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## SENATE

Wednesday, April 14, 1976

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Honorable Philip L. Merrill of Portland:

Dear Lord, give us the humility to appreciate the other's point of view, give us the wisdom to know what is right, give us the courage to act on that knowledge, and provide us with the perspective to appreciate that the price of power is responsibility, responsibility that comes from having to make decisions that affect others more than they do ourselves. We thank you for this beautiful day and for the coming of spring that it portends. In this holy week, this time of rebirth, we thank you for the gifts you have given us. Help to make us worthy of them. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Clifford, to the rostrum to assume the duties of President pro tem.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Senator Clifford to the rostrum where he assumed the duties of President pro tem, and President Sewall retired from the Senate Chamber.

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Suppression of the Spruce Budworm Epidemic." (H. P. 2310) (L. D. 2348)

In the Senate April 9, 1976, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-1251), in concurrence.

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendments "A" and "B" (H-1276), in non-concurrence.

Mr. Trotzky of Penobscot then moved that the Senate Recede and Concur.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Senator has the floor.

Mr. TROTZKY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I passed out a map showing the areas to be sprayed in the spruce budworm program, so if you will all take a look at this, I can explain to you the program as intended by the Department of Conservation.

The whole area that is darkened on the map shows the area of the spruce fir forest type. The area that is in black, the darkest area, is that area that is most heavily infected by spruce budworm and needs immediate spraying to keep the trees alive.

The program has two purposes: one, the program is intended to try and minimize spraying in the future, and then, two, to try and reduce the susceptibility of the forest to infection by the spruce budworm in the future. The total dark area that needs immediate spraying is 3.5 million acres and will require 9 million dollars. Half of that will be federal, so 4.5 million dollars is federal. The other 4.5 million dollars will have to be raised locally. There is \$800,000 in the bank now which is reserved from last year's spraying program, so the state has to raise 3.7 million dollars for the spray program.

What the state is going to do is impose an excise tax on that whole area, the whole darkened area on the map, the larger darkened area. The way it is going to be imposed, as I mentioned earlier, it is going to be imposed on all owners that have 500 acres or more, so it is the larger landowners. It is 56 cents excise tax on an acre that is softwood, all spruce and fir. If in that area there happens to be a hardwood area which is not susceptible to budworm, there will be no tax on it. And if it is mixed spruce and fir, it will be half way in between, 28 cents.

I mentioned that the department is trying to get away from spraying and reduce susceptibility, so if a landowner wants to be excused from the spraying program, he has to come in to the Department of Conservation with a plan showing that within the next five years he will salvage the fir, for example, which is very susceptible, and then there will be a committee made up of forestry people, called the Spruce Fir Silvicultural Committee, which will approve the plan. If the plan is approved, the tax that he pays in as excise tax this year will be refunded to him. So again what we are trying to do here is keep the Maine forest in production because over 40,000 jobs depend on it.

There are two House Amendments that are on there. The first amendment allows small landowners who own between 500 and 1000 acres to withdraw from the program, but if they do withdraw from the program, they will never be sprayed. The second amendment allows small landowners who are not in this large darkened area to be sprayed, if they need it and a group of foresters decide that their forest land is susceptible.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Merrill.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I am going to vote to recede and concur today, but I have to admit that it is with some reservations. I recall before this legislature started that there was an evening social event at which a gentleman spoke, who I believe was a well known Republican legislator from the midwest, and he said quite a few things that night that impressed me, one of which was the admonition to be worried and always be concerned about agreed upon bills, bills that sort of come into the legislature with warring parties having agreed, and therefore can make it through the legislature without any real legislative attention. I think that this bill fits that description and I have some concerns about it. I have some concerns that this bill in the long run will serve either interest, those who think that the spraying program is very much needed, and those who are concerned about any spraying program at all.

I am concerned especially about the method of funding, a method of funding that I am afraid represents very little real commitment on the part of all the people of the state, a method of funding that I think will provide an excellent argument for those in the federal system who want to see no more money allocated for this program. The federal allocation is based on a study that was done that shows a great advantage to the people of all the United States in terms of cost effectiveness of this spraying. The validity of that report I think is questioned when the state is so unwilling to commit any general revenue monies to that, but instead actually just runs the program for the landowners.

