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SENATE

Friday, March 1, 1974

Called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta:

Eternal God, Thou source of all life and truth, we pray as we begin the activities of this day that we may realize our dependence upon that power and not ourselves which makes for righteousness and peace. We would seek enlightenment for our minds and the determination to follow that truth as it may be revealed to our hearts. May we be taught what we do not know, may we set right whatever may be amiss in us, and may we carry forward to completion and perfection whatever in us is good. Give us, we pray, the courage to follow our honest convictions and save us, we pray, from wandering desires and shifting purposes. We pray that we may be conscious of the needs and responsibilities of those who govern and those who are governed, and may we endeavor to make those decisions which shall be for the greater benefit of all people everywhere. In Thy light may we see life clearly and in Thy service find more perfect freedom. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Papers from the House
House Papers

Bill, "An Act to Simplify the Occupational Disease Law and to Conform with the Recommendations of the National Commission on State Workmen's Compensation Laws in Regard to Occupational Disease." (H. P. 1993) (L. D. 2542)

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Law and to Conform with Certain Recommendations of the National Commission on State Workmen's Compensation Laws." (H. P. 1994) (L. D. 2543)

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Commutation of Payments in Workmen's Compensation Law." (H. P. 1995) (L. D. 2544)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on Labor and Ordered Printed.

Mr. Berry of Cumberland moved that

the above three bills be Indefinitely Postponed.

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

Mr. CLIFFORD: Mr. President, on these three bills we are not talking about whether they should pass or fail; we are merely talking about whether or not they should be referred to a committee. As I understand it, they reflect a great amount of time spent in preparation and, as I understand it, they are agreed upon with much of industry and much of labor and I think it would be a shame for us to postpone them before they have had a chance to be heard by the committee. I would oppose the motion of the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, and hope that you would at least allow these a public hearing before the Committee on Labor. Thank you.

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

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I invite the attention of all members of the body to the two calendars in front of us and the starting off with numeral 1 of the new month. Now, there has been a long time to introduce legislation. They were in the Governor's call, all these items, and there was plenty of time to prepare them. We are not discussing the merit of them or the lack of merit of them, but we have a practical problem that some of us have got to get back and do some spring plowing, and I hope you would support me in my request. I ask for a division.

The PRESIDENT: A division has been requested. As many Senators as are in favor of the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, that Items 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3 be indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence will please rise and remain standing until counted.

A division was had. 18 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and seven Senators having voted in the negative, the three Bills were Indefinitely Postponed in non-concurrence.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Office of

Maine's Elderly and the Priority Social Services Program." (H. P. 1983) (L. D. 2532)

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

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

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President, I would like to thank the Minority Leader of the other branch of the legislature for the introduction of this particular bill at this particular time. I would like to call the attention of the Senate to the fact that it was not too many weeks ago when reference was made to the slowness of the legislative process, to the fact that many bills were presently in the Committee on State Government, and the expression of desire that many of these bills would come out of the Committee on State Government.

Well, up to this point, Mr. President, we have held all of our public hearings and we have very few bills left in that committee. We have had 72 bills in the Committee on State Government, more than any other committee in this legislature, and we have been working very diligently, as I am sure all the committees have, to get these bills reported out.

I think it a bit incongruous, the comments having been made as to the slowness of the legislative process, that another bill just at this point comes in and has a public hearing and be considered by the Committee. I would like to point out that it seems it is not really the legislative process or the Committee on State Government that should be singled out as perhaps holding up some of the legislative considerations.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate that this bill be referred to the Committee on State Government?

Thereupon, the Bill was referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed in concurrence.

STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand
Nine Hundred and Seventy-four

Resolution in Recognition of JACK S. ATWOOD on the Occasion of his Retirement

WHEREAS, Jack S. Atwood, Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Maine Broadcasting System has announced his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Jack S. Atwood has served his industry as a pioneer beginning as a radio Announcer-Engineer in Bangor in 1928, Station Manager of WRDO, Augusta, in 1936 and Station Manager charged with the establishment of WCSH-TV in 1953, and Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Maine Broadcasting System's three radio and two television stations in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Jack S. Atwood served as Chairman of the Founding Committee of the Maine Broadcasters Association and currently serves as its President; and

WHEREAS, Jack S. Atwood has served his State as a member of the Highway Safety Committee from 1959 to 1973 and as Chairman from 1967 to 1969; and

WHEREAS, Jack S. Atwood has served his Nation as a Marine, winning two Battle Stars and the Navy Commendation Ribbon for his 19 months Pacific area duty during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Jack S. Atwood rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel and served as Chairman of the Founding Committee of the Maine Legionnaire;

WHEREAS, Jack S. Atwood pioneered radio and television coverage of the Maine Legislature and has served his industry, his State and his Nation above and beyond the call of duty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Maine Legislature commend Jack S. Atwood for his devotion and excellence to his industry, his State and his Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Maine Legislature proclaim February 28, 1974 as Jack S. Atwood Day and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Jack S. Atwood with our thanks. (H. P. 1998)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted in concurrence.

Communications

February 27, 1974

Hon. Harry N. Starbranch
Secretary of the Senate
106th Legislature

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On February 24, 1974, Representative Harold L. Silverman, Calais, was appointed to the Appropriations Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Representative Floyd M. Haskell.

Representative John M. Norris, II, Brewer was appointed as House Chairman of the Committee in Mr. Haskell's stead.

Respectfully,
E. LOUIS LINCOLN, CLERK
House of Representatives

Which was Read.

The PRESIDENT: Is there any objection on the part of any member of the Senate that this communication be placed on file? As many Senators as are in favor of this communication being placed on file will please say "Yes"; those opposed "No".

A viva voce vote being in doubt, the Chair ordered a division.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Tanous of Penobscot, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Filing.

Committee Reports

House

Refer to 107th Legislature

The Committee on Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Forest Fire Protection." (H. P. 1901) (L. D. 2409)

Reported that the same be referred to the 107th Legislature.

Comes from the House, the report Read and Accepted.

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on, Bill, "An Act to Transfer Authority for Watercraft Registration and Safety to Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game." (H. P. 1925) (L. D. 2459)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under Same Title (H. P. 1987) (L. D. 2531)

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

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence, the Bill in New Draft Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on County Government on, Bill, "An Act Increasing Salaries of Various County Officers." (H. P. 1732) (L. D. 2176)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under Same Title (H. P. 1982) (L. D. 2525)

Comes from the House, the Bill in New Draft Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendments "B" (H-708) and "C" (H-716)

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence and the Bill in New Draft Read Once. House Amendments "B" and "C" were Read and Adopted in concurrence the Bill in New Draft Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Taxation on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Payment of Gasoline Tax." (H. P. 1894) (L. D. 2404)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

WYMAN of Washington

COX of Penobscot

FORTIER of Oxford

Representatives:

COTTRELL of Portland

MORTON of Farmington

SUSI of Pittsfield

IMMONEN of W. Paris

MERRILL of Bowdoinham

MAXWELL of Jay

DAM of Skowhegan

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

Signed:

Representatives:

FINEMORE of Bridgewater

DRIGOTAS of Auburn

DOW of West Gardiner

Comes from the House, the Majority

Ought Not to Pass report Read and Accepted.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on State Government on, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Authorized Bonding Indebtedness of the Maine State Housing Authority." (H. P. 1804) (L. D. 2284)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

CLIFFORD of Androscoggin

Representatives:

COONEY of Sabattus

GOODWIN of Bath

BUSTIN of Augusta

NAJARIAN of Portland

GAHAGAN of Caribou

CROMMETT of Millinocket

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

Signed:

Sensors:

SPEERS of Kennebec

WYMAN of Washington

Representatives:

SILVERMAN of Calais

FARNHAM of Hampden

CURTIS of Orono

STILLINGS of Berwick

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which reports were Read.

Mr. Speers of Kennebec moved that the Senate Accept the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee.

Mr. Clifford of Androscoggin then moved that the Senate Bill be tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending the motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec to Accept the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee.

