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OF THE

*One Hundred and Seventh
Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1975

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

HOUSE

Monday, April 21, 1975

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

Prayer by the Rev. Peter L. Misner of Wayne.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

(Off Record Remarks)

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Communication:

The Senate of Maine
Augusta, 04330

April 18, 1975

The Honorable Edwin H. Pert
Clerk of the House
107th Legislature
Augusta, Maine
Dear Mr. Pert:

The President today appointed the following members of the Senate to the Committee of Conference on Bill, "An Act Exempting Solar or Wind Power Facilities from Sales Tax" (S. P. 56) (L. D. 125):

Senators:

- CUMMINGS of Penobscot
- BERRY of Cumberland
- HUBER of Cumberland

Respectfully,

signed:

HARRY N. STARBRANCH
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

From the Senate: The following Joint Resolution: (S. P. 495)

In Memoriam

Having Learned Of The Death Of
GARY ANDREW ANDERSON
of Caribou

The Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine do hereby extend their sincere heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family and friends of the deceased; and further

While duly assembled in session at the State Capitol in Augusta under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, do herein direct that this official expression of sorrow be forthwith sent to the family of the deceased on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

Came from the Senate read and adopted. In the House, the Joint Resolution was read and adopted in concurrence.

**Reports of Committees
Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment**

Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-67) on Bill "An Act to Permit Reimbursement of Attorney General's Cost of Investigation when a Permanent Injunction is Issued" (S. P. 206) (L. D. 696)

Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-59) on Bill "An Act Relating to Special Agency Stores" (S. P. 290) (L. D. 1015)

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendments "A".

Reports were read and accepted in concurrence and the Bills read once. Committee Amendment "A" to each was

read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence and the Bills assigned for second reading tomorrow.

**Recommended to Committee on
Business Legislation**

Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-61) on Bill "An Act Relating to the Registration and Practice of Professional Engineering" (S. P. 112) (L. D. 377)

Came from the Senate with the Bill and accompanying papers recommitted to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House, was recommitted to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

**Ought to Pass
Amended in Senate**

Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on RESOLVE, Providing Funds for Clients in Special Age Groups Served by Cerebral Palsy Centers (S. P. 327) (L. D. 1113) reporting "Ought to Pass"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-70)

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence. Senate Amendment "A" (S-70) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence and the Resolve assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Energy reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act Creating the Dickey-Lincoln Power Authority" (S. P. 189) (L. D. 662)

Report was signed by the following members:

- Messrs. ROBERTS of York
- TROTZKY of Penobscot
- of the Senate.
- Mrs. BYERS of Newcastle
- DURGIN of Kittery
- Messrs. TORREY of Portland
- JACKSON of Yarmouth
- CONNOLLY of Portland,
- KELLEHER of Bangor
- BENNETT of Caribou
- GREENLAW of Stonington
- DAVIES of Orono
- of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought to Pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

- Mr. CIANCHETTE of Somerset
- of the Senate.
- Mr. FARLEY of Biddeford
- of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-75) and Senate Amendment "B" (S-77)

In the House: Reports were read. On motion of Mr. Farley of Biddeford, the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report was accepted in concurrence and the Bill read once. Senate Amendment "A" (S-75) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence. Senate Amendment "B" (S-77) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence and the Bill assigned for second reading tomorrow.

**Non-Concurrent Matter
Tabled and Assigned**
Bill, "An Act Relating to State Subsidy

for Units with Federally Impacted Students" (Emergency) (H. P. 107) (L. D. 104) which was passed to be enacted in the House on April 10.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-69) in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. LeBlanc of Van Buren, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 23.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill, "An Act Establishing the Civil Rights of Hemophiliacs" (H. P. 840) (L. D. 986) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-118) in the House on April 9.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "B" (S-78) in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mrs. Kelley of Machias, the House voted to recede and concur.