It is my hope that none of these results will come about. I am certainly not an expert in the matter and admit to it, but I wish that this bill had come out of the Appropriations Committee earlier and had had a real debate in this legislature. I would feel a lot easier about what we ultimately passed if that were the case.

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

Mr. REEVES: Mr. President, there are several questions that are unanswered about this bill, and I would like to pose at least one through the Chair. I would like some assurances that the large international paper companies are going to pay some share, or fair share, of this 4.5 million dollars, and I would like to know how much is actually going to come from the paper companies.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reeves, has posed a ques-

tion through the Chair which any Senator may answer if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky.

Mr. TROTZKY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: In this darkened area, which is mostly all forest land, except possibly for farms in the Presque Isle area in Aroostook County, most of the land is owned by large paper companies and also large landholding companies, such as Seven Islands, Prentiss & Carlisle, Great Northern Paper Company is in that area, International Paper Company, St. Regis. So this is an imposed tax on company lands and on large landowners. I can't give the exact proportion breakdown on this right now.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. President, I have a question I would like to pose to any member of the Senate who might be able to answer it. It has to do with page 13 of the bill, namely, the Committee on Spruce Fir Silviculture. Always being interested in the way that new committees are established and the way the people are paid, and so forth, I review this section with some interest, and read that the committee shall consist of five citizens of the State of Maine, at least three of whom shall be foresters who are knowledgeable as to commercial forest land management, appointed for terms of two years, and each member shall be entitled to his actual expenses and \$50 per diem to be drawn from this budworm suppression fund, subject to removal for cause by the commissioner, with the approval of the governor.

My questions include the following: Would it be possible for a state employee to be a member of this committee? And if so, would the state employee receive \$50 a day when meeting on this committee in addition to his regular salary? And if at least three of the members are foresters knowledgeable as to commercial forest land management, is there any standard established for membership of the other two? Finally, how was the rate of \$50 a day determined, and if the committee should only meet for half a day or part of a day, how would they be paid?

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Curtis, has posed a question through the Chair which any Senator may answer if he so desires.

Is it the pleasure of the Senate to recede and concur?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

**House Paper**

Resolve. Authorizing the Bureau of Public Improvements to Convey the Interest of the State in a Certain Parcel of Land and Buildings Thereon Situated in Orono. (H. P. 2342)

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed without reference to Committee.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled until later in today's session, pending Consideration.

**Joint Order**

WHEREAS, the State Personnel System has been the object of intense legislative and public scrutiny; and

WHEREAS, there have recently been numerous proposals for reform of that system; and

WHEREAS, there is some question as to the ability of the present personnel board to adequately serve all of the departments and agencies of State Government; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on State Government shall undertake a study of the feasibility and

desirability of abolishing the present State Personnel Board and Personnel System and of authorizing each department and agency of State Government to establish, under general state guidelines, its own personnel system and pay scales; and be it further

ORDERED, that the committee shall complete this study no later than 90 days before the commencement of the next Regular Session of the Legislature, and shall submit to the Legislative Council within that time period the report of its study, together with complete and final copies of any recommended legislation; and be it further

ORDERED, that upon passage of this Order in concurrence, the Clerk of the House shall forward a suitable copy of this Order to the Senate and House chairmen of the committee. (H. P. 2323)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed. Which was Read.

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

**Communications  
STATE OF MAINE**

One Hundred and Seventh Legislature  
Committee on Judiciary  
April 13, 1976

The Honorable Joseph Sewall  
President of the Maine Senate  
Senate Chamber  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
Dear Mr. President:

The Committee on Judiciary is pleased to report that it has completed all business placed before it by the First Special Session of the 107th Legislature, and reports the following:

Total number of bills received	30	
Bills referred from other committees	2	
		<b>Unanimous Divided</b>
Ought to Pass	1	5
Ought to Pass as Amended	11	1
Ought to Pass in New Draft	6	2
Ought Not to Pass		6
Leave to Withdraw	6	
Total Number of Amendments	16	
Total Number of New Drafts	8	

