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SENATE

March 15, 1978

Senate called to Order by the President.
Prayer by Honorable Richard Morrell of Brunswick.

Mr. MORRELL: These are interesting and hectic days for the Maine State Senate. Let us remember that good humor is a virtue as well as the ability to stand firm when one is in the right. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

(Off Record Remarks)

Order

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Education is directed to report out a bill concerning the sharing of costs by communities in school districts. (S. P. 744)

Which was read.

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

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, in keeping with the prayer this morning, I want to tell you a funny thing happened to us on the way to the enactment to school funding Bill this year. In the middle of our deliberations opinion came through from the Attorney General's Office that indicated that any school units which had formed over the years in accordance with any agreement other than sharing cost on evaluation may be in violation of the Constitution. So in good humor we have faced this with a proposed Constitutional amendment which will be ready for your consideration either later today or tomorrow, and because I want no misunderstandings as to where we are at, the Maine Constitution presently makes it clear that all taxation must be according to just value.

It makes three exceptions and it says through amendments over the years that the legislature may if it wishes, legislate exceptions with respect to farm and agricultural lands open space lands and lands used for game management and it says that in those areas despite the prohibition of the Constitution, the Legislature may safely legislate. We propose to bring for your consideration a fourth area that says if the Legislature chooses, it may permit school administrative districts and community school districts, permit them to join together and share cost on some basis other than just value of the property within the communities.

Which was Passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

(Off Record Remarks)

Committee Reports
House

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on, Bill, "An Act Appropriating Funds to Establish Emergency Shelters for Family Members who are Victims of Family Violence." (H. P. 1979) (L. D. 2074)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1152)

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

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Reimbursement for 6-bed Boarding Homes" (Emergency) (H. P. 1895) (L. D. 1952)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1151)

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

The Committee on Transportation on, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Transportation of Pri-

mary Wood Products." (H. P. 2162) (L. D. 2171)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1153).

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

Which Reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendments "A" Read and Adopted in concurrence, and the Bills, as amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Ought to Pass In New Draft

The Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Place of Filing Under the Uniform Commercial Code," (Emergency) (H. P. 1929) (L. D. 2004)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title. (H. P. 2232) (L. D. 2190)

Comes from the House, the Bill, in New Draft, Passed to be Engrossed as amended by House Amendments "B" (H-1158) and "C" (H-1159).

Which Report was Read and Accepted, in concurrence, and the Bill, in New Draft, Read Once. House Amendment "B" was Read and Adopted, in concurrence. House Amendment "C" was Read and Adopted, in concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. Conley of Cumberland, and under suspension of the rules, the Bill Read a Second Time.

Which was Passed to be Engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

The Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "An Act to Clarify and Define Certain Existing Provisions of the Maine Fair Credit Reporting Act." (H. P. 1963) (L. D. 2052)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title. (H. P. 2234) (L. D. 2192)

Comes from the House, the Bill, in New Draft, Passed to be Engrossed.

Which Report was Read and Accepted in concurrence. The Bill, New Draft, Read Once.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary.

Mr. O'LEARY: Mr. President, I would like to direct a question through the Chair to the Committee if I may. On page 7 of the Legislative Document 2192, Section 11, reporting agencies and inquire if this only applies to the agency reporting to anyone else information gathered by an insurance company relative to a persons religion color and ancestry origin, sexual preference or orientation, or what it will do to the forms required by certain insurance companies of this information.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary, has posed a question through the Chair.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pierce.

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: That or similar questions were raised during some lengthy sessions that we had on this Bill.

Let me start by saying that last year we passed the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and like all bills, especially of that length and that magnitude they require changes.

I think that this Bill, which represents many amendments to that Bill improves in many, many ways. The Committee went through I think, I lost count after the sixth or seventh draft, but many, many redrafts of this Bill this year and we feel that we have something now that everyone can live with and its a good bill and to specifically address that question. We did work with the insurance companies and the lobbyist there and they have no particular problem over that. They feel that in a particular instance and I guess that it has happened once or twice that there might be some problem in getting people to sign a waiver and so

forth, but they have no particular problems with it and do not feel that it will raise any particular problems for them.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary.

Mr. O'LEARY: One further question. I am not quite clear in my own mind are the insurance companies still going to these same questions?

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

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: The insurance companies are still going to ask the same questions, but with some exceptions, but what the insurance companies are now required to do is that if they are going to investigate a person, they have to let that person know and that person has to sign a waiver if they are going to perform a thorough investigation of that person.

Tomorrow Assigned for a Second Reading.

The Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Credit Life and Credit Health Insurance Laws." (H. P. 1954) (L. D. 2033)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title. (H. P. 2233) (L. D. 2033)

Comes from the House, the Bill, in New Draft, Passed to be Engrossed.

