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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*One Hundred and Seventh  
Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1975

KENNEBEC JOURNAL  
AUGUSTA, MAINE

**SENATE**

Thursday, January 2, 1975

Senate called to order by the President.  
Prayer by the Rev. Robert Butler of  
Hallowell:

Let us pray. Lord God Almighty, who made all people of the earth for your glory, summon all states, especially our State of Maine, to serve in freedom and peace. Grant the people of our State a zeal of righteousness and the strength of self-control, that we may exercise our liberty and justice in compassion. Kindle in the hearts of all men the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel in this Senate and of the other governing bodies of this State and for nations of the earth, that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. Bless all, we pray, who give themselves the service of their fellow men, that in wisdom, patience and courage they may hear those who suffer, those who are friendless, and those who are needy. Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression, that we reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice among men and nations, to the glory of your holy name, the one God now and forever. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

**Joint Order**

Out of Order and Under Suspension of the Rules:

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they adjourn to Tuesday, January 7, at 10 o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 31)

Which was Read and Passed.

Under suspension of the rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.

**Communication**

Out of Order and Under Suspension of the Rules,

Report of Joint Select Committee on  
Gubernatorial Vote:

**State of Maine**

The Joint Select Committee of the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature on returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the political years 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978, has attended to its duty and asks leave to report that the whole number of votes returned for Governor was 363,945; and that James S. Erwin of Pittston had 84,176; William Brown Hughes of Portland had 1,314 votes; Stanley J. Leen, Jr. of Bangor had 2,883 votes; James B. Longley of Lewiston had 142,464 votes; George J. Mitchell of South Portland had 132,219 votes and Leith Hartman of South Berwick had 889 votes.

/s/ CECIL H. McNALLY  
Chairman on the part

of the Senate

/s/ ARMANDA A. LEBLANC  
Chairman on the part

of the House

Which report was Read and Accepted.

Under Suspension of the Rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.

**Papers from the House**

**Joint Order**

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that

the Speaker of the House be authorized, at his discretion, to permit radio or sound television film or live television, or any two or three of these communication media, in the Hall of the House of Representatives while the House is in session, or during joint conventions of the Legislature. (H. P. 44)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**House Papers**

The Bills, Resolves and Resolutions today received from the House requiring Reference to Committees were acted upon in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Require Returnable Beverage Containers." (H. P. 7) (L. D. 12)

Committee on Natural Resources suggested.

Comes from the House with the Bill Indefinitely Postponed.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled pending Reference.

**Communication**

State of Maine

Department of the Attorney General

Augusta, Maine 04330

January 1, 1975

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the 107th Legislature:

Pursuant to Article V, Part Fourth, Section 2, of the Constitution of Maine, I am transmitting herewith two bonds of the Honorable RODNEY LATHAM SCRIBNER, Treasurer of State, each in the amount of \$250,000.00, one written by Seaboard Surety Company of Portland, Maine, bearing date of December 18, 1974, and the other written by Maine Bonding and Casualty Company of Portland, Maine, bearing date of December 18, 1974, each being payable to the State of Maine.

Respectfully,

(S) JOSEPH E. BRENNAN

Attorney General

(S. P. 38)

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File, and accompanying papers placed on file with State Auditor.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Trotzky of Penobscot,

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Augusta Civic Center for the purpose of administering to the Honorables David E. Redmond, John F. Clemente, Charles Abbott, Carl Cianchette, Richard S. Webber, Charles Jacobs and Nathan Cohen of the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of the official duties as Executive Councilors, and for the further purpose of administering to the Honorable James B. Longley, Governor-elect, the oath required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Which was Read and Passed.

Thereupon, at the request of the President, the Secretary carried the message to the House of Representatives and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, ORDERED, that 3,500 copies of the Governor's Message be printed.

Which was Read and Passed.

On motion by Mr. Pray of Penobscot, ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Honorable JAMES B. LONGLEY, and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the political years 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978. (S. P. 39)

Which was Read and Passed.