Orders

Mr. Smith of Dover Foxcroft presented the following Joint Order and moved to passage: (H. P. 1525)

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of

**KEVIN NELSON
OF MONSON**

**IN BOTH THE ACADEMIC FIELD
AND IN THE SPORT OF BASKETBALL**

WE the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

ORDER and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forth with on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

The Order was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. McKernan of Bangor presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage: (H. P. 1526)

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of

**KAREN ELIZABETH COLBURN
OF BANGOR
1975 NATIONAL FREESTYLE
CHAMPION**

UNITED STATES SKI ASSOCIATION

We the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

ORDER and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

The Order was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

Mrs. Tarr of Bridgton presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage: (H. P. 1527)

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of the

Bridgton Junior Rifle Club Junior Team State Junior Rifle Champions for the Year 1975

We the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

The Order was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

Mrs. Tarr of Bridgton presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage: (H. P. 1528)

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of the Bridgton Junior Rifle Club Sub-Junior Team State Sub-Junior Rifle Champions for the Year 1975

We the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

The Order was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Albert of Limestone, it was

ORDERED, that Douglas Curtis of Rockland be excused April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd for personal reasons;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Stephen L. Perkins of South Portland be excused April 21 through April 25 for personal reasons.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the back of the hall of the House Maine's Junior Miss. Debbie Ruth Clark is 18 years old and she is currently a senior at Gardiner Area High School. She is the daughter of Joan and Ralph Clark of Gardiner. In high school, Debbie has been active in various activities, including the student council, the advisory committee, the French club, glee club and the year book staff. She has also been a member of Girl's State and a representative to Girl's Nation. Along with all these school activities, Debbie has also been active in the Cancer Society, Unicef, anti-drug program, Girl Scouts, head start, March of Dimes, Red Cross and her church youth group. Debbie has interests in sewing, horseback riding, playing the guitar and piano, and she has also stated that she is very much interested in politics and probably interested in being a member of this body or being a member of the other body shortly.

Debbie is the guest of Senator Speers, who may be her opponent at some point and will be leaving this Thursday morning for Mobile, Alabama, as Maine's entry in America's Junior Miss competition.

The Speaker would ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Debbie Ruth Clark, Maine's Junior Miss, to the rostrum address us for a few words.

Thereupon, Miss Clark was escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Miss CLARK: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is my favorite branch of politics. In fact, I was Speaker of the House at Girl's State, but I have to admit that I cannot speak as well or as fast as Mr. Martin.

When I go down to Mobile, a lot of the questions that I am usually asked is about government, because I am interested in it. I don't have too much to say because the Junior Miss role to me is new. What I do have to say in the interviews that I am asked is usually about our Independent Governor and usually about the politics in the State of Maine; in fact, the 18-year-old liquor bill, which is a big thing. I just turned 18. But I would like to say that when I go down I will try to represent all of you as well as I can, especially the government which I am very interested in, and I would like to thank you very much for listening to me. I know you would all like to go back to your homes and relax. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Thereupon, Miss Clark was escorted from the Hall by the Sergeant-at-Arms, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to the Department of Health and Welfare for Emergency Medical Training of Ambulance and Rescue Personnel" (H. P. 498) (L. D. 616) reporting "Ought Not to Pass"

Mr. Jalbert from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing for Incoming WATS Lines to State Offices" (H. P. 957) (L. D. 1196) reporting same.

Mr. Kauffman from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on Bill "An Act Relating to Hunting Buck Deer" (H. P. 766) (L. D. 937) reporting same.

Mr. Lewin from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness" (H. P. 828) (L. D. 1011) reporting same.

Mr. Snow from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Relating to Eligibility Conditions for Benefits under the Employment Security Statutes" (H. P. 666) (L. D. 840) reporting same.

Mr. Fraser from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act to Require Certain Safety Equipment on Bicycles" (H. P. 692) (L. D. 854) reporting same

Were placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 17-A.

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Lynch from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Place the University of Maine under the Administrative Control of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services" (H. P. 426) (L. D. 519) reporting Leave to Withdraw

Mr. LaPointe from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act Relating to Payments to Providers of Health Care Services by the Department of Health and Welfare" (H. P. 697) (L. D. 873) reporting same.

Mr. Stubbs from the Committee on State Government on Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing

for Four-Year Terms for Legislators (H. P. 1070) (L. D. 1350) reporting same.

Mrs. Berube from the Committee on Performance Audit on Resolve, to Study the State Budget Process, Including a Change in the Fiscal Year, Annual Sessions for Budgets and Emergencies and the Form and Time for Budget Submissions (H. P. 909) (L. D. 1108) reporting same.

