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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 16, 1977

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

Prayer by the Reverend Steven Park of the Calvary Baptist Church, Pittsfield.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem by the Lincoln Academy Band of Newcastle.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Mr. Gibbs of Gray was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. GIBBS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise today to make a statement which does not come easy for me. I have enjoyed being one of you for the past several weeks, and I consider it one of the highest honors that a Maine citizen can achieve to represent his constituents in this legislative body.

I realize, however, that emotions are running very high on this issue at present, and a continuation of this struggle can only serve to cause additional rancor and divide this House to the point where it will affect the ability of this body to carry out the people's business. All of you have a very grave responsibility to serve in the best interest of the people of the State of Maine to the utmost of your capabilities.

I do not intend, as a matter of conscience, to place myself in the way of your carrying out this responsibility. Secondly, and no less important, is the very real need of the people of District 29 to know once and for all who represents them here. For these reasons, I have decided today to step aside and no longer contest the seating of Mr. Cunningham. It is my sincere and honest hope that the members of this House will treat Mr. Cunningham with the same sense of fair play and with the same respect and comradeship that they have shown me.

I sincerely hope as well that the members of this House can now move forward in the best interest of the people, both Republicans and Democrats alike, and I want to assure you all that I harbor no rancor towards anyone in either party as a result of this long and difficult process.

It would be remiss of me at this time not to thank the members of the House Committee on Elections, for theirs was a very difficult and unrewarding task. They did their best as their consciences directed, and I for one respect them for that. (Prolonged applause, the members rising)

Mrs. Boudreau of Portland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. BOUDREAU: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to commend Mr. Gibbs for the decision he just made. I know it was not an easy one, but I think it was an honorable one. I wish him well, and I hope he will be back as a successful candidate in some future election. Again, I commend him highly.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate, the following Joint Order: (S. P. 135)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be prepared, after adjournment of the present session, by the Legislative Information Officer, a Register of all the Bills and Resolves considered by both branches of the Legislature, showing the history and final disposition of each Bill and Resolve and that there be printed 600 copies of the same. The Legislative Information Officer shall mail a copy of the Register to each member and officer of the Legislature and the State Law and Legislative Reference Library

shall receive such number of copies as may be required.

Came from the Senate read and passed. In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:
Bill "An Act Requiring Average Net Cost Comparison of Life Insurance Companies" (S. P. 125) (L. D. 304)

Bill "An Act to Require Substantiation of Certain Advertising Claims" (S. P. 126) (L. D. 305)
Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Postgraduate Education in the Field of Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine" (Emergency) (S. P. 131) (L. D. 311)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education and ordered printed.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to an Offense for Littering under the Litter Control Law" (S. P. 132) (L. D. 307)

Bill "An Act to Revise the Laws Relating to State Financing of the Expenses of the Superior and Supreme Judicial Courts" (S. P. 129) (L. D. 309)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code as Recommended by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission" (S. P. 127) (L. D. 306)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Maintaining Records on Premises under the Laws Relating to Alcoholic Beverages" (S. P. 133) (L. D. 308)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Liquor Control and ordered printed.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Foreign Trade Zones" (Emergency) (S. P. 128) (L. D. 312)

Bill "An Act to Transfer the Alcohol Treatment and Education Program of Operating under the Influence Offenders to the Department of Human Services" (S. P. 130) (L. D. 310)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Government and ordered printed.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Motor Vehicle Registration and Operators Licensing Requirements of Nonresidents" (S. P. 123) (L. D. 303)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Transportation and ordered printed.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

Messages and Documents

The following Communication: (H. P. 370)

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE

February 8, 1977

To the Honorable John L. Martin, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature:

I have the honor to herewith transmit the budget estimates of expenses of the sixteen counties within the State for the years 1977-1978, the same having been filed in this office according to the provisions of Title 30, Sections

252 and 253, of the Revised Statutes, as amended of 1972.

Sincerely,

Signed: MARKHAM L. GARTLEY
Secretary of State

The Communication was read and referred to the Committee on Local and County Government with accompanying papers, and sent up for concurrence.