Under suspension of the rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The President Appointed:

Senators:

WYMAN of Washington  
SPEERS of Kennebec  
CONLEY of Cumberland.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Androscoggin,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider the Governor's Message and report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees. (S. P. 40)

Which was Read and Passed.

Under suspension of the rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The President appointed:

Senators:

GREELEY of Waldo  
BERRY of Cumberland  
DANTON of York.

At this point, a message was received from the House concurring in the proposed Convention at 6:30 p.m. at the Augusta Civic Center for the purpose of administering the oaths to the Executive Councilors and to the Governor-elect.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, the Senate then recessed until 6:30 p.m. at the Augusta Civic Center.

**In Convention**

The President of the Senate, Joseph Sewall, in the Chair.

Convention called to order by the Chairman.

On motion by Senator Corson of Somerset,

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the Councilors-elect, informing them that the two branches of the Legislature are in Convention assembled, ready to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Which was Read and Passed.

The Chairman appointed the following Committee to convey the message:

Senators:

KATZ of Kennebec  
CUMMINGS of Penobscot  
DANTON of York

Representatives:

CHONKO of Topsham  
CAREY of Waterville  
FRASER of Mexico  
BINNETTE of Old Town  
DAM of Skowhegan  
SHUTE of Stockton Springs  
KELLEY of Machias

Senator Katz, for the Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it

was charged and that the Councilors-elect would attend forthwith.

Thereupon, the Honorables David E. Redmond, John F. Clemente, Nathan Cohen, Carl Cianchette, Charles Abbott, Charles A. Jacobs, and Richard S. Webber, accompanied by the outgoing councilors, entered the Auditorium, and in the presence of both branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councilors and suite then withdrew amid the applause of the Convention.

On motion by Senator Curtis of Penobscot,

ORDERED, that a Committee of ten be appointed to wait upon the Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Justices of the Superior Court, and the Chief Judge and Judges of the District Court, inviting them to attend this Convention convened for the purpose of administering to the Honorable James B. Longley, Governor-elect, the oath required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Which was Read and Passed.

The Chairman appointed the following Committee to convey the invitation:

Senators:

SPEERS of Kennebec  
COLLINS of Knox  
CLIFFORD of Androscoggin

Representatives:

BERUBE of Lewiston  
JALBERT of Lewiston  
DRIGOTAS of Auburn  
TIERNEY of Durham  
LYNCH of Livermore Falls  
SNOWE of Auburn  
LEWIS of Auburn

Senator Speers, for the Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged and that the Judiciary would attend forthwith.

Thereupon, the Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Superior Court, and the Chief Judge and Judges of the District Court entered the Auditorium amid the applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

At this point, the immediate family of the Governor-elect entered the Auditorium and were escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms amid the applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

The Chairman extended a welcome to Mrs. Helen W. Longley, daughters Kathryn, Susan and Nancy, and sons James, Jr. and Stephen.

On motion by Senator Huber of Cumberland,

ORDERED, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Honorable James B. Longley, Governor-elect, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are in Convention assembled, ready to administer to him the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties and receive from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

Which was Read and Passed.

The Chairman appointed the following Committee to convey the message:

Senators:

WYMAN of Washington  
GREELEY of Waldo  
CONLEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

COONEY of Sabattus  
LeBLANC of Van Buren  
BOUDREAU of Portland  
MAXWELL of Jay  
CURRAN of Bangor  
TYNDALE of Kennebunkport  
BERRY of Madison

Senator Wyman, for the Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged and that the Governor-elect would attend forthwith.

(Convention at ease)

Called to order by Chairman Sewall.

Thereupon, James B. Longley, Governor-elect, escorted by the Honorable Chief Justice Armand A. Dufresne, Jr., and attended by the Honorable Markham L. Gartley, Secretary of State; former Governors Horace A. Hildreth, Burton M. Cross, Robert N. Haskell, Edmund S. Muskie, and John H. Reed; Executive Councilors David E. Redmond, John F. Clemente, Nathan Cohen, Carl Cianchette, Charles Abbott, Charles A. Jacobs, and Richard S. Webber, and Aides De Camp, entered the Auditorium amid prolonged applause, the audience rising.