Mr. Webber from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 to Improve Highways" (H. P. 670) (L. D. 844) reporting same.

Mr. Fraser from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act Providing for Bicycle Registration" (H. P. 729) (L. D. 906) reporting same.

Mr. Jacques from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act Relating to Use of Bells and Sirens on Certain Emergency Vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H. P. 812) (L. D. 983) reporting same.

Mr. Webber from the Committee on Transportation on Resolve, Proposing a Study to Investigate the Feasibility of Developing Foreign Trade Zones in this State (H. P. 985) (L. D. 1250) reporting same.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft New Drafts Printed

Mr. Doak from the Committee on Natural Resources on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Licensing Requirement for Structures of 60,000 Square Feet under the Site Location Act" (H. P. 92) (L. D. 117) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft under same title (H. P. 1519) (L. D. 1832)

Mr. Goodwin from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act to Revise the Maine Medical Laboratory Act" (H. P. 334) (L. D. 406) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft under same title (H. P. 1522) (L. D. 1835)

Mr. Mills from the Committee on Marine Resources on Bill "An Act Concerning Construction and Repair of Fishways" (H. P. 213) (L. D. 268) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft under same title (H. P. 1523) (L. D. 1836)

Mr. Blodgett from the Committee on Marine Resources on Bill "An Act to Amend the Alewife Fishing Laws Relating to Municipalities" (H. P. 286) (L. D. 338) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft under same title (H. P. 1524) (L. D. 1837)

Reports were read and accepted, the New Drafts read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Ought to Pass Printed Bill

Mrs. Berry from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act Relating to Registration of Certain Vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H. P. 813) (L. D. 984) reporting "Ought to Pass"

Report was read and accepted, the Bill read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Six Members of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage to \$2.50 an Hour" (H. P. 148) (L. D. 173) report in Report "A" that the same "Ought to Pass" in New Draft under same title (H. P. 1520) (L. D. 1833)

Report was signed by the following members:

- Mr. FRAY of Penobscot
- of the Senate.
- Mrs. CHONKO of Topsham
- Messrs. LAFFIN of Westbrook
- TIERNEY of Durham
- FLANAGAN of Portland
- MARTIN of St. Agatha
- of the House

Six Members of the same Committee on the same Bill report in Report "B" that the same "Ought to Pass" in New Draft under New Title Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage to \$2.30 an Hour" (H. P. 1521) (L. D. 1834)

Report was signed by the following members:

- Messrs. ROBERTS of York
- McNALLY of Hancock
- of the Senate.
- Mrs. TARR of Bridgton
- Messrs. SNOW of Falmouth
- SPROWL of Hope
- TEAGUE of Fairfield
- of the House.

Reports were read.

Mr. Tierney of Durham moved the House accept Report "A".

(On motion of Mr. Rolde of York, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Tierney of Durham to accept Report "A" and tomorrow assigned.)

**Divided Report
Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-182) on Bill "An Act to Increase the Bonded Debt Limitation of the Maine State Housing Authority's Mortgage Purchase Program" (H. P. 584) (L. D. 723)

Report was signed by the following members:

- Messrs. GRAHAM of Cumberland
- CURTIS of Penobscot
- of the Senate.
- Mrs. KANY of Waterville
- Messrs. COONEY of Sabattus
- WAGNER of Orono
- QUINN of Gorham
- PELOSI of Portland
- CARPENTER of Houlton
- STUBBS of Hallowell
- of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

- Mr. WYMAN of Washington
- of the Senate.
- Mrs. SNOWE of Auburn,
- Messrs. LEWIN of Augusta
- FARNHAM of Hampden
- of the House.

Reports were read.

Mr. Cooney of Sabattus moved the House accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

(On motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus to accept the Majority Report and tomorrow assigned.)

**Divided Report
Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to Pass" on Resolve, to Reimburse Richard Lufkin of Thorndike for Property Damage Caused by Water Runoff from State Highway (H. P. 804) (L. D. 980)

Report was signed by the following members:

- Messrs. GREELEY of Waldo
- McNALLY of Hancock
- of the Senate.
- Mrs. BERRY of Madison
- Messrs. WEBBER of Belfast
- LUNT of Presque Isle
- JACQUES of Lewiston
- WINSHIP of Milo
- of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following members:

- Mr. CYR of Aroostook
- of the Senate.
- Messrs. STROUT of Corinth
- KAUFFMAN of Kittery
- FRASER of Mexico
- JANSEN of Portland
- of the House

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. Fraser.

