

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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## SENATE

Thursday, May 8, 1975

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Bertram F. Wentworth of Mechanic Falls:

Our dear heavenly Father, we are thankful to be here today and to be part of a state and nation whose ideal is under God. We regret we have not always followed Thy will in the state and the nation. We are sorry for the dark pages of history and we are not proud of these dark pages. We are glad for the noble chapters that tell of good service and unselfish efforts to serve the public good. We are thankful for all that work for the public welfare, for the lobbies that aid in good government. Help these members to guard themselves against the others.

We know, our Father, there are many problems that trouble this state and we pray that Thy blessing shall be upon the affairs of today in this assembly. We pray that they shall seek your guidance as they work for good solutions. If we are to have in our state a government of the people, by the people, for the people, we know that the members of this Senate must remember the vows that they took when they entered office. Help them to hold to these ideals unswervingly, and when they have finished their terms may they hear from Thee that welcome plaudit "Well done, good and faithful servants. Thou hast been faithful in the offices of government. Enter thou into the satisfactions of a clear conscience." These things we ask in the name of our God. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

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

Bill, "An Act to Equalize the Retail Price of Alcoholic Beverages Throughout the State." (H. P. 403) (L. D. 492)

In the House May 5, 1975, the Minority report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

In the Senate May 6, 1975, the Majority Ought Not to Pass report Read and Accepted, in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that Body having Insisted.

Mr. Graffam of Cumberland moved that the Senate Adhere.

Mr. Conley of Cumberland then moved that the Senate Recede and Concur.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Johnston of Aroostook, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending the motion by Mr. Conley of Cumberland to Recede and Concur.

**Non-concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Adjust the Retirement Allowance under the State Retirement Law for Donald A. Yeaton of Winthrop. (S. P. 450) (L. D. 1509)

In the Senate April 30, 1975, the Majority Ought Not to Pass report Read and Accepted.

Comes from the House, the Minority report Read and Accepted and the Resolve Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-258), in non-concurrence.

Mr. Speers of Kennebec moved that the Senate Recede and Concur, and Mr. O'Leary of Oxford subsequently requested a division.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President, I would remind the Senate that this was debated two days ago in the Senate. There is now a

fiscal note added to the documentation showing that it will cost a little over \$12,000 to make this bill into law, and I would remind the Senate of the consistent policy that has been followed in these cases thus far this year.

The PRESIDENT: A division has been requested on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers, that the Senate recede and concur with the House. Will all those Senators in favor of the motion to recede and concur please rise in their places until counted.

A division was had. 10 having voted in the affirmative, and 14 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to Adhere.

**Non-concurrent Matter**

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage to \$2.50 an Hour." (H. P. 148) (L. D. 173)

In the House April 23, 1975, Report "A" Read and Accepted and the Bill, in New Draft, (H. P. 1520) (L. D. 1833) Passed to be Engrossed.

In the Senate April 29, 1975, Report "B" Read and Accepted and the Bill, in New Draft, (H. P. 1521) (L. D. 1834) Passed to be Engrossed, in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that Body having Insisted.

Mr. Conley of Cumberland moved that the Senate Recede and Concur.

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

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President, this matter has been amply debated and the position of this body is perfectly clear. I would urge the Senate to vote against the motion to recede and concur, and would ask for a division.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley, that the Senate recede and concur with the House. Will all those Senators in favor of receding and concurring with the House please rise in their places until counted.

A division was had. Five having voted in the affirmative, and 20 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to Adhere.

**Joint Order  
STATE OF MAINE**

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

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of the Westbrook High School Stage Band State 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. (H. P. 1566)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**Joint Order  
STATE OF MAINE**

In the Year Of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-five.

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of Hancock County Spelling Champion 1975

Laurel Beeler  
of  
Blue Hill

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. (H. P. 1570)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**Joint Order  
STATE OF MAINE**

In The Year Of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-five

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

Granite City Grange No. 548  
of  
Hallowell

50th Anniversary 1925-1975

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. (H. P. 1571)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Corson of Somerset,  
STATE OF MAINE

In The Year Of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Five

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

Mrs. Nina E. Boston  
Upon Retirement

After 34 Years of Dedicated  
Public Service to the  
Municipality of Athens

We the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives 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. (S. P. 516)

Which was Read and Passed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Corson of Somerset,  
STATE OF MAINE

In The Year Of Our Lord One Thousand  
Nine Hundred And Seventy-Five

WHEREAS, The Legislature has  
learned of the Outstanding Achievement  
and Exceptional Accomplishment of  
Mr. Wallace Jones  
Upon Retirement  
Following 47 Years of  
Dedicated Public Service  
To The Municipality of Athens

We the Members of the Senate and  
House of Representatives 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. (S. P. 517)

Which was Read and Passed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

#### Committee Reports House

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Retention of  
Certain Authorized Fees by County  
Officers." (H. P. 397) (L. D. 486)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Salaries of Jury  
Commissioners and County Officers in  
Lincoln County." (H. P. 800) (L. D. 976)

Bill, "An Act to Clarify and Amend  
Municipal Home Rule Ordinance  
Powers." (H. P. 1195) (L. D. 1491)

Bill, "An Act to Establish Program  
Budgeting for Counties and to Require  
Submission of the County Estimates to the  
Secretary of State by the 20th Day of each  
January in which the Legislature Meets." (H. P. 1290) (L. D. 1573)

Bill, "An Act to Provide for the Payment  
of Fees of Attorneys Retained by a  
Claimant Involved in Appellant  
Proceedings under the Unemployment  
Compensation Statutes." (H. P. 1399) (L.  
D. 1716)

Resolve, Authorizing Suit for Severance  
Pay for Employees. (H. P. 1322) (L. D.  
1636)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Evidence of  
Stolen Property." (H. P. 341) (L. D. 425)

#### Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Local and County  
Government on, Bill, "An Act to Repeal  
Specific Line Category Cuts with Regard  
to County Budgets." (H. P. 805) (L. D. 981)

Reported that the same be granted  
Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Local and County  
Government on, Bill, "An Act to Grant  
Counties Certain Powers to Enter on  
Lands and to Contract with the Federal  
Government and Other Bodies." (H. P.  
920) (L. D. 1133)

Reported that the same be granted  
Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Local and County  
Government on, Bill, "An Act to Authorize  
Municipalities to Borrow in Anticipation of  
Taxes." (H. P. 1418) (L. D. 1694)

Reported that the same be granted  
Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Public Utilities on,  
Bill, "An Act to Remove the Expenses of  
Promotional Advertising from the  
Determination of Electric Utility Rates." (H. P. 1284) (L. D. 1580)

Reported that the same be granted  
Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Local and County  
Government on, Bill, "An Act to Authorize  
Municipalities to Borrow in Anticipation of  
Taxes." (H. P. 1149) (L. D. 1443)

Reported that the same be granted  
Leave to Withdraw.

Come from the House, the reports Read  
and Accepted.

Which reports were Read and Accepted  
in concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

The Committee on Appropriations and  
Financial Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to  
Provide for Reimbursement of Court  
Appointed Attorneys for Reasonable  
Disbursements made on Behalf of Their  
Clients." (H. P. 1265) (L. D. 1631)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.  
Comes from the House, the Bill Passed  
to be Engrossed.

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

#### Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Legal  
Affairs on, Bill, "An Act Relating to  
Innkeepers, Victualers and Lodging  
Homes." (H. P. 1115) (L. D. 1406)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as  
Amended by Committee Amendment "A"  
(H-243).

Signed:

Senators:

CORSON of Somerset

DANTON of York

CIANCHETTE of Somerset

Representatives:

HUNTER of Benton

SHUTE of Stockton Springs

BURNS of Anson

COTE of Lewiston

DUDLEY of Enfield

CAREY of Waterville

The Minority of the same Committee on  
the same subject matter reported that the  
same Ought to Pass as Amended by  
Committee Amendment "B" (H-244).

Signed:

Representatives:

GOULD of Old Town

PERKINS of Blue Hill

JOYCE of Portland

FAUCHER of Solon

Comes from the House, the Majority  
report Read and Accepted and the Bill  
Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by  
Committee Amendment "A" (H-243).

Which reports were Read.

Thereupon, the Majority Ought to Pass  
Report of the Committee was Accepted in  
concurrence and the Bill Read Once.  
Committee Amendment "A" was Read  
and Adopted in concurrence and the Bill,  
as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for  
Second Reading.

#### Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on  
Education on, Bill, "An Act to Require  
Bicycle Safety Education in Public  
Schools." (H. P. 1079) (L. D. 1359)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

BERRY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

LYNCH of Livermore Falls

MITCHELL of Vassalboro  
BAGLEY of Winthrop  
CARROLL of Limerick  
INGEGNERI of Bangor  
POWELL of Wallagrass Pkt.  
CONNOLLY of Portland  
TYNDALE of Kennebunkport

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

Signed:

Senators:

KATZ of Kennebec

THOMAS of Kennebec

Representatives:

FENLASON of Danforth

LEWIS of Auburn

Comes from the House, the Majority  
report Read and Accepted and the Bill  
Passed to be Engrossed.

Which reports were Read.

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

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, although I  
notice the Senator from Androscoggin,  
Senator Berry, is not in his seat to defend  
the majority point of view, I would like to  
move nonetheless that the Senate accept  
the minority ought not to pass report, and  
perhaps it might be advantageous to table  
it until the Senator is in his seat.

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

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Conley of  
Cumberland, tabled and Tomorrow  
Assigned, pending the motion by Mr. Katz  
of Kennebec that the Senate accept the  
Minority Ought Not to Pass Report of the  
Committee.

#### Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on  
Taxation on, Bill, "An Act to Exempt  
Nonprofit Historical Societies and  
Museums from Payment of Sales Tax." (H. P. 1326) (L. D. 1627)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

WYMAN of Washington

JACKSON of Cumberland

MERRILL of Cumberland

Representatives:

MAXWELL of Jay

IMMONEN of West Paris

TWITCHELL of Norway

DAM of Skowhegan

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

Signed:

Representatives:

DRIGOTAS of Auburn

COX of Brewer

SUSI of Pittsfield

MORTON of Farmington

FINEMORE of Bridgewater

MULKERN of Portland

Comes from the House, the Majority  
report Read and Accepted and the Bill  
Passed to be Engrossed.

Which reports were Read.

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

#### Senate

##### Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Corson for the Committee on Legal  
Affairs on, Bill, "An Act Relating to  
Termination of Tenancy in Mobile  
Homes." (S. P. 375) (L. D. 1202)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.  
Which report was Read and Accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Ought to Pass**

Mr. Cianchette for the Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Definition of Automobile Graveyard." (S. P. 401) (L. D. 1287)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.  
Which report was Read and Accepted, the Bill Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

**Ought to Pass-As Amended**

Mr. Corson for the Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act Permitting Certain Graduates of Vocational-Technical Institutes to Take the Journeyman's Examination Given by the Electricians' Examining Board, the Oil Burner Men's Licensing Board or the Plumbers' Examining Board." (S. P. 335) (L. D. 1121)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-127).

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Corson of Somerset, Committee Amendemnt "A" was Indefinitely Postponed and the Bill Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Mr. Huber for the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Expand Transportation Services of the Bureau of Maine's Elderly and to Provide Transportation of Blind, Disabled and Handicapped Persons." (S. P. 466) (L. D. 1519)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-126).

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

**Ought to Pass in New Draft**

Mr. O'Leary for the Committee on Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Meaning of the Term "Abutting" under the Site Selection Statutes." (S. P. 298) (L. D. 1024)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft Under New Title: "An Act to Specify which Activities on Lands Adjacent to Great Ponds, Rivers, Streams and Brooks Need Permits" (S. P. 514) (L. D. 1876)

Mr. Trotzky for the Committee on Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Prompt Determinations under the Site Location of Development Act." (S. P. 220) (L. D. 719)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under New Title: "An Act to Provide for Prompt Determinations under all of the Statutes Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection" (S. P. 515) (L. D. 1877)

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

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Restrict the Possession of Radio Receiver Crystals Used to Receive Certain Governmental Frequencies." (S. P. 188) (L. D. 622)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-129).

Signed:

Senators:

CORSON of Somerset  
CIANCHETTE of Somerset

Representatives:

GOULD of Old Town  
BURNS of North Anson  
JOYCE of Portland  
PERKINS of Blue Hill  
CAREY of Waterville

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

Signed:

Representatives:

HUNTER of Benton  
SHUTE of Stockton Springs  
COTE of Lewiston  
FAUCHER of Solon

Which reports were Read.

Thereupon, the Majority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee was Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

**Second Readers**

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

**House**

Bill, "An Act Providing Compensation for Public Members of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank." (H. P. 872) (L. D. 1078)

Bill, "An Act to Allow the Seed Potato Board to Test Foundation Seed Potatoes and to Sell Potatoes Grown on Land Owned by that Board." (H. P. 1016) (L. D. 1296)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Clarification of Interlocking Loans under the Maine Consumer Credit Code." (H. P. 1180) (L. D. 1481)

Bill, "An Act to Provide Retirement Credit for Superior Court Justices for Time of Service as a District Court Judge." (H. P. 1200) (L. D. 1495)

Bill, "An Act to Establish the Department of Electric Works Within the Town of Madison." (H. P. 1240) (L. D. 1737)

Bill, "An Act Pertaining to the Qualifications of Elevator Mechanics." (H. P. 1448) (L. D. 1703)

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

**House - As Amended**

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Forestry to Convey the Interest of the State in and to Certain Land in Medford, Piscataquis County. (H. P. 181) (L. D. 231)

Bill, "An Act to Include the Right to Use Submerged Lands as Part of Environmental Licensing." (H. P. 567) (L. D. 703)

Bill, "An Act to Improve the Management of the Public Lands." (H. P. 703) (L. D. 930)

(On motion by Mr. Conley of Cumberland, Tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Passage to be Engrossed.)

Bill, "An Act Concerning the Maine Consumer Credit Code and the Insurance Statutes." (H. P. 789) (L. D. 962)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Access to Written Records Concerning Elementary and Secondary School Pupils." (H. P. 975) (L. D. 1269)

Which were Read a Second Time and,

except for the tabled matter, Passed to be Engrossed, as Amended, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Permit Payment of Fines by Offers in Compromise From Beer and Wine Wholesale Licensees and Holders of Certificates of Approval in Lieu of Suspension." (H. P. 1072) (L. D. 1352)

Which was Read a Second Time.  
The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Seantor Graffam.

Mr. GRAFFAM: Mr. President, I am waiting for an amendment on L.D. 1352, and would somebody table it until later in the session?

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

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled until later in today's session, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

Bill, "An Act to Extend the Hours for Sale of Liquor During the Tourist Season." (H. P. 1358) (L. D. 1660)

Which was Read a Second Time.  
Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled until later in today's session, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Statute." (H. P. 619) (L. D. 765)

Which was Read a Second Time.  
Mr. Trotzky of Penobscot then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendemnt "A", Filing No. S-121, was Read and Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate**

Bill, "An Act Relating to a Third Fifty-Two Week Extension for Vocational Rehabilitation under the Workmen's Compensation Statutes." (S. P. 292) (L. D. 1017)

Bill, "An Act to Grant Liquor Enforcement Inspectors the Same Powers of Arrest as Sheriffs." (S. P. 359) (L. D. 1163)

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

Sent down for concurrence.  
(See action later in today's session regarding L. D. 1163).

**Enactors**

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

An Act Relating to Hunting Bear with Dogs. (S. P. 311) (L. D. 1059)

An Act to Designate the Honeybee as the Official Insect for the State of Maine. (H. P. 721) (L. D. 897)

An Act to Improve Procedures under the State Employees Labor Relations Act. (H. P. 916) (L. D. 1130)

(On motion by Mr. Huber of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

An Act to Assist Small Communities in the Development of Recreational Services. (H. P. 1189) (L. D. 1485)

An Act to Protect Landowners Whose Land Abuts Land on Which Ten or More Acres of Timber is to be Harvested. (H. P. 1545) (L. D. 1862)

Which, except for the tabled matter, were Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, were by the

Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

#### Emergency

An Act to Increase the Penalties for Night Hunting. (H. P. 998) (L. D. 1261)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 29 members of the Senate, was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

#### Reconsidered Matter

On motion by Mr. Conley of Cumberland, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby Bill, "An Act to Grant Liquor Enforcement Inspectors the Same Powers of Arrest as Sheriffs" (S. P. 359) (L. D. 1163), was Passed to be Engrossed.

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

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I just honestly can't allow this bill to leave this chamber without speaking against it. Yesterday morning while acting as President pro tem of the Senate I really had to hold my breath in just looking at the title. It scares the devil out of me.

I have a great deal of respect for the good Senator from Knox, Senator Collins, and I certainly appreciate his feelings, but I have to consider the feelings of many of my constituents in my area, and it really seems absurd to me to give the same powers of arrest to liquor inspectors as we do to other law enforcement agencies. It will create another bureaucracy of law enforcement, and it gives the right to people who I consider totally not trained in this field to just go out and make any kind of an arrest.

I am going to make it brief, Mr. President, and I move that this bill and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley, now moves that L. D. 1163 and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President, a little earlier in this session we granted to wardens the same right of arrest as is granted to sheriffs. There was a reason for that just as there is a reason for this bill. The big difference I think is that liquor inspectors are by far the least popular law enforcement officials that we have in the State of Maine. I am well aware of this. But they nonetheless are already part of our system. I say to the Senate that what the Senator from Cumberland has suggested, that this creates a new bureaucracy, is just not the case because these liquor inspectors are already in the field making inspections, making arrests where necessary on liquor violations, but the fact is that in the process of enforcing liquor violations they frequently are confronted with other violations for which they have no power at all.

If we have given them the authority to make arrests in liquor cases, and have sent them to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy at Waterville, and have done any kind of a decent job in personnel selection, then these people ought to have the power to assist with enforcement of any criminal infractions that they confront. Now, I do not mean to suggest by this that liquor

inspectors should go out looking for other types of crime, and this isn't what they do. They have all they can do to keep up with policing the bars and the stores and checking licenses. But there are times when these liquor inspectors, having been informed of problems in certain licensed facilities, go out late at night in plain clothes to check what is happening and they find some really horror situations at times, and they need this power.

Now, I do not have very much experience in bars late at night, but I have listened to those who have and I have listened to judges of our district courts who have to adjudicate the problems that come out of those situations. And those judges say to me that they think we should not tie one hand behind the back of these enforcement officials, that we should give them the authority they need on their job, and that is all this bill seeks to do.

I think if you compare the training and the experience of many of our sheriffs, many of our deputy sheriffs, and many of our wardens enforcing Sea and Shore and Fish and Game regulations, you will find that they are no better trained than these people. These people are less popular, and that is their problem.

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

Mr. CLIFFORD: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I was surprised to see that the bill was a second reader, as I was not here yesterday. The committee vote was, I believe, 12 to 1 against, and the good Senator from Knox, Senator Collins, is a most persuasive individual, but I think the committee members were concerned for the same reasons as expressed by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley, that they are a special agency with a limited purpose, and that is the purpose of enforcing the liquor laws.

They have a right to carry firearms so that there is no question of danger to them, and it just seems to me that granting them the full powers of arrest would kind of cement them into a permanent existence, and it would, I believe, tend to lead to their increasing as a separate police bureau. It seems to me they are liquor enforcement people, they have the power to enforce and arrest in the liquor area, and it seems to me to enlarge their power has no purpose and I think it would have adverse effects as to attempting to limit the growth of the whole department.

I hope you would vote in favor of the motion of the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley, to indefinitely postpone. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: The pending motion before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley, that L.D. 1163 and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins.

On motion by Mr. Collins of Knox, a division was had. 15 having voted in the affirmative, and 16 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Concerning the Size of Municipal Populations in the Statute

Requiring or Authorizing the Appointment of Boards of Registration." (H. P. 752) (L. D. 927)

Tabled — May 2, 1975 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Consideration.

(In the Senate — Passed to be Engrossed.)

(In the House — Passed to be Engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-218).)

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, retabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Consideration.

The President laid before the Senate the second tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act to Establish County Commissioner Districts in Cumberland County." (H. P. 223) (L. D. 279)

Tabled — May 6, 1975 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

(In the House — Passed to be Engrossed.)

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, retabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the third tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the University of Maine to Proceed with the Development of a School of Medicine as Part of the Teaching Program of the University System." (S. P. 224) (L. D. 773)

Tabled — May 7, 1975 by Senator Wyman of Washington.

Pending — Adoption of Senate Amendment "A" (S-124).

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, retabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Adoption of Senate Amendment "A".

The President laid before the Senate the fourth tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Special Agency Stores." (S. P. 290) (L. D. 1015)

Tabled — May 7, 1975 by Senator Cyr of Aroostook.

Pending — Motion of Senator Hichens of York to Indefinitely Postpone.

(In the House — Passed to be Enacted.)

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

Mr. REEVES: Mr. President, we seem to be inconsistent on this issue. The Senate debated the teenage drinking problem and voted some five, six or seven times on that issue, and then it seems we are going to turn around and pass a law to make hard liquor available in every corner store as though it were bread or milk. This is not consistent.

The liquor lobby has made it possible to get beer and wine at the corner store, and I question whether we need hard liquor, especially in these hard times.

Last week the psychologists told the Jobs Committee that as the rate of unemployment goes up in Maine there would be more problems with alcoholism, and I just think that this is one bottle of worms that we shouldn't open, and I ask that the Senate support the motion of the Senator from York, Senator Hichens, and defeat this bill which has been defeated so many times in the past.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Danton.

Mr. DANTON: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I think somehow Senator Reeves is a little bit confused.

First of all, I want to say that this bill hasn't been defeated in the past because it has never been introduced.

Secondly, if we are concerned about having a controlled state here in the State of Maine, I would suggest to all the Senators here this morning that they should support this bill. Every day when you pick up the newspapers you read where supermarket chains are closing stores and department stores are closing all throughout the state. Ultimately that is what is going to happen to our state. One, we can't afford the higher rents when we go to renegotiate our leases. Two, we can't afford the labor that we have to put into our stores. Three, pension plans that we have to pay for our employees. So we are going to find ourselves in this situation, that the liquor barons who the good Senator says supported this bill — and I can't remember of one of them speaking in favor of it at the hearing — the liquor barons will then come along and say to us here at the legislature "You can't afford to be in the liquor business. It is time you got out of it and gave it to private enterprise."

If you are concerned about keeping the state in control of our liquor industry, this is the bill you want to vote for. Here is what it does: One, it only goes into communities that have already voted to have liquor in their communities. The Director of Alcoholic Beverages, along with the consent of the Liquor Commission, will approve who will be the agent in their community. Now, what do we do? We control the liquor, we don't have any rent to pay, we don't have any labor to pay, and we have no utilities to pay. But still we control the liquor because all we have to do, if we find that person to be undesirable, we send him a letter and we tell him, buddy, you are out of the liquor business because you are an undesirable.

Now, if you want control, you have to vote for this bill. If you want the state to ultimately get out of controlling the liquor business in this state, then you vote against it and vote for the motion to indefinitely postpone. And I request a division on that motion, Mr. President, to indefinitely postpone the bill.

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

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, I wish that the previous speaker had gone just another one or two steps down the road, because I know that the cost of operating any retail business is going up. The next step would be to say that we have got some small state operated liquor stores in several communities which are not economic, so let us close up those stores and create agency stores within those communities.

I look upon this bill as the first chip in the armor of state control and state distribution. Now, the moment we get into the agency business we will be reevaluating the profitability of all liquor stores in the state, and the next session of the legislature will be saying it will be purely and simply more profitable for us to close down these uneconomic stores and create agency stores. Now, if that is not a step in the direction away from state control of liquor, I haven't been listening to the debate.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Danton.

Mr. DANTON: Mr. President, and Members of the Senate: I would like to tell

the good Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, that the state is already doing this. They just can't afford to renegotiate their leases and they just can't stay in the business in some of these communities.

Now, they had scheduled a number of stores. You probably read in the paper where they closed the one in Westbrook at the Pine Tree Shopping Center. Now, this is going to happen. I would like Senator Katz to just try to think of what I am trying to say here. This is going to happen, and ultimately the state will no longer be a controlled state and we will have no choice but to give it up to the liquor interests and to put it out into private enterprise. This is one way where we can still provide a service, and that is only to the communities that have voted to have liquor in their communities, and still control those agency stores. That is all this bill does. It is in no way opening up any big liquor deal for the liquor barons, and which I have to repeat again that there weren't any liquor barons at the public hearing. I would also like to tell the Senate this morning that this got a unanimous report out of committee.

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

Mr. REEVES: Mr. President, there is one of the liquor lobbyists right outside the door with his nose pressed against the glass looking in. So I think they have a great interest in this bill, and I ask for a roll call, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT: A roll call has been requested.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hichens.

Mr. HICHENS: Mr. President, not to belabor this bill too much longer, because I have expressed my opinion on two occasions, I would remind the good Senator from York that if he will look up in the legislative records for the legislative sessions of the 103rd, the 104th, and the 105th, that he will find the agency store bill was defeated.

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

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President, I would like to pose a question through the Chair as to whether or not the good Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reeves, has looked under his desk?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers, has posed a question through the Chair to the Senator from Kennebec, who may answer if he so desires.

Is the Senate ready for the question? The pending question is the motion of the Senator from York, Senator Hichens, to indefinitely postpone L. D. 1015. A roll call has been requested. In order for the Chair to order a roll call, it must be the expressed desire of more than one-fifth of those Senators present and voting. Will all those Senators in favor of a roll call please rise in their places until counted?

Obviously more than one-fifth having arisen, a roll call is ordered. The Chair will restate the question. The pending question before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from York, Senator Hichens, that the Senate indefinitely postpone L. D. 1015 and all its accompanying papers. 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 Collins, Gahagan,

Graham, Greeley, Hichens, Katz, McNally, Reeves, Trotzky, Wyman.

NAYS: Senators Berry, E.; Berry, R.; Carbonneau, Cianchette, Clifford, Conley, Corson, Cummings, Curtis, Cyr, Danton, Graffam, Huber, Jackson, Johnston, Marcotte, O'Leary, Pray, Roberts, Speers, Thomas.

ABSENT: Senator Merrill.

A roll call was had. 10 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 21 Senators having voted in the negative, with one Senator being absent, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The President laid before the Senate the fifth tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Providing for the Observance of Memorial Day on May 30th." (S. P. 371) (L. D. 1198)

Tabled — May 7, 1975 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Motion of Senator Conley of Cumberland to Reconsider Action whereby Bill was Indefinitely Postponed.

(In the House — Passed to be Enacted.)

On motion by Mr. Conley of Cumberland, retabled and Specially Assigned for May 12, 1975, pending the motion by that same Senator to Reconsider Indefinite Postponement.

On motion by Mr. Huber of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the Special Appropriations Table the following matter:

An Act Relating to State Subsidy for Units with Federally Impacted Students. (H. P. 107) (L. D. 104)

Thereupon, this being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 28 members of the Senate was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Huber of Cumberland the Senate voted to take from the Special Appropriations table the following matter:

An Act Relating to Subsidized Adoptions. (H. P. 203) (L. D. 248)

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

#### Reconsidered Matter

The following Bill was held on May 7, 1975 at the request of Senator Collins of Knox, pending Consideration:

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Veteran's Property Tax Exemption." (H. P. 1174) (L. D. 1172)

(In the House — Passed to be Engrossed as amended by House Amendment "D" (H-224))

(In the Senate — Passed to be Engrossed as amended by House Amendment "D" and Senate Amendment "B" (S-122); Senate Amendment "A" (S-119), Indefinitely Postponed.)

On motion by Mr. Collins of Knox, the Senate voted to reconsider its prior action whereby the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed.

On further motion by the same Senator, and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to reconsider its action

whereby House Amendment "D" was Adopted.

The same Senator then moved that House Amendment "D" be Indefinitely Postponed.

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

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President, I wonder if an explanation might be in order as to the problem with House Amendment "D", whether or not it is inconsistent with the Senate Amendment "B" which was adopted. As I understand House Amendment "D", it does require that the valuation will be valued at "just" value, and that this is a very critical word regarding this particular bill. I would ask the question through the Chair as to what the import of removing that would be.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers, now poses a question through the Chair to any Senator who may care to answer.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I could be mistaken, but it was my understanding in reviewing the history of the bill this morning with the Secretary of the Senate that the terminology of just value appeared in the original bill, and that therefore House Amendment "D" and Senate Amendment "B" had an inconsistency that should be resolved. This was the reason for going through this parliamentary correction. It is the intent of this procedure to wind up with a bill which makes the exemption \$3,500 on the just value of the property.

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

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled until later in today's session, pending the motion by Mr. Collins of Knox to Indefinitely Postpone House Amendment "D".

The President laid before the Senate the matter tabled earlier in today's session by Mr. Speers of Kennebec:

Bill, "An Act to Permit Payment of Fines by Offers in Compromise From Beer and Wine Wholesale Licensees and Holders of Certificates of Approval in Lieu of Suspension" (H. P. 1072) (L. D. 1352)

Pending Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Graffam of Cumberland then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-130, was Read.

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

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Yesterday I recall asking through the Chair some questions on which I needed reassurance that this bill would not permit an evaluation of the benefits of violating the law with the nature of the penalty, an economic decision. I am afraid, regretfully, that that is exactly what this Senate Amendment does. It limits a fine to a figure not to exceed a \$1,000 for any single offense. I think that now this amendment would put us in exactly the position that I hoped that we would not get into, where the person who makes the violation can make a judgment that it is profitable for him to make a violation of law because the fine is only going to be so many dollars. On that basis, I move indefinite postponement.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes

the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Graffam.

Mr. GRAFFAM: Mr. President, in the present law now we neglected to put the maximum on that. I believe this \$1,000 is quite a fine, especially when their licenses would be suspended for just a few days. I hope you will vote against the motion of the good Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, and I would like a division on that please.

The PRESIDENT: A division has been requested. The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Danton.

Mr. DANTON: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: What this amendment does, it still has the \$1,000 fine that the hearing judge can impose or the \$75 a day. Most usually, from what the committee was told, the suspensions on wholesalers is \$75 a day, and most usually a suspension is ten days, so that is \$750. The amendment, I would imagine, which the Senator offered today was to have an increase, if the judge wanted to impose the fine of \$1000 rather than give him the suspension. So it would be a larger fine really than the \$75 a day.

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

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President, I appreciate the comments by the good Senator from York, Senator Danton, but that is not what the amendment says, if I read it correctly. It states simply that the fine shall not exceed \$1,000. It does not authorize a fine up to \$1,000, unless it is authorized elsewhere in the bill. If it is authorized elsewhere in the bill, then it probably is authorized more than \$1,000. I look upon this amendment as precisely as it is written and as one reads it, as a limitation on the amount of the fine that may be placed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Danton.

Mr. Danton of York then moved that the Bill be tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending the motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec to Indefinitely Postpone Senate Amendment "A".

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, a division was had. 12 having voted in the affirmative, and 15 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate that Senate Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed? The Chair will order a division. Will all those Senators in favor of indefinitely postponing Senate Amendment "A" please rise in their places until counted.

Thereupon, a division was had. 24 having voted in the affirmative, and four having voted in the negative, Senate Amendment "A" was Indefinitely Postponed and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed in Concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the matter tabled earlier in today's session by Mr. Speers of Kennebec:

Bill, "An Act to Extend the Hours for Sale of Liquor During the Tourist Season." (H. P. 1358) (L. D. 1660)

Pending Passage to be Engrossed.

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

Mr. GRAFFAM: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This bill has been bothering me since we had it yesterday. I believe that suspending the liquor hours for the licensees is unfair to all the employees that work in these

establishments. It means where now they are getting out at two o'clock it will be three o'clock.

I believe this bill was put in for some greedy merchants or licensees, and I believe it will force all restaurants that sell alcohol to stay open until two or three o'clock in the morning. So, I move we indefinitely postpone this bill and all accompanying papers.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Graffam, now moves that L. D. 1660, "An Act to Extend the Hours for Sale of Liquor During the Tourist Season", together with all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the matter tabled earlier in today's session by Mr. Speers of Kennebec:

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Veteran's Property Tax Exemption." (H. P. 1174) (L. D. 1172)

(In the House — Passed to be Engrossed as amended by House Amendment "D" (H-224))

(In the Senate — Passed to be Engrossed as amended by House Amendment "D" and Senate Amendment "B" (S-122); Senate Amendment "A" (S-119), Indefinitely Postponed.)

Thereupon, House Amendment "D" was Indefinitely Postponed and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Papers From The House

Out of order and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to take up the following:

#### House Papers Taxation

Bill, "An Act Relating to the State Valuation of the Town of Stoneham." (H. P. 1567) (L. D. 1875)

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation and Ordered Printed in concurrence.

#### Second Reader

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

Bill, "An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Election Laws." (H. P. 27) (L. D. 35)

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

Mr. Curtis of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate:

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would like to speak briefly about a subject which I think is of great importance to us, although we haven't handled any legislation directly concerning it, but it is a matter which should be of deep concern to all of us. Certainly it is a very emotional matter for me and for some of the other members of this Legislature, and that has to do with the subject of Vietnamese Refugees.

Now, I am concerned and I guess deeply emotionally involved because I served in Southeast Asia for four years. While I was in the U.S. Navy I was on a destroyer which spent almost all of its time out of Japan operating in the Tonkin Gulf and off the coast of both North and South Vietnam. The last tour of duty for me involved being



an advisor with the naval advisory group headquartered in Saigon, but with the privilege of traveling extensively throughout the country.

I have heard remarks before on the floor of this Senate regarding the departure of the United States embassy personnel and I guess the last of our concerns directly with Vietnam, and I wonder, of course, like everybody else, did we fail, did we do our job properly? Some of my American friends were blown away over there and some returned in less than whole condition; was all that they did in vain? Well, I think not. In the first place, of course, we served our country as our country decided through the free processes that we have. In the second place, I think that one of our goals was to assist people to become free if they wanted to be and could.

Now, it is here that I get very concerned when so many people in our country seemed to be objecting to the receiving in this country of some hundred thousand or slightly more Vietnamese refugees. I think about some specific instances that I am familiar with. One of my counterparts was Dai-vy Thieu.

Dai-vy Thieu was a Vietnamese Navy lieutenant. He was the holder of the United States Bronze Star, awarded by this country when he brought his small oiler in the Vung Tau Harbor alongside a burning U.S. vessel and pumped the oil off the U.S. vessel into his, so that the fire could be more readily extinguished and U.S. lives could be saved. And I spent some evenings over bottles of ba-mui-ba talking with Dai-vy Thieu about the differences in backgrounds and whether or not his country would be able to survive after we left. I thought they could as a free country, and I guess I was wrong.

One of the things that was of interest was the whole matter of voting. And as we do this simple little act which is so basic to us and, as I described it to him, which we learned in grade school, to put our heads down on our tables and raise our hands to vote for or against a matter, that was a very, very foreign thing to the Vietnamese. But they were trying to learn.

While I was in Dalat, my counterpart took me into his home, and his family was very gracious to me. His family had fled from the North some years earlier when the French had left.

I think also of my other counterpart, Trung-Ta Nguyen Cong Hoi, an older man with four children, a full commander in the Vietnamese Navy, who, among other things, brought a minesweeper all the way from Philadelphia through the Panama Canal Zone across the Pacific to Vietnam, and with whom I had many conversations. He too was from the North, and was violently concerned about what would happen if the Communists were to take over his country.

These are people that I and other Americans helped over there, and I wonder what has happened to them. My attempts to find out in these two particular instances have been in vain. I don't know whether they are alive or not, but if they are, I would hope that their talents and their concerns would be something that would be of interest to us.

There is an old oriental proverb that regards a samaritan who saves a man from drowning. The proverb goes on to suggest that for the rest of the saved man's life the samaritan is really responsible for what happens to that man, because otherwise he would not be alive. I am going to suggest that perhaps we have an obligation in this situation. I think we do.

But much more than an obligation, I think we have an opportunity, that of welcoming Vietnam refugees to America. It is really not so much a moral obligation as a magnificent opportunity.

I think of the message of the Statue of Liberty that we read in our textbooks in schools and see in New York, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore". I guess I remember how proud I used to be in school to read that inscription and thinking that is what represented the United States of America. I hope that those stirring words in our school textbooks now are not just words for dusty textbooks but really will become a challenge for today. This country was built because of immigrants from all over the world, and I would suggest that we ought to continue that tradition as much as possible. This country will grow because of it.

I guess finally I would like to commend President Gerald Ford and Governor James Longley for their humanitarian approach to this entire problem. As a sophomore in high school, when I was sixteen, it was in 1956, at that time the Hungarian Freedom Fighters were trying to wrest control of their country from a totalitarian regime. They were unsuccessful. I remember at the time reading the newspapers and listening to the radio reports at night and wondering what the United States would do to help them leave the country when it became clear that the Russians would crush the revolt. We didn't do much, and I felt very badly about that and wondered if we were ever in a situation again where we could help some people, especially those who had come to rely upon us to retain or regain their freedom, would we do everything possible. So that is one reason I am particularly proud today of what our President and our Governor have done. (Applause)

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot,

Adjourned until 1:30 tomorrow afternoon.