The National Anthem was played by the Edward Little and Lewiston High School Bands.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Monsignor Paul D. Gleason.

Thereupon, the Governor-elect, James B. Longley, before the presiding officer of the Convention, the Honorable Joseph Sewall, in the presence of both branches of the Legislature, the Chief Justice, and Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Superior Court, and the Chief Judge and Judges of the District Court, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Chairman of the Convention then called upon the Secretary of State, Honorable Markham L. Gartley, to read the Proclamation:

#### Proclamation

The votes given in on the fifth day of November last, in the cities, towns and plantations of the State for Governor, the returns of which have been made to the office of the Secretary of State, having been examined and counted by the Legislature which has declared that a plurality thereof was given to James B. Longley, and that he is duly elected and he, having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge the duties of that office, I, therefore, declare and make known to all persons in this State who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all good citizens thereof, that James B. Longley is Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Maine, and that due obedience should be rendered to all his acts and commands as such.

#### God Save the State of Maine

The Chairman of the Convention then presented Governor James B. Longley to the Convention, amid prolonged applause, the audience rising.

The Governor then addressed the Convention as follows:

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, Associate Justices, former Governors, and Members of the 107th Legislature:

First of all, allow me the privilege of thanking the Legislature on behalf of the people here tonight and also share an appropriate tribute from Shakespeare that I think applies to the Legislators willing to try to serve their fellow man, and I quote:

"Some are always active in thought, are always ready to adopt new ideas; they are satisfied, yet dissatisfied; settled, yet unsettled; they always enjoy the best of what is, and are the first to find the best of what will be." I think that is an appropriate tribute for the Legislature here in the State of Maine.

I would like to end this day in part the way I started this day. I stood at the cemetery and said to my Mom and Dad the best I knew how, "I never needed your help more or your prayers more." And I say this to you gathered here tonight and to all citizens of Maine. No governor perhaps has ever needed more help, more understanding, or more need for cooperation, and I feel confident that as we move together in these difficult days ahead that we will be fair, we will be understanding, and mutually agree and recognize that the good of Maine must in fact be above any partisan politics.

So tonight I begin my duties as Governor of Maine with full realization of the awesome responsibility that lies before me. And if history records me as a good governor, it will be due in large part to the men who have preceded me as chief executive of this State and have brought us to this place in time and history.

Each was a man of his time and made his contribution just as I must be a man of my time and try to make my contribution.

But time does not run in cycles — like on the face of a clock or on the squares of a calendar. The clock hand always sweeps back to where it started, and once we tear a page from a calendar, there are other days waiting to be used. In our youth each new day dawns without a sense of loss and with the same vigor and vitality as the one before it. However, with maturity comes the realization that time is not a comforting circle but a very straight line. This line never bends, and we must realize that we are being rushed to our own destinies, for time is running in a straight line for Maine.

Time has brought Maine to a critical point in her history. Hard decisions have to be made, and Maine has to be headed in a direction that will bring her people a quality of life without forcing them to sacrifice the things that must have made this State unique in both spirit and beauty.

In this regard, I want to outline to you tonight what I believe — what I feel needs to be done — and how I think we working together can accomplish it.

I believe that the country and Maine, as far as government is concerned, has by and large had management by crisis and that this approach to dealing with problems must be stopped. We must stop waiting for emergencies before acting. Now is the time — now is the time we must plan for the future so we will no longer have management by crisis in government.

I propose that beginning tomorrow we initiate a new and different method of operation. . . designed to put Maine in a position of leadership among all of the

states. And for the next twelve months, I urge that we establish a "dualistic approach" in reshaping our state government.

With the realistic knowledge that time stops for no man . . . and with the realization that we should split the time line to provide for two meaningful avenues of responsibility, we should take these steps:

First, we must keep the store open and run the day-to-day operations of State Government to the best of our ability.

On the other side of the time line, we must pause and consider the direction we are going and our ultimate destiny for Maine.

Anything short of this dualistic approach can only allow us to deal with emergencies as they occur — more management by crisis — without the benefits of a strong direction for the State of Maine and without the presence of much needed long-range goals and objectives.