Respectfully,

Signed:

SAMUEL W. COLLINS, JR.  
Senate Chairman  
Committee on Judiciary

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

**Senate Papers  
Joint Resoluion**

Mr. Conley of Cumberland (Cosponsors: Mr. Merrill of Cumberland and Mr. Graffam of Cumberland) presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its adoption:

**STATE OF MAINE**

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six Joint Resolution in Commemoration of the Visit of the French Naval Frigate "Amyot D'Inville"

WHEREAS, on April 13, 1778 the French naval frigate, "Le Sensible" arrived in Falmouth Harbor, now Portland, for the purpose of delivering to the colonists the Treaty of Alliance advising the colonists that the government of France had formally and openly acknowledged American independence and pledged its aid and support; and

WHEREAS, word of France's entry into the war spread from Falmouth, in the District of Maine, through New England to General George Washington and his troops in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the decision of France to aid American colonists was of particular importance to the eventual attainment of American independence; and

WHEREAS, this historic occasion is an in-

tegral facet of Maine's bicentennial celebration; and

WHEREAS, this historic occasion will be commemorated in May of 1976 by the City of Portland and the State of Maine upon the arrival of the French naval frigate "Amyot D'Inville" on May 14, 1976; and

WHEREAS, the visit of the French naval frigate "Amyot D'Inville" is an occasion of great significance to Maine and its citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the 107th Legislature while duly assembled in special session at the Capitol in Augusta, do extend our welcome to the officers and crew of the "Amyot D'Inville" upon the occasion of their official visit to the State of Maine in commemoration of this nation's bicentennial; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution of welcome be sent forthwith, on behalf of the Legislature and the people of Maine, to the City of Portland for appropriate transmittal to the commanding officer of the French naval frigate "Amyot D'Inville" upon the occasion of that vessel's arrival at Portland Harbor. (S. P. 806)

Which was Read and Adopted.  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Orders**

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot, WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission as presently administered is currently faced with a heavy administrative workload; and

WHEREAS, the current regulation of small, publicly-owned utilities which serve single municipalities and operate entirely within those municipalities may prevent effective regulation of those utilities by preventing meaningful local input into the regulation of those utilities; and WHEREAS, the participation of citizens and local governments into the regulation of utilities of this type is fundamental to the proper regulation of those utilities; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Public Utilities shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of municipal officers approving utility rates of any publicly-owned utility which serves and operates wholly within that municipality, and may further determine the probable effect of that rate-setting on areas of associated concern to that type of utility; and be it further

ORDERED, that the committee shall complete this study no later than 90 days prior to the next regular session of the Legislature and submit to the Legislative Council within the same time period its findings and recommendations, including copies of any recommended legislation in final draft form; and be it further

ORDERED, upon passage in concurrence, that a suitable copy of this Order shall be forwarded to each member of the committee. (S. P. 805)

Which was Read.

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

**Orders of the Day**

The President pro tem laid before the Senate the following tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to a Cost-of-Living Adjustment for State Retirees." (S. P. 618) (L. D. 1950)

Tabled — April 13, 1976 by Senator Collins of Knox

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed. (In the Senate — Committee Amendment "A" (S-507) Adopted).

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Chair recognizes that Senator.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Once again this is the standby bill concerning an adjustment in retirement benefits, and this morning I would like to offer an amendment to the committee amendment. In order to do that, I will move to reconsider the adoption of Committee Amendment "A", and then present Senate Amendment "A".

I will explain while I am speaking now the purpose of this amendment. Back in 1973 in the legislature, retirement pensions were granted to several retired teachers who had served as teachers prior to a date away back in the teens, I think prior to 1920. These teachers had never contributed to any sort of retirement program, and the informal agreement at that time was that those teachers would receive a stated pension for the remainder of their lives, but that they would not participate in increases in retirement benefits granted to the system as a whole.

This was a matter with which I was unacquainted until this bill was on the floor of the Senate, and at that time the gentleman from Livermore Falls, Representative Lynch, came to me with this information and explanation, as he had served on the Retirement Committee at the time that this particular private and special law was enacted. It was thought, therefore, that the arrangement informally adopted at that time should continue to prevail, and that would be the purpose of this amendment.