Mr. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I move we accept the "ought not to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Tozier.

Mr. TOZIER: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I presented this bill, L.D. 980, to reimburse Richard Lufkin \$1,200 for water runoff that went across his property from Route 220. Mr. Lufkin milks about 20 cows. He has about 20 acres; he also holds a part-time job. His wife also works eight hours all the time, every day, in order to make ends meet. The town received about \$20,000 for water runoff damage, and one small bridge alone took two thirds of that to repair. He contacted the Highway Department but nothing could be done in time for him to plow and plant and get his equipment across to the property, so he had it repaired so he could get his work done. I hope you will support the majority "ought to pass" report.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Strout of Corinth, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Fraser of Mexico to accept the Minority Report and tomorrow assigned.

**Divided Report
Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide Low Cost Financing through the Maine State Housing Authority for Nursing Homes and Similar Facilities for Persons of Low Income" (H. P. 756) (L. D. 926)

Report was signed by the following members:

- Messrs. WYMAN of Washington
- GRAHAM of Cumberland
- CURTIS of Penobscot
- of the Senate.

- Mrs. SNOWE of Auburn
- Messrs. FARNHAM of Hampden
- QUINN of Gorham
- LEWIN of Augusta
- COONEY of Sabattus
- CARPENTER of Houlton
- STUBBS of Hallowell
- of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-183) on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

- Mrs. KANY of Waterville
- Mr. PELOSI of Portland
- of the House.

Reports were read.

Mr. Cooney of Sabattus moved the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

On further motion of the same gentleman, tabled pending his motion to accept the Majority Report and tomorrow assigned.

**Consent Calendar
First Day**

In accordance with House Rule 49-A, the following items appear on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

RESOLVE, to Reimburse Eugene W. Downer of Magalloway Plantation for Automobile Damage due to Highway Construction. — Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to Pass" (H. P. 1028) (L. D. 1317)

Bill "An Act Creating Kennebec County Commissioner Districts" — Committee on Local and County Government reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-179) (H. P. 929) (L. D. 1174)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Protection and Improvement of Air Statutes" — Committee on Natural Resources reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-180) (H. P. 694) (L. D. 881)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Market and Public Opinion Research Services Under the Unemployment Compensation Law" — Committee on Labor reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-178) (H. P. 383) (L. D. 476)

Bill "An Act to Revise Certain Provisions of the Maine Health Facilities Authority Act" (Emergency) — Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-181) (H. P. 1027) (L. D. 1306)

Bill "An Act to Increase Certain Fees of Registers of Deeds" — Committee on Local and County Government reporting "Ought to Pass" (S. P. 249) (L. D. 830)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Approved Alcohol Facility' and to Allow Payments to be Made Directly to the Facility" Committee on Health and Institutional Services reporting "Ought to Pass" (S. P. 273) (L. D. 879)

Resolve, Authorizing the Destruction of Student Fingerprint Cards Maintained by State — Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to Pass" (S. P. 380) (L. D. 1231)

No objections being noted the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of April 22, under listing of the Second Day.

**Consent Calendar
Second Day**

In accordance with House Rule 49-A, the following items appear on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Bail Commissioners" (H. P. 614) (L. D. 757)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Payments of Retirement Pay of State Police Officers" (H. P. 962) (L. D. 1208)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Maximum State Payment for Grade Sheep Killed by Dogs or Wild Animals" (H. P. 786) (L. D. 957)

Bill "An Act to Allocate Money from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1976 and June 30, 1977" (Emergency) (S. P. 230) (L. D. 774)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount of

Employee Life Insurance" (S. P. 377) (L. D. 1228)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount of Dependent's Coverage for Group Life Insurance" (S. P. 378) (L. D. 1229)

No objections having been noted, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Shipment of Dogs and Cats Prohibiting the use of Dogs or Cats in Commercial Promotions" (C. "A" H-176) (H. P. 238) (L. D. 294)

On the request of Mr. McKernan of Bangor, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Thereupon, the Report was read and accepted, and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" (H-176) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Bill "An Act Concerning School Entrance Age Requirements" (C. "A" H-172) (H. P. 993) (L. D. 1257)