The following Communication:
STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
AUGUSTA, MAINE

February 15, 1977

The Honorable John L. Martin
Speaker of the House
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Representative Martin:
In accordance with the provisions of 20

MRSA, S 3746, I am certifying the Governor's recommendation for the funding levels for § 3477, § 1, paragraph A to K and for the state's maximum obligation under § 3748, § 4. This information is contained in the attached communication to me from the Governor dated February 14, 1977 and is accompanied by a supporting memorandum from the Governor to the Members of the 108th Legislature.

Sincerely,

Signed: OTTO W. SIEBERT
State Budget Officer

The Communication was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

The following Communication:
Members of the House of Representatives:

The League of Women Voters has dedicated itself to the premise that the elective process is one of the most important functions carried out by society. To that end, we always encouraged the highest degree of public participation possible. Our efforts have been founded on the belief that in order to carry out the public's will, their representatives must be chosen by that public in an open and fair election.

The disputed election in District No. 29 and the serious questions that have been raised regarding the ultimate winner has become a matter of grave concern for the Gray-New Gloucester Unit of the Portland Area League of Women Voters. While we believe that you will try to be fair and equitable in your deliberations, we do not believe that if reasonable people could disagree over the ballots that you could say with complete assurance that your choice will truly reflect the will of the voters.

We believe that it is the public that should be considered in this matter and have thus voted unanimously to ask the Legislature to send the choice back to the voters for their determination. Our hope is that you will be able to put partisan concerns aside in favor of allowing the voters to make a choice that is not apparent in the results of the November 2 election.

To that end we have drawn up and circulated a petition that is an expression of the sentiment of the voters that a new election be called. We wish to thank you for your consideration of our efforts in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: DIANE M. CHASE
Voter Service Representative
Gray-New Gloucester Unit

Portland Area League of Women Voters
The Communication was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves
Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves requiring reference were received and referred to the following Committees:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act of 1973" (H. P. 348) (Presented by Mr. Carroll of Limerick)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

RESOLVE, Appropriating Funds to the Maine Mothers Committee to Offset Expenses incurred by the Maine Mother-of-the-Year in Representing Maine in Washington, D. C. (Emergency) (H. P. 349) (Presented by Mrs. Huber of Falmouth)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Unlicensed Practice of Funeral Services" (H. P. 350) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Allow a Security Dealer to be on a Bank Board" (H. P. 351) (Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Disposition of Human Remains" (H. P. 352) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Relating to Acquisition of Interest in Financial Institutions" (H. P. 401) (Presented by Mr. Peakes of Dexter)

Bill "An Act Charging the Boiler Owner or Contractors for the Fees for Additional Inspections Required by the Code" (H. P. 402) (Presented by Mrs. Tarr of Bridgton)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Fee Charged for U.C.C. Certificates of Information" (H. P. 403) (Presented by Ms. Clark of Freeport)

Bill "An Act to Increase Limited Partnership Filing Fees" (H. P. 404) (Presented by Ms. Clark of Freeport)

Bill "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Sales Financing under the Maine Consumer Credit Code" (H. P. 405) (Presented by Mr. Ault of Wayne)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Definition of a General Lines Consultant and a Life Consultant under the Maine Insurance Code" (H. P. 406) (Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Payment of Interest on Mortgage Escrow Accounts" (H. P. 407) (Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville) (Cosponsor: Mr. Wood of Sanford)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act to Transfer to Central Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, a Corporation, the Authorization Heretofore Granted to Central Maine General Hospital, a Corporation with a School of Nursing, to confer Associate in Applied Science Degrees in Nursing" (Emergency) (H. P. 353) (Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn)

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Out-of-State Post Graduate Education in Certain Professions" (H. P. 408) (Presented by Mr. Theriault of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act Concerning Special Agent Commissions for Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses" (H. P. 409) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Powers of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" (H. P. 354) (Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner)

Bill "An Act to Provide for Nonresident Taxpayer Fishing Licenses" (H. P. 410) (Presented

by Mrs. Tarr of Bridgton) (Cosponsor: Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Hunting of Bear with Dogs" (H. P. 355) (Presented by Mr. Dexter of Kingfield)