I therefore move that the Senate reconsider its action whereby it adopted Committee Amendment "A".

The PRESIDENT pro tem: Is it the pleasure of the Senate that under suspension of the rules the Senate reconsider its action whereby it adopted Committee Amendment "A"?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Collins of Knox then presented Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-520, to Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted.

Thereupon, on further motion by the same Senator, tabled until later in today's session, pending Adoption of Committee Amendment "A", as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" Thereto.

Mr. Merrill of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would like to just briefly draw the attention of the Senate to an action we have already taken on Item 3-1, which pays special tribute to the role that the French people played in our Revolution as we are remembering in this bicentennial year. At the same time I would like to pay special tribute to my colleague from Portland, Mr. Conley, who sponsored this amendment, and this represents a great concession on his part. I have to admit that up until late last night he was still holding out that Lafayette was an Irishman. I would like to congratulate him for finally giving in.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec; Recessed until the sound of the bell.

**After Recess**

Called to order by the President.

**Papers From the House**

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

Bill, "An Act Appropriating Funds to the Litchfield, Sabattus and Wales Community School District." (H. P. 2346)

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed without reference to Committee.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was

Read Once and, under further suspension of the rules, given its Second Reading and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Thereupon, under further suspension of the rules, sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

**Joint Orders**  
**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 Edward McAleney of South Portland Drafted by the National Football League Pittsburgh Steelers

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. 2345)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed. Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**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 Jerome J. Clifford of Gorham Who Retired in 1976 From the Gorham Town Council After Many Years of Outstanding Service to His Community as Chairman of the Town Council and as a Member of Many Public Committees and Boards

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. 2343)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed. Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**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 Colonel Alexander Richard of Madison Commander of the 101st Combat Support Squadron of the Maine Air National Guard Who is Retiring After Twenty-six Years of Service to His Country

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. 2340)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed. Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**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 Larry Tedford Eighth Grade Student at Bridgton Junior High School Winner of the Cumberland County Spelling Bee for 1976

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. 2339)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed. Which was Read and Passed in concurrence.

**Committee Reports**  
**Divided Report**

Six members of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on, Bill, "An Act Increasing State, Maine Maritime Academy and University of Maine Employees' Pay." (H. P. 1846) (L. D. 2015)

Report in Report "A" that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

HUBER of Cumberland  
MARCOTTE of York

Representatives:

LeBLANC of Van Buren  
SMITH of Dover-Foxcroft  
CARTER of Winslow  
GARSOE of Cumberland

Two members of the same Committee on the same subject matter report in Report "B" that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1278).

Signed:

Representatives:

GOODWIN of Bath  
JALBERT of Lewiston

One member of the same Committee on the same subject matter reports in Report "C" that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-1279).

Signed:

Senator:

GAHAGAN of Aroostook

Comes from the House, Report "A" Read and Accepted.

Which reports were Read.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Acceptance of Either Report.

**Enactors**

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

An Act Providing for Administrative Corrections in Tax Laws. (H. P. 2312) (L. D. 2349)

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

**Emergency**

An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Laws of Maine. (S. P. 799) (L. D. 2345)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote 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.

**Communications**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

One Hundred and Seventh Legislature  
Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

April 14, 1976

Senator Joseph Sewall  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear President Sewall:

It is a pleasure to inform you that the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has considered and acted on all matters referred to it by the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature in First Special Session.

Following is a tabulation of the bills reported out of committee:

Total Number of Bills Received	54
Ought to Pass	1
Ought to Pass as Amended	4
Ought to Pass in New Draft	3
Referred to Another Committee	2
Ought Not to Pass	27
Divided Reports	6
Leave to Withdraw	11
Total	54

Very truly yours,

Signed:

DAVID G. HUBER  
Senate Chairman

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

**Enactors**

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

An Act to Reorganize the Department of Business Regulation. (H. P. 2153) (L. D. 2294)

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

**Committee Reports**

**Committee of Conference Report**

The Committee on Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on "An Act to Change the Statutory Qualifications and Salary Limit for Director of Personnel" (H. P. 1937) (L. D. 2125) have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report:

that the House recede from failing of passage to be engrossed, indefinitely postpone House Amendment A (H-938), indefinitely postpone House Amendment B (H-1234), adopt Conference Committee Amendment A submitted herewith and pass the Bill to be engrossed as amended by Conference Committee Amendment A; that Senate recede from passage to be engrossed; indefinitely postpone Senate Amendment A (S-420); indefinitely postpone Senate Amendment B (S-547); Adopt Conference Committee Amendment A and pass the Bill to be engrossed as amended by Conference Committee Amendment A.