Bill "An Act to Establish a Cooperative Education Support Program" (C. "A" H-171) (H. P. 640) (L. D. 795)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Board of Environmental Protection to Grant Variances to Statutory Time Schedules" (C. "A" H-174) (H. P. 566) (L. D. 702)

Resolve, Authorizing Conveyance of State Land and Easements to City of Calais for Drainage and Road Construction Regarding the High School Project (C. "A" H-175) (H. P. 917) (L. D. 1131)

No objections have been noted, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "An Act Relating to School Buses" (C. "A" H-170) (H. P. 481) (L. D. 600)

On the request of Mr. Hennessey of West Bath, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Thereupon, the Report was read and accepted and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" (H-170) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Bill "An Act Relating to Service Retirement for the Chief and Deputy Chief of State Police and Payment of Benefits to State Police Retirees" (C. "A" H-173) (H. P. 572) (L. D. 707)

No objection having been noted, was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to the Lease or Acquisition of Certain Railroad Lines by the Department of Transportation" (H. P. 1514) (L. D. 1831)

Bill "An Act Relating to the State Police Retirement System" (H. P. 1513) (L. D. 1830)

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

Second Reader

Tabled and Assigned

Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Annual Sessions of the Legislature and to Change the Date of Convening of the Legislature (H. P. 1510) (L. D. 1827)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading and read the second time.

(On motion of Mr. Birt of East

Millinocket, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.)

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act Relating to Single Payment Loans under the Maine Consumer Credit Code (S. P. 201) (L. D. 668)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary a total was taken. 123 voted in favor of same and 2 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 Prohibiting Increase of Finance Charges on Outstanding Balances of Open-end Accounts under the Consumer Credit Code (H. P. 600) (L. D. 743)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Morton.

Mr. MORTON: Mr. Speaker, may we have an explanation of what this bill does? Just a short one?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Morton, poses a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to answer.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Morton.

Mr. MORTON: Mr. Speaker, apparently no one knows or else they don't want to tell me. I have read this and frankly, it looks to me like an awful lot of record keeping for somebody, and I certainly wonder if it is necessary or not. I think unless I get a better explanation than what I have heard already, I am going to vote against it.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro, tabled pending passage to be enacted and tomorrow assigned.

Enactor

Tabled and Assigned

An Act Relating to Withdrawal of Good Time for County Jail Inmates (S. P. 210) (L. D. 700)

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

(On motion of Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 23.)

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Repeal References to Dairy and Farm Products of Institutions within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections (H. P. 514) (L. D. 632)

An Act to Eliminate the Position of Farm Supervisor of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections (H. P. 516) (L. D. 634)

Were 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 Concerning Annual Notification Fees under the Consumer Credit Code, Concerning a Lender Collecting and Enforcing Loans without a License, and Requiring the Payment of Certain Investigation Fees to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Consumer Protection (H. P. 607) (L. D. 750)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Livermore Falls, Mr. Lynch.

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of the Business Legislation Committee is not here. I think we ought to table items 6, 7 and 8.

Thereupon, on motion of Mrs. Najarian of Portland, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 23.

Enactor

Tabled and Assigned

An Act to Require a Notice of Default to be given within Prescribed Intervals, as Applicable, for Open-end Legislation Transactions under the Consumer Credit Code (H. P. 608)

(L. D. 751)

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

(On motion of Mrs. Najarian of Portland, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 23.)

Enactor

Tabled and Assigned

An Act Concerning Refinancing of Credit Sales on Consolidation under the Consumer Credit Code, (H. P. 610) (L. D. 753)

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

(On motion of Mrs. Najarian of Portland, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 23.)

An Act to Remove the Limitation on the Amount of Real or Personal Property Authorized to be Held by the Portland Diet Mission (H. P. 647) (L. D. 799)

An Act Relating to Sale of Stuffed Toys (H. P. 669) (L. D. 843)

Were 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 Providing for a State Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council (H. P. 871) (L. D. 1077)

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

(On motion of Mr. LaPointe of Portland, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 23.)

