's salary. In order to put this position permanently into the State Police personnel list, there would necessarily be funds appropriated from the general fund, and that is what is in the L.D., and the only money appropriated.

Involved here is the employment of an individual, highly qualified, at present working with the F.B.I as the head of one of their major divisions. The gentleman is eminently qualified to head up a crime laboratory. He wants to retire and he wants to come to the State of Maine.

Now, with this explanation, I think we can understand that the emergency is the necessary part of the bill. So there can be no play to remove the emergency to pass it.

I would hope with this very brief explanation, there is the desire perhaps on your part to investigate this to your own satisfaction, either by talking with Colonel Hennessey or some of the other officers over there to see for yourself the totally inadequate services and facilities that we are now providing all state law enforcement agencies with. I would hope that you would oppose the motion that is prevailing now and pass this bill to be enacted

to go back to the house where it has some problems.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. President, when the vote is taken, I move that it be taken by the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDENT: A roll call has been requested.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brennan.

Mr. BRENNAN: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: First, I want to commend the good Senator from Hancock, Senator Anderson, for reading my press releases, and further I want to commend him for quoting from them; I think he is using very good judgment.

In regard to a crime lab in Maine — I know this just calls for a director — I really believe they need some sort of a crime lab. I have seen cases down in Cumberland County, a murder case, for example, where the whole investigation had to stop while some state trooper goes down to Washington. It is not bad to go down there and back; they can do that in a day or so, but generally they have to wait as much as three or four weeks to get the results of the test, so the investigation stops. So I really think it is ridiculous and ludicrous, it is so inefficient for effective law enforcement. I mean seriously; I have seen it on murder cases, very important cases where the whole program has come to a halt because they have to go to Washington. Again, if they got the answer back from Washington quickly, that would be another thing, but they don't.

I think we seriously ought to consider having a real meaningful crime lab here if we want to try to do something about solving some of the serious crimes. I think this is likewise true in the drug field. Right now cases are held up for a great deal of time because the chemist's report is not ready in a drug case, sometimes as much as six weeks. I would hope we could pass some sort of legislation here where maybe we would have

a few chemists in the crime lab so those cases could be moved along.

In reference to what Senator Anderson said about cases taking about thirty months from the date of arrest to the date of final conclusion, that does happen in the Maine courts. It shouldn't happen, and we should change the system. I hope later on Senator Anderson will support me on a bill that we are going to introduce or should have before this Senate sometime in the future to merge the district and the superior courts, and that will help move these things along. Right now I am going to oppose this motion for now, but I think we ought to do something about a crime lab in the state.

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

Mr. JOLY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: In view of the legislation that is pending and is coming up to us this session, which is doing away in some cases with maximum sentences, granting furloughs to prisoners, minimum wages while they are in jail, I am beginning to wonder if perhaps we won't even need the present facilities that we have, because someone who is caught doing something might help the police by giving them the evidence to help get into jail. It is getting to be so it won't be a prison; it will be a vacation.

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

Mr. SEWALL: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Your Appropriations Committee heard this bill. We had a fairly lengthy hearing on it, and this seemed like a reasonable request and one that would take its place in an orderly fashion for the continuing battle that we are waging up here in Maine against crime.

I accompanied the good Senator from Aroostook, Senator Peabody, yesterday over to the State Police headquarters, and we were shown, among other things, their so-called laboratory. It is almost a joke, if you would look at it in that light, because of the lack of space and the very inadequate facilities in

today's age of high speed transportation, communication, and the ease with which criminals can come in and get out of an area such as Maine, or anywhere else in the country.

This legislation would enable the state to accept money and establish positions which would be funded by LEAA. Roughly, the moneys available from the federal government would fund the first 18 months of this position, and the eighteen odd thousand dollars that this bill requests would take care of the remainder of the fiscal year.

Again, this seemed like a reasonable procedure to us in the Appropriations Committee. We are not rushing into the construction of the new building or new facility. We would be employing a professional to make a study and come up with recommendations as to the needs of the State of Maine.

We did look into and thought about a combination crime laboratory with the States of New Hampshire and Vermont two years ago. For many reasons, this did not seem like a workable solution. Therefore, I rise in support of Senator Berry and this piece of legislation, and hope you would vote against the motion to indefinitely postpone.

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

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, it occurs to me that this is an emergency measure that is on its

way to enactment. I think perhaps we would be better off voting on the pending question. Therefore, I would withdraw my motion for indefinite postponement, and I shall vote against enactment.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, withdraws his motion to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Thereupon, this being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 23 members of the Senate, with five Senators voting in the negative, was Passed to be Enacted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

HOUSE REPORT — from the Committee on Public Utilities—Bill, "An Act to Validate and Amend the Charter of the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District." (H. P. 1457) (L. D. 1884) Ought to Pass Report.

Tabled—April 30, 1973 by Senator Cummings of Penobscot.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

Thereupon, the Ought to Pass Report of the Committee was Accepted in concurrence, the Bill Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland.

Adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning.