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STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Thursday, January 29, 1976

Called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Honorable Richard N. Berry of Cape Elizabeth:

For our friends in this circle and for the opportunity to be of service to the State of Maine we are grateful. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

House Papers

Bills today received from the House requiring Reference to Committees were acted upon in concurrence.

Senate Papers**Taxation**

Mr. Collins of Knox (Cosponsor: Mr. Thomas of Kennebec) presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Retail Sale under Sales and Use Tax Laws." (S. P. 669)

The Committee on Reference of Bills suggested that this Bill be referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Mr. Collins of Knox presented, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Administration of Medicine to Inmates of County Jails." (S. P. 668)

Which was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Trotzky of Penobscot, State of Maine

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

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishments of The Bangor High School Rams State Class A Football Champions For 1975

We the Members of the Senate and the 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. 642)

Which was Read and Passed.

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

On motion by Mr. Trotzky of Penobscot, State of Maine

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

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of Thomas Michael Edwards Winner Of The 1975 Fitzpatrick Trophy For the Outstanding High School Football Player In The State of Maine

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. 657)

Which was Read and Passed.

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

On motion by Mr. Jackson of Cumberland, State of Maine

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

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishments of Bruce Roberts of Norway, Maine Who Has Earned The Title And Distinction Of Eagle Scout In Troop 197

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. 670)

Which was Read and Passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports**House****Change of Reference**

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Provide for More Effective Debt Management and for more Effective Administration of the State's Development Financing Ability." (H. P. 1816) (L. D. 1974)

Reported that the same be referred to the Committee on State Government.

Comes from the House, the report Read and Accepted and the Bill Referred to the Committee on State Government.

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Local and County Government on, Bill, "An Act Authorizing Kennebec County Commissioners to Provide Fire Protection Services for Unity Township." (H. P. 1817) (L. D. 1975)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The Committee on Local and County Government on, Bill, "An Act to Provide Fire Protection, Other Than Forest Fire Protection, for the Unorganized Coastal Islands." (H. P. 1836) (L. D. 2001)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Come from the House, the Bills Passed to be Engrossed.

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

Second Readers

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

Senate

Bill, "An Act Concerning the Charter of

the Ocean Park Association." (S. P. 639) (L. D. 2014)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate - As Amended

Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Expenditures of the First Special Session of the 107th Legislature." (S. P. 617) (L. D. 1949)

Which was Read a Second Time.

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

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I think there is an amendment on this bill which should not go by under the hammer without some comment being made about it.

We, of course, are faced with very serious questions of budgetary problems in this particular session and I just think the Appropriations Committee should be commended for the amendment which it placed upon this particular bill, which is under the Filing No. S-393. A portion of that amendment reallocates funds from the Attorney General Department to the Department of Human Services, but a more interesting portion of this amendment reduces appropriations that have been previously appropriated by some \$1.3 million, and it is good news indeed in the sea of budgetary problems that we are able to do that, and I thought that the attention of the Senate should be called to that particular amendment as we pass the bill to be engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate that this bill as amended be passed to be engrossed?

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed, as Amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

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

An Act to Permit the Development by the Secretary of State of a Numerical System of Driver License Control to be Used in Place of Social Security Numbers. (H. P. 1811) (L. D. 1970)

An Act Relating to Lease or Purchase of Railroad Lines by the Department of Transportation. (H. P. 1814) (L. D. 1972)

An Act to Establish a Boundary Line Between the Towns of Winslow and Albion. (H. P. 1821) (L. D. 1982)

An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions Relating to the Establishment of Hospital District No. 1. (H. P. 1835) (L. D. 2000)

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Searsport Water District. (H. P. 1827) (L. D. 2002)

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

Emergencies

An Act Increasing the Indebtedness of the North Yarmouth Water District. (S. P. 625) (L. D. 1979)

An Act to Validate Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by Region 2, Southern Aroostook County Vocational Region. (H. P. 1798) (L. D. 1957)

An Act to Increase the Total Authorized Indebtedness of the Kennebec Sewer District from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. (H. P. 1810) (L. D. 1969)

These being emergency measures and

having received the affirmative votes of 24 members of the Senate were Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot,
Adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow noon.