On the part of the House:

BUSTIN of Augusta  
BOUDREAU of Portland  
LAFFIN of Westbrook

On the part of the Senate:

CURTIS of Penobscot  
WYMAN of Washington

Comes from the House, the report Read and Accepted.

Which report was Read.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. President, since this is a matter that had gone to a committee of conference, I think it might be appropriate and interesting to the Senate to learn exactly what is included in the committee of conference report.

The proposal is in the amendment but, briefly summarized, it provides for an emergency piece of legislation which does several things. One is change the title of the Director of Personnel to the Commissioner of Personnel. Secondly, it changes the category of salary within the schedule of Title 2, Section 6, for pay of the Commissioner of Personnel. Thirdly, it provides that the Board of Personnel would be able to appoint a Personnel Director up until ninety days from the time at which we adjourn, at which point a previous law which we had already enacted providing for the Governor to appoint the Commissioner of Personnel would go into effect.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to accept the committee of conference report?

It is a vote.

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

Resolve, Authorizing the Bureau of Public Improvements to Convey the Interest of the State in a Certain Parcel of Land and Buildings Thereon Situated in Orono. (H. P. 2342)

Tabled — April 14, 1976 by Senator Speers of Kennebec

Pending — Reference

(In the House — Passed to be Engrossed without reference to Committee).

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was Read Once.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Orono, Senator Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. President, this is a piece of legislation, a copy of which is not before the Senate. I think it would be helpful perhaps if I describe what is in the resolve.

In particular, this resolve differs from the amendment to the errors and inconsistencies bill which was before us the other day, which I so strongly objected to, and which the Senate agreed and finally indefinitely postponed. But this resolve provides that the Bureau of Public Improvements, which is, in my opinion anyway, the appropriate state agency, is authorized to consider the sale of a parcel of land in Orono where the state police barracks are now located for the purpose of selling it, if the state police decide that they need to move from that location, but subject to the approval of the 108th Legislature. Subject to the approval of the next legislature solves my particular problem about not conveying property without the legislature knowing exactly what is going on and for how much and for what purpose.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate that, under suspension of the rules, this bill be given its second reading at this time?

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its Second Reading and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Under further suspension of the rules, sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to a Cost-of-Living Adjustment for State Retirees." (S. P. 618) (L. D. 1950)

Tabled — April 14, 1976 by Senator Collins of Knox

Pending — Adoption of Committee Amendment "A" (S-507), as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-520) Thereto.

On motion by Mr. Collins of Knox, retabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Adoption of Committee Amendment "A", as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" Thereto.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec,  
Recessed until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Called to order by the President.

Papers From the House

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

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill, "An Act to Provide Necessary Corrections in the Education Laws." (H. P. 2341) (L. D. 2351)

In the Senate April 13, 1986, Passed to be Engrossed, in concurrence.

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-1293), in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Consideration.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill, "An Act to Provide Grants and Loans for Health Education." (S. P. 760) (L. D. 2310)

In the Senate April 12, 1976, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-550).

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "B" (H-1291) in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Consideration.

Enactors

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

Emergency

An Act Relating to the Suppression of the Spruce Budworm Epidemic. (H. P. 2310) (L. D. 2348)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 22 members of the Senate, with two Senators voting in the negative, was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

House Paper

Bill, "An Act Appropriating Funds to the Schoodic Community School District." (H. P. 2351)

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed without reference to Committee.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was Read Once and, under further suspension of the rules, given its Second Reading and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Thereupon, under further suspension of the rules, sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot, Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.