Bill "An Act to Permit Hunting of Deer within ½ Hour After Sunset" (H. P. 356) (Presented by Mr. Dexter of Kingfield)

Bill "An Act to Provide for Snowmobile Registration in Municipalities" (H. P. 411) (Presented by Mr. Wilfong of Stow) (Cosponsors: Mr. Bennett of Caribou, Mr. Pearson of Old Town, Mr. Dow of West Gardiner)

Bill "An Act to Provide for Boat Registration in Municipalities" (H. P. 412) (Presented by Mr. Wilfong of Stow) (Cosponsors: Mr. Spencer of Standish, Mr. Dexter of Kingfield, Mr. Dow of West Gardiner)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act to Require that Persons or Agencies Placing Unrelated Children for Adoption be Licensed" (H. P. 416) (Presented by Mrs. Kany of Waterville) (Cosponsor: Mrs. Boudreau of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Revise Certain Portions of the Statute Providing for the Licensing of Facilities for Children and Adults" (H. P. 417) (Presented by Mrs. Kany of Waterville) (Cosponsor: Mrs. Boudreau of Portland)

Bill "An Act Empowering the State of Maine to Enter into the Inter-state Corrections Compact" (H. P. 358) (Presented by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth)

Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Statutory Provisions Relating to the Regulation of Food, Cosmetics and Work Places" (H. P. 372) (Presented by Mr. Brenerman of Portland) (Cosponsor: Mrs. Trafton of Auburn)

Bill "An Act to Provide Supervision of Persons Released from the Maine State Prison and the Maine Correctional Center Under Furlough, Work or Rehabilitative Release" (H. P. 357) (Presented by Mr. Bennett of Caribou)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act to Create a Board of Registration of Substance Abuse Counselors" (H. P. 418) (Presented by Ms. Clark of Freeport)

Committee on Health and Institutional Services was suggested.

On motion of Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick, was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

House and Institutional Services cont'd.

Bill "An Act to Permit the Advertising of Prescription Eyeglasses and Other Optical Devices" (H. P. 415) (Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford) (Cosponsor: Mr. Brenerman of Portland)

Bill "An Act Concerning Substitution of Generic Drugs by Pharmacists" (H. P. 414) (Presented by Mr. Boudreau of Waterville)

Bill "An Act Concerning Liability of Pharmacists for Dispensing Prescriptions Originating from a Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner" (H. P. 413) (Presented by Mr. Boudreau of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Human Services

Bill "An Act Permitting the Removal of Certain Nonmembers from the Tribal Reservation of the Penobscot Indians" (H. P. 373) (Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town)

Bill "An Act Relating to Funds for Employment Opportunities for Maine's Reservation Indians" (H. P. 374) (Presented by Mr. Pearson

of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Relating to the Possession of Firearms by Felons" (H. P. 359) (Presented by Mr. Hughes of Auburn)

Bill "An Act Amending the Procedure for Charging Prior Offenses" (H. P. 375) (Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco)

Bill "An Act Relating to Powers of District Court Judges to Order Persons Produced for Trial" (H. P. 376) (Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco)

Bill "An Act to Revise the Legal Test for Insanity" (H. P. 377) (Presented by Mr. Tarbell of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Employment Security Tax Lien" (H. P. 378) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Relating to Refusal to Accept Work as Disqualification for Benefits under the Employment-Security Law" (H. P. 360) (Presented by Mr. Boudreau of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Hospital Liens" (H. P. 379) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Birth Records" (H. P. 380) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Concerning Membership on Municipal Charter Commissions" (H. P. 381) (Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Smoking at Public Meetings" (H. P. 361) (Presented by Mr. Dexter of Kingfield)

Committee on Legal Affairs was suggested. On motion of Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick, was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act to Remove from the Law the Prohibition on Giving or Furnishing Liquor to Paupers" (H. P. 382) (Presented by Mr. Raymond of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Revocation and Nonrenewal of Liquor Licenses for Nonpayment of State Taxes" (H. P. 383) (Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Education

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Purchase of "University of Maine at Farmington — A Study of Educational Change, 1864 to 1974" (H. P. 384) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington)

Committee on Local and County Government was suggested.