So first, if you will, let me address myself to side one of this dualistic approach — keeping the store open.

I have asked all major department heads to meet with me tomorrow morning — at seven (7) a.m. — in order that I may outline to them my initial, basic approach to day-to-day operations of state government, including what I will require to be a fundamental policy of service to you, the public . . . namely, immediate consideration of the demands of all citizens for action on their problems, not the problems that the government officials think are the problems. This is a policy I will pursue on a regular basis so that there will be a unified approach of service to the people of Maine.

I also ask the Legislature to declare a one-year moratorium on new programs that will cost money, unless the money can be found or is now in an existing program with a lower priority of need. And my budget will include more for the elderly because of dollars we will save in other areas, as I feel the needs of the elderly in Maine are our top priority presently.

The people of Maine deserve, I feel, this period of re-assessment of government — a re-assessment in a period in which we can fully examine the bureaucracy and establish our people priorities.

As Maine continues her journey down the straight line of time, let's take this vital pause so we can make certain that the decisions we make and the directions we take will be the very best possible for our State.

And such a pause, I submit, is not intended as an easy rest stop, but a period of hard work and dedication in which we must make certain that every single tax dollar is being spent to its maximum benefit and that every single program already existing within this State Government serves no other purpose but to aid and assist the people of Maine who need help.

Obviously, as Governor, I cannot require the Legislature to take this brief pause and honor this moratorium. A chief executive does not exercise that type authority over the Legislature, and that is the way it should be, but my own legislative program will practice what I am suggesting and we will honor this moratorium.

I would hope, if we honor this moratorium, that this session could be abbreviated and that we could come together at a later date with a clearer concept of our financial status and the

direction we need to take, because it would be unfair to ask the Legislature to honor a moratorium on new spending programs without offering the full cooperation and assistance of the Governor's Office. And I am expressing my willingness to cooperate by offering non-spending programs or those I feel will save tax dollars. I also have a committee working almost around the clock with one thought in mind — and that thought is to allow me, as your Governor, to present to this Legislature a balanced budget. Not only will this moratorium give us an opportunity to place a belt around the growing bureaucracy of government, but it will allow us to examine each of our goals, our objectives, and yes, our dreams for Maine.

Within the next few weeks, I plan to present to the Legislature bills that will make an initial thrust at campaign reform. Hopefully, this legislation will take some meaningful steps in the regulation of lobbying activities and will clarify present laws relating to expense and contribution filings by political candidates. I will also ask the Legislature to consider action to restrict agencies of government, including the university, from spending taxpayer money to promote the spending of additional taxpayer dollars. When agencies of government are using taxpayer dollars to promote more spending of taxpayer dollars, this is governmental incest at its worst and must be eliminated.

I also plan to present legislation to bring about further reorganization in the Executive Branch of Government. Previous administrations have recommended that the Department of Commerce and Industry be keyed more with the Governor's Office as a more effective tool for economic development. I intend to support and pursue this approach in my re-organization efforts.

We can also use this moratorium period to consider some constitutional changes which I feel will help bring about a more efficient operation of State Government.

As Governor, I will support the following changes:

1. Legislation to abolish the Executive Council, but to place its confirming powers with some other body because, as Governor, I feel the highest offices in this State and the Judiciary should be subject to confirmation and not at the will of one man.

2. I will introduce legislation to eliminate the office of State Treasurer. The duties of this office can be easily absorbed in the Department of Finance and Administration and produce a savings for State Government.

3. A legislative study to analyze the role of the Attorney General and the relationship of that office to the Legislature and the Governor's Office. The Legislature might want to consider the possibility of allowing the Governor to play a part in the selection of the Attorney General and/or make available to the Governor his own legal counsel which he now does not have.

4. Legislation requiring annual sessions of the Legislature so we can stop fooling ourselves and the public with special sessions.

5. A constitutional amendment to make the office of Secretary of State elective and to have the person elected to that office be the first in line of succession as Governor. I feel there is great need to have an official

elected by all the people of Maine ready to assume the office of Governor should a chief executive die in office.