Mr. Berry of Cumberland requested a division and Mr. Conley of Cumberland subsequently requested a roll call.

The PRESIDENT: A roll call has been requested. Under the Constitution, in order for the Chair to order a roll call, it requires the affirmative vote of at least one-fifth of those Senators present and voting. Will all those Senators in favor of ordering a roll call please rise and remain standing until counted.

Obviously more than one-fifth having arisen, a roll call is ordered. The pending motion before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Clifford, that Legislative Document 2284 be tabled for one legislative day, pending the motion by the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers, that the Senate Accept the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee in non-concurrence. A "Yes" vote will be in favor of the motion to table for one day; a "No" vote will be opposed.

The Secretary will call the roll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Senators Cianchette, Clifford, Conley, Cyr, Danton, Fortier, Greeley, Kelley, Marcotte, Minkowsky, Roberts, Sewall, Shute, Tanous.

NAYS: Senators Anderson, Berry, Cox, Cummings, Graffam, Haskell, Henley, Hichens, Huber, Speers, Wyman, MacLeod.

ABSENT: Senators Brennan, Joly, Katz, Morrell, Olfene, Richardson, Schulten.

A roll call was had. 14 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with seven Senators being absent, the motion prevailed.

Senate

Ought to Pass - As Amended

Mr. Anderson for the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on, Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Fish and Game Laws." (S. P. 765) (L. D. 2196)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-372).

Mr. Richardson for the Committee on Veterans and Retirement on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Custody of State Trust and Retirement Funds Securities." (S. P. 833) (L. D. 2374)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-375).

Which reports were Read and Accepted and the Bills Read Once. Committee Amendments "A" were Read and Adopted and the Bills, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Mr. Cox for the Committee on Taxation on, Bill, "An Act Providing for a Credit in Maine Income Tax Law for Investment in Pollution Control Facilities." (S. P. 737) (L. D. 2149)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-374).

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

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Speers for the Committee on State Government on, Bill, "An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections to Convey a Sanitary Easement at the Bangor Mental Health Institute to the Northeast Psychiatric Institute, Incorporated." (S. P. 771) (L. D. 2218)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under Same Title (S. P. 921) (L. D. 2546)

Which report was Read and 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 Elections to the House of Representatives." (H. P. 1985) (L. D. 2530)

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

Bill, "An Act Establishing a Commission on Maine's Future." (H. P. 1984) (L. D. 2528)

Which was Read a Second Time.

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

Mr. MINKOWSKY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I wonder if somebody from the State Government Committee could give us an explanation as to the intent and purpose of this particular piece of legislation.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Minkowsky, has posed a question through the Chair

which any member of the Committee may answer if he desires.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Clifford.

Mr. CLIFFORD: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: L. D. 2528 is an act which establishes a commission on Maine's future. It is a recommendation of the Maine Management Cost Survey. What it does is create a commission composed of citizens and legislators from all different parts of the state to study and make recommendations as to, as the bill says on Page 2, a growth and development policy for the State of Maine, collecting information regarding the future of the State of Maine, information on growth, interstate and intrastate migration patterns, and generally to go along with the national Committee on Critical Choices so that Maine would have a better input, especially from citizens, as to its future course of action.

The committee felt that the recommendation of the Cost Management Survey Commission was a good one and the committee went along with it, although we made several changes to ensure that there were representatives on this commission from all different parts of the state.

The bill is only three pages long and I think it is self-explanatory, but I think it was a fairly unanimous, if not unanimous, committee report from the Committee on State Government. There is no appropriation, and it is anticipated that there will be a grant forthcoming to fund the Commission on Maine's future.

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

Mr. MINKOWSKY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I am just wondering if this is not just overlapping services that are being asked to be performed through this piece of legislation because the Department of Commerce and Industry is compiling information upon Maine's future development and so is the State Planning Office. I just cannot see adding on another layer in this bureaucratic system, even though it might be a task force of this type. I would ask that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Minkowsky, now moves that item 7-1 be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Clifford.

