

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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APPENDIX

**HOUSE**

Thursday, January 19, 1978

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

Prayer by the Reverend Douglas Robbins, Retired Pastor of the Winthrop Street Universalist Church of Augusta.

Reverend ROBBINS: Infinite and Eternal Spirits in whom we live and move and have our being, we recognize Thee as the author of all good and we pray that we may be worthy of all Thy gifts.

As we continue the deliberations of this body, may we learn to respect and courageously defend the rights of all. May we strive to understand those opinions which are different from our own. May we learn to control our tongues when we are tempted to speak unfairly or unkindly of others. We would thus find a deeper comradeship and a truer happiness through learning to know each other better. Bind, we pray, our citizens together by the glow of neighborly will, the thrill of common joys and the pride of common possessions. May we ever remember that our nations' and state's true wealth consists not on the things which we possess but rather in the justice of her laws and institutions and in the brotherly way of her citizens.

Lift up, Oh Lord, Thy countenance upon this day and give us peace. Amen.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate  
Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act Relating to the Taxation of Certain Property Owned and Operated by Telephone or Telegraph Companies" (Emergency) (H. P. 1878) (L. D. 1932) which was Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-955) in the House on January 16, 1978.

Came from the Senate, Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-955) as amended by Senate Amendment "B" (S-437) thereto in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Carey of Waterville, the House voted to recede and concur.

**Orders**

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment (H. P. 2017) recognizing that: Maureen Bradley, Torry Gould, Ruth Libbey, Sally Shields and Brian Waterhouse, all students at Edward Little High School in Auburn, have been awarded prizes by the Women's Literary Union of Androscoggin County for their essays on the problem of crime

Presented by Mr. Torrey of Poland. (Cosponsors: Mrs. Lewis of Auburn, Senator Snowe of Androscoggin)

The order was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

(4-2) On motion of Mr. Nadeau of Sanford, it was ORDERED, that Lena Durgin of Kittery be excused for the duration of her illness.

**Consent Calendar  
First Day**

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

(H. P. 1932) (L. D. 2000) Bill "An Act to Authorize Local School Committees to Elect the method of Funding Unemployment Compensation" (Emergency) — Committee on Labor reporting "Ought to Pass" as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-964)

On the objection of Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Thereupon, the Report was read and accepted and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" (H-964) was read by the Clerk

and adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was read the second time, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

**Second Reader****Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act relating to Certificate of Need" (S. P. 652) (L. D. 2013) (S. "B" S-433)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading and read the second time.

(On motion of Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick, tabled pending passage to be engrossed in concurrence and tomorrow assigned.)

**Orders of the Day**

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

Bill "An Act to Increase the Bonding Limit of the Maine State Housing Authority" (Emergency) (H. P. 1880) (L. D. 1934)

Tabled — January 17, 1978 by Mrs. Najarian of Portland.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Curran of South Portland offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-965) was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Monday, January 23.

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

Resolve, Appropriating Funds to Renovate an Elementary School Building at Windham which was Destroyed by Flood Waters (Emergency) (H. P. 1864) (L. D. 1914) (C "A" H-954)

Tabled — January 18, 1978 by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Thereupon, the Resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent up for concurrence.

Pursuant to House Rule 1, the Chair appointed Representative Greenlaw of Stonington to act as Speaker pro tem on Friday, January 20, in his absence.

**(Off Record Remarks)**

On motion of Mrs. Gill of South Portland, Adjourned until Friday, January 20, at 12 o'clock noon.