Which Reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, and the Bill, in New Draft, Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Second Readers

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

House

Bill, "An Act to Revise the Venue Provisions of the Maine Employment Security Commission Appeals Procedure." (H. P. 1871) (L. D. 1928)

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

House — As Amended

Bill, "An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,100,000 to Establish a Dormitory at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute." (H. P. 2183) (L. D. 2175)

Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Education Laws." (H. P. 2018) (L. D. 2093)

Which were Read a Second Time.

On Motion of Mr. Katz of Kennebec,

Tabled until later in Today's Session.

Bill, "An Act to Abolish the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Improvement Fund and Make Appropriation from the General Fund to Continue Existing Programs." (H. P. 2010) (L. D. 2085)

Bill, "An Act to Conform State Statutes to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act." (H. P. 2107) (L. D. 2145)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Abandoned Property." (H. P. 2043) (L. D. 2109)

Which was Read a Second Time.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Adjusting Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1978 and June 30, 1979. (Emergency) (S. P. 740) (L. D. 2195)

Which was Read a Second Time.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. President, I offer an amendment to this Bill, Senate Amendment

"A" and would speak to its adoption.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Curtis, now offers Senate Amendment "A" to (L. D. 2195) and moves its adoption. The Secretary will Read Senate Amendment "A" (S-551) Read.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. President, this is an amendment which would accomplish the same thing that I tried to do last Thursday and was unsuccessful by a tie vote of 14-14, if I remember correctly, and that is to stop the state from creating an entirely new category of State employees called juvenile intake workers. The attempt to amend the amendment to the revisions, to the juvenile code by me last week was unsuccessful, so I now offer so that the Senate is entirely certain that it has made a final decision one way or another an amendment to the Appropriations Bill which deletes the funding for that category of 26 new state employees. The amount of money which would be saved by the taxpayers of the state is \$453,-883 for the next fiscal year.

I would suggest Mr. President, that in the future it is likely to be much more than that each year because 26 people are likely to be just the beginning of this new addition to our bureaucracy in the Department of Mental Correction and finally I would remind the Senate as I discussed earlier last week that many district court judges and many police indicate that they are fully capable of performing the functions that are ascribed to the concepts of juvenile intake workers without the new positions in state government, that the new positions would not be part really of the court system, but would be new social workers Mr. President, I suggest that we do not need new social workers to intercept the juvenile court process between the time that a judge or police department is able to assist him in either adjudicating his situation or finding some logical method of assisting him.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President, this matter was well debated last week and the Senate did come to the conclusion that it wanted to uphold the juvenile code system that we enacted last year with the improvements that were presented in the juvenile code Bill this year. It is the essence of the juvenile code that there be an additional man power devoted to working with our delinquent young people. The suggestion that we would save money of course is appealing but on the other hand in saving money for some personnel, we may be costing ourselves money in the number of the youngsters that end help in correctional institution at a cost of somewhere between \$8,000 to \$14,000 a year per child. We may be wasting some young lives that could be put on the right road by helping them get into the right kind in the rehabilitated services, services, getting them into vocational, sometimes or other activities and we simply have to weigh the values involved here. In my judgment the money that we are spending would not all be lost because some of it would be saved in other parts of the correctional system and in reducing the amount of residuum that we have among our young people who are just are not able to be served by this system now in place.

I would urge you to resist this attempt to change the Appropriations Act and vote against the adoption of this Amendment.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Morrell.

Mr. MORRELL: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would join the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins in opposing this amendment. The Committee listened to a great deal of testimony relative to its value. An important clause in the description of the program requires that the V. A. review to the Committee in a year to give an assessment of the program at that point and how it should go down the road. It seems to us that that is a rea-

sonable cost and direction and I would hope that the Amendment would not prevail.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Huber.

Mr. HUBER: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I also hope that this Amendment would fail as the good Senator immediately preceding me has pointed out this will be reviewed at the year. This is a provision as I understand it in the juvenile code and I hope that the Senate would not go along with this amendment.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley.

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I must concur with the three previous people who have spoken against the adoption of this particular amendment. I do not believe that the Appropriation Bill is necessarily a bill that everybody has to totally and completely endorsed. I know that the times passed when both the Majority Floor Leader and myself were successful in opening up the appropriation package because I think that we were by-passed in a sense of the fact the recommendation was being made by the vast majority of both members political parties were not incorporated within that appropriation act. This Amendment has been debated and was defeated and I can only attest to the members of the majority party here today that if we do open up the Appropriations Act and it gets down at the other end of the hall, that there will be a number of the Amendments that will be offered, perhaps even some that will be willing to support and particularly in the area of the Public Utilities Commission, where we do not feel that there has been enough money appropriated for staff to be able research the fights that they are going to have to have in defending their stand against some of the increases that are being requested by some of the utilities around the state.