Mr. CLIFFORD: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I think the main difference between the information being gathered by the Department of Commerce and Industry and the State Planning Office, the difference in the thrust of the bill, is that this requires and gets citizen input. I think there has been a feeling that there has been too much bureaucratic input. I would request a division on the motion of the good Senator from Androscoggin.

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: I am extremely appreciative of the fact that our good Senator, Senator Minkowsky from Androscoggin, has subjected this little bill to some scrutiny. I think perhaps we were sitting back in our seats yesterday where it got its initial acceptance.

I think that the State Planning Office has a role which is on the statute books and which they seem to pursue and discharge quite effectively. Responding to Senator Clifford's comments about citizen input, the State Planning Office in its numerous programs has held a lot of hearings all around the state on all sorts of planning subjects and our future. This seems to be crystal ball gazing and I wish we could accomplish such laudable objectives. I would commend, of course, the reading of the members to the bill, but I always get put in orbit when I read language like this: "These findings shall be articulated into a working document, and the commission is going to recommend a desirable and feasible description of the state's future." This is what I think is totally impossible.

Whether this is a big brother lining up our future for us or crystal ball gazing, or what other efforts we can take to determine the future, hazel twitching or apple twitching, or something like that, but I think as you read through on page 2

under Subsection 3310, that we have here an absolutely impossible situation. The nub of it would be item C. "A description of the future of the state as envisioned by Maine people." I think we in the legislature are working desperately to attempt to make this future as good as we can. If we are going to try to say where are we going to be twenty years from now, with our population shifts, our economic problems, our petroleum refineries, and all of the various problems we have, it seems to me we are asking too much for a non-paid, non-expense reimbursed operation. I strongly would support the motion of Senator Minkowsky for indefinite postponement.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Henley.

Mr. HENLEY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I too would like to second my good friend Senator Minkowsky's motion. I only perhaps regret that I didn't notice it before. I feel that the idea behind this perhaps is solid and strong, but where are we headed in this legislature of ours when, it seems to me, session after session we are somehow setting up groups, bodies, boards, commissions, etc. to do the job we are elected to do?

It just seems to me that, as my good friend Senator Berry stated, we are very intent on helping plan and further the success and the happiness of the people of Maine and its future, and I don't see any reason why we shouldn't be in a position to do these same things ourselves. I have been very critical of new commissions and boards and groupings previously established, whether they had huge sums of money attached or not, to do these same things which we should be doing. I wonder how soon it would be when the business of the state would be conducted by departments, commissions and special committees set up. I think we can do very well without this bill, and I shall certainly vote for indefinite postponement.

The PRESIDENT: The pending motion before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Minkowsky, that Bill, "An Act

Establishing a Commission on Maine's Future", be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Cianchette.

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. President, I would ask for a roll call.

The PRESIDENT: A roll call has been requested. Under the Constitution, in order for the Chair to order a roll call, it requires the affirmative vote of at least one-fifth of those Senators present and voting. Will all those Senators in favor of ordering a roll call please rise and remain standing until counted.

Obviously more than one-fifth having arisen, a roll call is ordered. The pending motion before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Minkowsky, that Bill, "An Act Establishing a Commission on Maine's Future," be indefinitely postponed. A "Yes" vote will be in favor of indefinite postponement; a "No" vote will be opposed.

The Secretary will call the roll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Senators Anderson, Berry, Cyr, Fortier, Graffam, Greeley, Haskell, Henley, Huber, Minkowsky, Roberts.

NAYS: Senators Cianchette, Clifford, Conley, Cox, Cummings, Danton, Kelley, Marcotte, Sewall, Shute, Speers, Tanous, Wyman, MacLeod.

ABSENT: Senators Brennan, Hichens, Joly, Katz, Morrell, Olfene, Richardson, Schulten.

A roll call was had. 11 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with eight Senators being absent the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Real Estate Commission." (S. P. 841) (L. D. 2382)

Bill, "An Act Establishing a Full-time Administrative Assistant for the State Parole Board." (S. P. 892) (L. D. 2494)

Bill, "An Act to Establish Better Interlocal Cooperation in Preparedness for Civil Disasters and Emergencies." (S. P. 828) (L. D. 2362)

(On motion by Mr. Clifford of Androscoggin, temporarily set aside.)

Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Corporate Franchise Tax and Recover Losses by an Adjustment in the Annual Report Fee." (S. P. 915) (L. D. 2536)

Which were Read a Second Time and, except for the matter set aside, Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the matter previously set aside at the request of Mr. Clifford of Androscoggin:

Bill, "An Act to Establish Better Interlocal Cooperation in Preparedness for Civil Disasters and Emergencies". (S. P. 828) (L. D. 2362)

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Clifford of Androscoggin then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-368, was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator has the floor.

Mr. CLIFFORD: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This bill is one in its original form which provides that each municipality would be served by a local or inter-jurisdictional agency for emergency preparedness, which most likely would be the Civil Defense Agency. It sets up the procedures for this. This amendment really should have been a committee amendment because the committee had agreed on it, but the bill got out before the committee amendment was put together, and it gives the Governor more flexibility in organizing the emergency preparedness capability by allowing him to appoint municipal CD officers or inter-jurisdictional CD officers or county officers. The original bill mandated him to appoint the county officers, and this gives him more flexibility. I think even though the amendment is long, I don't think there really is that much of a difference in substance from the original bill. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to adopt Senate Amendment "A"?

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate - As Amended

Bill, "An Act to Clarify Certain Administrative Aspects of the Saco River Corridor Commission." (S. P. 826) (L. D. 2353)

Which was Read a Second Time.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

Enactors

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

Emergency

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to Convey Certain Easement Rights at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute in South Portland. (S. P. 886) (L. D. 2473)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 25 members of the Senate was Finally Passed 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 following tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Establishing the Office of Energy Resources." (S. P. 832) (L. D. 2375)

Tabled — February 27, 1974 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

(Committee Amendment "A") (S-361).

Mr. Sewall of Penobscot then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No., S-376), was Read.

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

Mr. SEWALL: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This amendment would enlarge slightly the membership of the Advisory Board to this office of Energy Resources. It would establish a salary for the director and clarify one other point in the bill. Therefore, Mr. President, I move adoption of Senate Amendment "A".

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to adopt Senate Amendment "A"?

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Reconsidered Matter

On motion by Mr. Conley of Cumberland, the Senate voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby Bill, "An Act to Clarify Certain Election Laws", (S. P. 914) (L. D. 2526), was Passed to be Engrossed.

On further motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted and subsequently Indefinitely Postponed Senate Amendment "A".

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the same Senator.

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I think I should explain to the Senate something that happened yesterday. It is sort of a mystery to me, but the amendment that was offered yesterday was put on the wrong bill. I know the staff in our State House is so efficient that the blame would have to lie with me perhaps, so I will accept it. Mr. President, the amendment is not changed at all other than the fact that we are now amending the new draft of the bill.

I present Senate Amendment "A" and move its adoption.

The PRESIDENT: The same Senator now offers Senate Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Secretary will read the amendment.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-373, was Read and Adopted.

On motion by Mr. Shute of Franklin, tabled and Specially Assigned for March 5, 1974, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

(Off Record Remarks)

Mr. Shute of Franklin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate:

Mr. SHUTE: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: As a graduate of your course which you prescribe, and as a graduate of the Dale Carnegie course, I respectfully would like to correct an

impression left with you earlier with reference to 1-4. When Senator Speers made reference to the sponsorship of L.D. 2532 and, as a member of the Maine Committee on Aging, I feel compelled to tell you that this bill is probably one of the most important the committee has been considering. Its original sponsor, it so happens, was Representative Curtis from Orono. The bill has had some difficulty in its preparation and, in order to accommodate some of the recommendations of the Cost Management Survey group, it had a

difficult time, and this is the result of its late appearance. I would like to correct that impression left by the good Senator.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to caution the Senator about the Senate Rule which states you should not refer to people in the other branch, particularly the Representative from Orono.

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Penobscot,
Adjourned until March 4, 1974, at 10
o'clock in the morning.