An Act to Require the Executive Council to Inform the Governor and the Legislature of its Activities (H. P. 1483) (L. D. 1620)

An Act to Include Pellet Guns within the Definition of Firearm (H. P. 1487) (L. D. 1679)

Were 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:

An Act Increasing the Number of Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court (S. P. 147) (L. D. 510)

Tabled — April 17, by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Mr. Gauthier of Sanford, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.

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

Bill "An Act Relating to the Leasing and Selling of Property Taken or Acquired for Highway Purposes" (S. P. 310) (L. D. 1058) — In House, Indefinitely Postponed. — In Senate, Insisted on Passage to be Engrossed.

Tabled — April 17, by Mr. Rolde of York.

Pending — Further Consideration.

On motion of Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater, the House voted to recede and concur.

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Board of Environmental Protection to Solicit and Receive Testimony on the Economic Effects of Proposed Developments" (H. P. 1500) (L. D. 1823)

Tabled — April 18, by Mr. Peterson of Windham.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Berry of Buxton to Reconsider Passage to be Engrossed.

Thereupon, the House reconsidered its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Mills of Eastport offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-186) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Rolde.

Mr. ROLDE: Mr. Speaker, I notice that the House Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee is not in his seat, and I wonder if someone would table this for one legislative day.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro, tabled pending the adoption of House Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 23.

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

House Report — "Ought to Pass" — Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Access to Written Records Concerning Elementary and Secondary School Pupils" (H. P. 975) (L. D. 1269)

Tabled — April 18, by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

Pending — Acceptance of Committee Report.

On motion of Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls, retabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and tomorrow assigned.

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

An Act to Fund Public School Education (Emergency) (H. P. 1437) (L. D. 1452)

Tabled — April 18, by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Mr. Rolde of York, retabled pending passage to be enacted and tomorrow assigned.

(Off Record Remarks)

Mrs. Bachrach of Brunswick was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. BACHRACH: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I won't take up much of your time because I know this is a holiday and you want to get out of here, but I have read one too many of these editorials that direct us to leave things as they are and wait until people complain. I would like to draw your attention to who this is we are expecting to save our political necks with a great outcry against cuts in budget — these people are the poor, the elderly, the children, the sick, the mentally ill and the retarded. These are the people who are supposed to blow the whistle on the Governor's budget. I submit that they are the least capable of defending themselves. They may fear to jeopardize what little they have by complaining, at least those who are capable of complaining.

I thought for a while that the towns might come to the rescue. I now realize that they can put off repairing a couple of roads and hope it won't snow much in December, and as for social services in the towns, there we're back to the same game.

I am certain that the people of Maine are compassionate people, but are busy making their own livelihood. They rely on us, their elected representatives, to defend the interests of less fortunate people among us.

I propose that we must take up the responsibility and not pass any budget with the idea that complaints from "out there" will take us off the hook. The people involved could suffer for a year or two at least. Who is going to speak for them if we don't?

There are two more points: If 200 people are fired from Mental Health and Corrections, they will collect unemployment and do no one any good. They might as well be working for the people who need their help. The money that is paid in social security comes out of their pockets too, and we may go back to locking up the patients and keeping them quiet with tranquilizers if there is not enough staff to handle them in any other way. Do you think that these people will write you and make claims and complain?

Lastly, I find it an insult to my intelligence to be told that Mr. Rosser is close to being able to operate within the budget if he can front load it and undercut the last half year. What kind of Watergate double talk is this? We all know you can't get away with living on December's money in June — it certainly will catch up with you. Funds must be provided for needed services and the legislature must do the job itself. We are deluding ourselves if we think that the people out there will do it for us.

I hope you will really seriously think when you say that you will want to hear from the people out there and remember who it is that is going to be most hurt by cuts.

(Off Record Remarks)

Mr. Hughes of Auburn was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HUGHES: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I just wanted to share with members of the House an

experience I had Saturday at home raking my front lawn and hearing the sound of breaking glass down by the road. I looked down and found a group of people, friends and neighbors of mine from Auburn, who don't often have the best side of their image projected to the public, and it was the Perkins Ridge Snowmobilers who, as a project of that group, were picking up trash along our roadsides in Auburn and Lewiston. I think this kind of effort ought to go recognized by this body. In fact, I joined them for about an hour and I would share one more piece of information, that on a three-mile stretch of Auburn streets, we picked up over a pickup truck load of bottles and cans.

On motion of Mr. Lizotte of Biddeford.

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.