When I started my campaign for Governor as an Independent, many, as you well know, said it was an impossible dream. However, we now know the dream was possible. Some are saying now that a balanced budget and full cooperation between an Independent Governor, a Democratic House and a Republican Senate are impossible dreams. But I believe these dreams too can become possible and become a reality. I am so grateful to the many members of this Legislature who have written or phoned me or spoken to me and who have already expressed their willingness to cooperate, and I seek the cooperation of the rest and pledge my cooperation to all.

In the four years ahead of us, I will be asking for this cooperation from the Legislature, elected officials and from the citizens of Maine. But I will not be asking anyone to forsake political parties even though they will be working with an Independent Governor. I am merely asking that the good of the State and all of its citizens be placed above any other consideration.

As we all know, this is a trying time in this country and for the people of Maine, and they deserve nothing less than a unified government that will try to solve the many problems that beset our society.

Since my election, I have sat down with the leaders of both parties, not separately but at the same time, and they have been most cooperative, and I am most appreciative. This is the approach I plan to continue to take for the duration of my administration. I believe the pursuit of any other avenue would be a violation of the trust of the voters of Maine who elected an Independent Governor.

I am willing and ready to work equally with both parties. And I believe the parties are willing and ready to give me the same fair consideration.

We are embarking on a new experiment in government and the prospect is an exciting one. No other state in the nation has an Independent Governor, a Democratic House of Representatives and a Republican Senate. And I am not about to suggest again that as Maine goes so goes the nation, but the eyes of the nation will be on Maine to see what can be accomplished in the sense of fair play — to see how we handle this unique experiment. And I am convinced the nation will see that much will be accomplished — not because Maine has a Democratic House, a Republican Senate and an Independent Governor — but because I believe Maine people, when the chips are down, will be fair and will set aside all other considerations to work together for the good of the entire State of Maine. I believe the Legislature will be as fair as they are entitled to expect from their Governor, and in any event, I have confidence that the people of Maine not only expect fairness and are entitled to fairness, but will demand fairness from their Governor and their Legislature.

My election as an Independent Governor has been interpreted many different ways by different people. But I give it only one interpretation, and that is that the people of Maine elected a man they felt would devote his full energies to being the Governor of all the people the next four years. Being the type of Governor the people want and expect the next four years is my only interest and goal. I have said I

hope my election will strengthen the two parties, but I'm not saying to my supporters or anyone that they should associate themselves with either of the parties, nor am I saying they should charter a course as Independents. I say simply that everyone should be involved in the political process more than we have been. Whether that involvement is within the structure of the major parties or outside is strictly a matter of personal conviction.

My role for the next four years will be that of the Governor of all of the people of Maine, whether they be Independents, Republicans or Democrats. I believe the Governor's and the Legislature's mutual objective must be government for the people, by the people and of the people first and foremost . . . and partisan politics second. This is what the people are expecting of their leaders, whether they be in the Governor's Office or in the House and Senate. And it is incumbent upon each of us to listen to the voices and the drumbeats that want and demand a government that can rise above partisan politics. And I believe the voters cast their ballots that way in November and I believe this might be even more true two and four years from now.

The problems facing the 107th Legislature, as they well know, are going to be perhaps the most complex in our State's history. One of the things that must be carefully examined is L. D. 1994 which was passed by the 106th Legislature in an effort to equalize educational opportunities in Maine by having the State assume a greater burden in the funding of education. And while the objectives of the 106th Legislature and L. D. 1994 were good, I am afraid the Legislature did a grave injustice to the men and women who are now beginning legislative service. The 106th passed a major and costly piece of legislation without providing adequately for its future funding, and as a result, the 107th Legislature is now faced with the task of finding those additional funds or altering the legislation. I hope — I hope very much — that this and future legislatures will avoid that mistake by placing price tags on all programs and funding them before they become law. As far as L. D. 1994 is concerned, I pledge to the 107th Legislature my full support and cooperation for any meaningful alterations that will make the law workable and fair without imposing an unreasonable burden on the citizens of Maine. I would hope the Legislature would not repeal this legislation but, hopefully, will consider modifying or eliminating the construction and vehicle spending that are mushrooming costs of education.