On motion of Mr. Morton of Farmington, was referred to the Committee on Education, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Local and County Government

Bill "An Act Converting Caratunk Plantation into the Town of Caratunk" (H. P. 362) (Presented by Mr. Austin of Bingham)

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Purchase of "The Falls — Where Farmington, Maine Began in 1776" (H. P. 363) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Establish an Environmental Coordination Procedure" (H. P. 386) (Presented by Mr. Green of Auburn) (Cosponsor: Mrs. Huber of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Rat Control on Public Dumps" (H. P. 387) (Presented by Mr. Green of Auburn)

Bill "An Act to Standardize Some of the Procedures and Statutes Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection" (H. P. 384) (Presented by Mr. Dexter of Kingfield)

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Dumping of Snow in Waters of the State" (H. P. 385) (Presented by Ms. Benoit of South Portland)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Septic Tank and Cesspool Waste Disposal Statute" (H. P. 365) (Presented by Mrs. Huber of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act to Establish Warranty Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems" (H. P. 388) (Presented by Ms. Benoit of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Mill Act" (H. P. 389) (Presented by Mrs. Trafton of Auburn) Committee on Public Utilities was suggested. (On motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, tabled pending reference and tomorrow assigned.)

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Relating to Public Utilities Commission Participation in the Federal Railroad Administration Tract and Equipment Safety and Inspection Program" (H. P. 366) (Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford)

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Repair, Operation and Maintenance of Androscoggin Lake Dam" (H. P. 367) (Presented by Mr. Ault of Wayne)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Concerning an Exemption from the Real Estate Transfer Tax" (H. P. 390) (Presented by Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Service of Warrants by Agents of the State Tax Assessor" (H. P. 391) (Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville)

Bill "An Act to Exempt Incorporated Non-profit Medical Facilities and Health Facilities from Maine Sales Tax" (H. P. 392) (Presented by Mr. Torrey of Poland) (Cosponsor: Mr. Mills of Eastport)

Bill "An Act Exempting Farm Machinery from the Personal Property Tax" (H. P. 393) (Presented by Mr. Torrey of Poland)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Administration of Laws by the Bureau of Taxation" (H. P. 394) (Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville)

Bill "An Act Providing for Improvements in the Sales Tax Collection Provisions Specified by Statute" (H. P. 395) (Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville)

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Uniform Property Tax Required for Education to 9 Mills" (Emergency) (H. P. 396) (Presented by Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Require Drivers License Renewal Examinations" (H. P. 397) (Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland) (Cosponsor: Mr. Higgins of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act Relating to Overtaking or Passing School Buses" (H. P. 398) (Presented by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Revocation and Nonrenewal of Motor Vehicle Dealer

Licenses for Nonpayment of State Taxes" (H. P. 399) (Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Notice Fee for Renewal of Registration of Motor Vehicles by the Secretary of State" (H. P. 368) (Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn) (Cosponsor: Mr. Perkins of Blue Hill)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Payment of Registration Fees for Motor Trucks and Truck Tractors" (H. P. 369) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Increase the Exemption on Estates of Veterans" (H. P. 400) (Presented by Mr. Jacques of Lewiston) (Cosponsors: Mr. Carter of Winslow, Mr. Kelleher of Bangor)

Committee on Veterans and Retirement was suggested.

On motion of Mr. Theriault of Rumford, was referred to the Committee on Taxation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On Motion of Mr. Nadeau of Sanford, it was ORDERED, that Merle Nelson of Portland be excused for the week of February 14th due to illness in the family.

House Reports of Committees

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Goodwin from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act to Reinstate the Requirement of a Blood Test Before Marriage" (H. P. 28) (L. D. 36) reporting "Ought Not to Pass".

Mr. Wood from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Relating to Extending Distance Requirement on Connection of Private Sewers" (H. P. 89) (L. D. 115) reporting "Ought Not to Pass".

Was placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 20, and sent up for concurrence.

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Hickey from the Committee on Veterans and Retirement on Bill "An Act to Prevent the Reduction of the Ceiling in Outside Earnable Income Because of Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Disability Retirement Benefits" (H. P. 44) (L. D. 61) reporting "Leave to Withdraw".

Mr. Spencer from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Protective Custody Proceedings" (H. P. 163) (L. D. 201) reporting "Leave to Withdraw".

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

New Draft Printed

Mr. Henderson from the Committee on Local and County Government on Bill "An Act to Revise the Salaries of County Officers" (H. P. 72) (L. D. 62) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft (H. P. 371) (L. D. 435)

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

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Public Utilities reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act to Exempt Small Water Districts from Regulations by the Public Utilities Commission" (H. P. 12) (L. D. 21)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. CARPENTER of Aroostook — of the Senate.

Mrs. TARR of Bridgton
Mr. LUNT of Presque Isle
PEARSON of Old Town

KELLEHER of Bangor
McHENRY of Madawaska
BERRY of Buxton

— of the House

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14) on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. CUMMINGS of Penobscot
Mr. COLLINS of Aroostook — of the Senate.
Mr. NADEAU of Sanford — of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, was recommitted to the Committee on Public Utilities and sent up for concurrence.

Consent Calendar

First Day

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

(S. P. 50) (L. D. 107) Bill "An Act Relating to Expiration Date of Dance Licenses" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to Pass"

(H. P. 17) (L. D. 26) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Vehicles Overtaking and Passing" — Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to Pass"

No objections being noted, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of February 17, under listing of the Second Day.

Consent Calendar

Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 49, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H. P. 101) (L. D. 125) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Adoption Proceedings"

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Allow the Taking of Suckers with Bow and Arrow" (H. P. 88) (L. D. 114)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, read the second time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Amended Bill

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Bureau of Public Lands to Convey by Sale the State's Interest in Certain Real Property in Warren and Cushing, Knox County (H. P. 90) (L. D. 116) (C. "A" H-13)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, read the second time, passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence.

Passed to Be Enacted

Emergency Measure

An Act Providing for Extension and Modification of the Joint Underwriting Association (S. P. 70) (L. D. 149)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 132 voted in favor of same and none against and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Maine Chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation of America (H. P. 5) (L. D. 8) (C. "A" H-3)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed

Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Ms. Goodwin of Bath, was placed on the House Appropriation Table.

Emergency Measure

An Act Relating to Reapportionment (H. P. 58) (L. D. 79)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 130 voted in favor of same and none against and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Relating to Transfer of Unexpended Appropriations of State Funds (S. P. 6) (L. D. 11)

An Act to Revise the Charter of the Aroostook-Prestile Treatment District (S. P. 37) (L. D. 45)

An Act Concerning Proofs Required for the Issue of a Marriage Intention Form (H. P. 154) (L. D. 170)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

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

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Birth Records" (H. P. 52) (L. D. 73) (H. "A" H-12 to C. "A" H-8)

Tabled — February 9, 1977 by Mr. Cote of Lewiston.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, was recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

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

Communication — Report of Committee on Elections Regarding House District 29. — In House, Communication read.

Tabled — February 10, 1977 by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls.

Pending — Being ordered placed on file.

Thereupon, the Communication was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that the House rescind its action in provisionally seating Michael H. Gibbs as the Representative of House District No. 29; and be it further

ORDERED, that Gordon F. Cunningham be seated in the House as the duly elected Representative of House District No. 29.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

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

House Order Relative to Election of Representative Cunningham and Representative Gibbs. — In House, Order read.

Tabled — February 10, 1977 by Mr. Quinn of Gorham.

Pending — Passage.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro, the Order was indefinitely postponed.

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

Bill, "An Act to Require Subcommittees of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine and of the Maine Maritime Academy to Hold Open Meetings" (S. P. 157) (L. D. 397) — In Senate, referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Tabled — February 10, 1977, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending — Reference in concurrence.

Thereupon, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

(Off Record Remarks)

Mr. Wood of Sanford was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. WOOD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As a member of the York County Delegation, I would like to congratulate Miss Bedard on the fine job she has done as Acting Clerk. She speaks well for her county.

On motion of Mr. Gould of Old Town, Adjourned until 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.