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OF THE

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Legislature***

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

January 25, 1978

Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by Rabbi David A. Fairman, Beth Israel Synagogue in Waterville.

RABBI FAIRMAN: We gratefully acknowledge O eternal our God, that You are our creator and preserver, the rock of our life and our protecting shield. We give thanks to You for our lives which are in Your hand, for Your wondrous providence and Your continuous goodness which You bestow upon us day by day, for the joy of community, the gift of diversity, and the vision of harmony, we offer our grateful thanks. Bless our land and all its inhabitants. Prosper us in all our undertakings. Be with those who we have chosen to lead us, that they may strive to establish justice and opportunity for all. Grant us peace, Your most precious gift, and may contentment rain within our borders. Health and happiness within our homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship among all peoples, and may the love of Your name hello every home and every heart. Blessed are you eternal God to whom all thanks are due.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

(Off Record Remarks)

Second Readers

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

House

Bill, "An Act to Empower Administrative Hearing Officers to Sign Fair Hearing Decisions." (H. P. 1945) (L. D. 2024)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed To Be Engrossed in concurrence.

House — As Amended

Bill, "An Act to Establish the Maine—Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission." (H. P. 1879) (L. D. 1933)

Which was Read a Second Time.

On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec, Tabled until Friday next Pending Passage to be Engrossed.

Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Statute Relating to Attorneys so that Nonattorneys may Appear in Small Claims Court on Behalf of Corporations." (H. P. 1918) (L. D. 1979)

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands to Lease the Right to Way and Maintain a Certain Right-of-Way for Forty Years. (Emergency) (H. P. 1960) (L. D. 2043)

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Sale by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections of a Certain Parcel of Land Adjacent to the State Prison in Thomaston to Allan L. Robbins and Verla W. Robbins. (H. P. 1926) (L. D. 1987)

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

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate:

Bill Held

RESOLVE, to Amend the Apportionment of Multimember Districts of the House of Representatives into Single Member Districts. (Emergency) (H. P. 1906) (L. D. 1967)

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

MR. SPEERS: Mr. President, I move that the Senate reconsider its action whereby this Bill was finally Passed.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers, now moves that the Senate reconsider its action whereby L. D. 1967 was finally passed. Is it the pleasure of the Senate? It is a vote.

On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec, Tabled for One Legislative Day, Pending final Passage.

Out of order and under suspension of the

rules, the Senate voted to consider the following:

Paper From The House
Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing that: Wellington Higgins of Winthrop has the distinction of reaching the 104th anniversary of his birth and proudly claims 81 of these years as an active member of the Winthrop Grange. (H. P. 2041)

The James River Corp. has purchased the Otis Division Paper Mill at Jay, Maine from International Paper Co., and the acquisition assures the continued operation of a mill that has provided employment and prosperity for west central Maine for three-quarters of a century. (H. P. 2030)

Sergeant John Whitmore of the Portland Police Department, on the 21st of January, 1978 performed a heroic lifesaving deed while in the line of duty. (H. P. 2031)

Mrs. Gertrude Earley of Sabattus has retired from the news media after 47 years of leadership and dedicated service to the community as a reporter for the "Lewiston Daily Sun" (H. P. 2040)

Come from the House, Read and Passed.

Which were Read and Passed in concurrence.

Joint Resolution

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment in Memoriam: Whereas, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of Dr. Paul A. Millington, a beloved family physician of Camden, (H. P. 2032)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted in concurrence.

House Papers

Bills and Resolves requiring reference to Committee were acted upon in concurrence.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reports as truly and strictly engrossed the following: An Act Relating to Type of Notice under the Exceptional Children Statutes. (H. P. 1868) (L. D. 1918)

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 Amend the Appeal Procedures in the Employment Security Law. (S. P. 628) (L. D. 1960)

Emergency

"An Act Converting Beaver Cove Plantation into the Town of Beaver Cove." (H. P. 1902) (L. D. 1963)

These Bills being emergency measures and having received the Affirmative vote of 29 Members of Senate, were Passed to be Enacted, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

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

Papers From The House
Committee Report

The Committee on State Government on, Bill, An Act to Provide Flexibility in the Organizational Structure of the Department of Environmental Protection. (H. P. 1949) (L. D. 2028)

Reports that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-976).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which was Read.

On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec, Tabled for One Legislative Day,

Pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

(At Ease)

Senate called to Order by the President.

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

Papers From The House
Study Report—Energy

The Committee on Energy to which was referred the study relative to the State of Maine Energy Policy Statement have had the same under consideration and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill, "An Act to Provide for the Sale of Electricity to Public Utilities," (H. P. 2036) (L. D. 2100), be referred to this Committee for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 17.

Study Report—Energy

The Committee on Energy to which was referred the study relative to the State of Maine Energy Policy Statement have had the same under consideration and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill, "An Act to Establish a Solar Water Heater Demonstration Program for Maine," (H. P. 2038) (L. D. 2102), be referred to this Committee for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 17.

Study Report—Energy

The Committee on Energy to which was referred the study relative to the State of Maine Energy Policy Statement have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill, "An Act to Provide Municipalities with the Authority to Establish Standards for the Installation of Wood Stoves," (H. P. 2037) (L. D. 2101), be referred to this Committee for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 17.

Come from the House, the Reports Read and Accepted and the Bills referred to the Committee on Energy.

Which reports were Read and Accepted and the Bills referred to Committee on Energy, in concurrence.

Study Report—State Government

The Committee on State Government to which was referred the study relative to the training of State and County Corrections Officers have had the same under consideration and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill, "An Act to Establish Training Requirements for Corrections Officers" (H. P. 2039) (L. D. 2104), be referred to the Committee on State Government and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 17.

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 and Ordered Printed in concurrence.

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

Study Report—Education

The Committee on Education to which was referred the Study relative to the Education of Handicapped Children, pursuant to S. P. 528 have had the same under consideration and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the Accompanying Bill, "An Act Concerning Pilot Projects for More Effective and Efficient Delivery of Services to Pre-school Handicapped Children" (S. P. 684) (L. D. 2106) be referred to this Committee for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 17.

Which Report was Read and Accepted, and one Bill referred to the Committee on Education and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