Another challenge will be to examine the effectiveness of Government at all levels, not only that located in Augusta. There is a great need, I submit, to take a long look at our city and particularly county government in Maine — to take a long look at city and particularly county government in Maine and to eliminate duplicate and overlapping programs that are costing tax dollars without providing any additional services.

However, the major challenge facing each of us is to find more and better jobs for the people of this State.

A major thrust of my administration will be to attract to this State the type of industries and firms that will be as good citizens as the Maine people they employ.

I have already started to seek industries

that will provide quality jobs for Maine people. And this search will not end during my four years in office.

We must also continue to develop a strong educational system in Maine from the elementary level to the university. This system must be structured with only one thought in mind — and that is to meet the needs of all of our people, and not the needs as designed solely by the people paid to provide for the education for the people. And it must, by necessity, be the guiding light as Maine charts her course toward the year two thousand.

We must prepare our youth for meaningful jobs that can be found in Maine instead of training them for jobs they must go outside the State to find or which cannot be found at all.

As you well know, I have been a businessman, and I am proud of having been a businessman. I feel that business people can make a contribution to government. And I also challenge the business community to come to Augusta more frequently to support legislation for the good of the State rather than only come on occasion when the legislation concerns them. And I ask government and the politicians that make careers of public office to extend a welcome hand to the business community because they are our fellow citizens — they are also human beings — and I genuinely believe working together is in the best interests of all of us.

The comment has been made too often, I think, that operations of government cannot be treated like a business. I reject this philosophy because to say that good business practices cannot be brought to government is to say it is the nature of government to continue to be wasteful and inefficient, and I reject that approach.

Common sense alone dictates that the absence of sound business practice in government can only lead us in two directions, both bad:

1. The temptation to overspend, dictated by the influence of politicians who seek voter security via what I term campaign promises that cost the taxpayers more than any benefit he could ever receive.

2. Elected officials who become champions of attractive sounding programs which offer free services and/or aid to their constituency, which are close to bankrupting Americans as well as states like Maine.

Nothing is free, or at least there is no free ride for very long, regardless of how the costs may be camouflaged. Yet over the years we have added programs on top of programs, personnel on top of personnel, state buildings on top of state buildings, to the point where our State Government now requires well over a million dollars a day just to stay in business.

And, we are all well aware of the source from where these needed dollars come.

So, true, unlike a business, it is not the purpose of our State Government to show a profit. But the time has arrived to examine the bottom line . . . and determine if we are getting a dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent.

Despite the uncertainty of the times in which we live and despite the fact that it is time for some hard decisions to be made, I believe Maine's future is a bright one. I believe we can provide more and better jobs for our people. I believe we can preserve and protect our environment. I believe we can help establish pride and

dignity for all of our people, including pride in their jobs for state employees. Parenthetically, I want to say that, despite what some people say, some of the most dedicated, talented and loyal employees I have ever seen are State employees, and I seek their help in attracting and retaining more like themselves.

I believe we can do these things by returning to a basic Maine value and concept for working together and believing together for the good of all.

Finally, as a great American, I thought, said — I had heard this quote attributed to Lincoln at least on three occasions — this evening an excellent individual whom I respect thought it was a paraphrase of Shakespeare; nevertheless, I think it is apropos:

"Some people inherit great honors,  
Some people deserve great honors,  
Some people have great honors thrust upon them."

The State of Maine has thrust a great honor on Jim Longley, and to paraphrase a famous son of Maine . . .

"My time will be your time, and

Your time will be my time."

Thank you very, very much.

(Prolonged applause, Convention rising)

At the conclusion of the address, a benediction was offered by the Reverend Monsignor Paul D. Gleason.

The Governor and his suite then withdrew amid the applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chairman declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to its Chamber at the State House.

#### In Senate

Called to Order by the President.

There being no objection, the President appointed to the Campaign Reports Committee the following:

Senators:

BERRY of Cumberland  
DANTON of York.

The Adjournment Order having been returned from the House, Read and Passed in concurrence, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 7, 1975 at 10 o'clock in the morning.