So again I would urge that the Senate vote to reject this amendment.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Hewes.

Mr. HEWES: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I have some questions as to just what the intake workers functions are. As I said the other day, the District Attorney in Cumberland County is very strongly opposed to these 26 new positions and as I understood his statement as to what they do, supposing there are 26 intake workers throughout the state so perhaps on a Saturday night one in each county, 16. Probably in Cumberland County in the Portland and South Portland area and if there was a were fracas in the Sebago Lake area as I understand it and the local constable officer, law enforcement officer arrested a juvenile. I inferred from my County District attorneys statement that there be a holding action, that these officers could not put the juveniles into, into jail for detention at that time, but must await arrival of an intake worker. Which might mean an hour or more and if this fracas occurred at 11 o'clock and thereabouts at night, these law enforcement officers would be involved in a holding action themselves for that hour or more waiting for the intake worker and the intake worker would decide what should be done with the juvenile.

If I do not understand the duties of the intake worker, I wish that somebody would explain it, but based on my present understanding of their functions which composes next to an extra protective lawyer for the juvenile after he has been arrested, I feel that I will join the good Senator from Penobscot, Senator Curtis in supporting the motion pending.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the adoption of Senate Amendment "A" to L. D. 2195.

The Chair will order a Division.

Will all those in favor of the adoption of Senate Amendment "A" please rise in their

places to be counted.

Will all those opposed please rise in their places to be counted.

7 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 22 Senators in the negative, Senate Amendment "A" Fails of Adoption.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Huber.

Mr. HUBER: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, in commenting on the Appropriations Bill, I would like first to point out that during the last session we passed a biennial budget that would increase funding in many many areas before the second year. The attempt of this Bill is to make various necessary adjustments in existing programs and meet certain emergency needs in state government. We have taken all L. D.'s that were contained in the original bill. L. D. 2021, as presented on behalf of the Governor. We have taken these out of the L. D. 2195 which I feel is consistent with our policy this session of trying to get as much legislative input in appropriation matters and I feel that these Bills should travel on their own through the entire legislative process, through the Appropriations Table for final consideration.

There are major adjustments in the Human Services area and especially in the Mental Health and Corrections area as well as the inclusion of the education dollar mill rate for the purposes of the subsidy index and the allocation thereof to agree with the education bill which has already been signed into law.

I would like to briefly read through some major areas of change in this budget and I hope that you will bear with me in what may be a very long procedure. On page 7 there is a reorganization within the Department of Finance and Administration and involving several other departments elsewhere in the bill. This is funded internally and although it looks some formidable is merely a reorganization within the Department of Finance and Administration. You will note on the bottom of the page 7 the appropriation of \$650,000 from tax relief for the elderly and I would like to have you bear in mind that I think that everybody is considering passage of a \$1.4 million increase in this area.

On page 9 there are additional funds in the amount of \$200,000 in the additional department this is \$200,000 of their \$300,000 request in this area.

On page 11 there is one new function which came unanimously recommended from the department, from the Committee on Marine Resources which is a provision of fisheries assessment biologist which would give the fisheries in Maine a resource to give a specific meaning information in regard to catch limits and so on in response to what I understand is federal regulations of the 200 hundred mile limit. The Public Utilities Commission would receive a net of \$50,000 which is approximately one-half or less than one-half of their request to address the proliferation of major rate cases. Also on page 11 the Maine Development Foundation would be funded \$100,000 in the second year and I would like to go over their funding request quite briefly. The original request in the last Legislative Session was \$250,000 each year for which the legislature gave them \$100,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year. The effect of this appropriation would show continued support of the Maine Development Foundation and would provide as much as they only have one-third of this year remaining in which to operate a funding level of \$100,000 which can be compared to the requested funding level of \$200,000 for the year. The net appropriations to the Maine Development Foundation would be \$100,000 in the first year and \$250,000 in the second year. The Maine Maritime Academy would receive \$75,000 to increase salaries at that institution.

A minor item perhaps on page 12 is the second year funding for WCBB for adult education, excuse me, for the school television pro-

grams which are only funded for one year in the last biennial budget.

On page 13, the Department of Human Services, the few items, the childrens protective services and the Title 20 continues the account \$937,000 would do two things. In Title 20 because the Commissioner can only commit or not over commit, in this final account he has consistently fallen short, there is no way that the contract can be exceeded, but they can fall short. As a result about \$800,000 of federal money has been lapsing back to the federal government each year. This contingency account would provide innuance for the Commissioner could extend his contract commitments in order to provide 100% utilization of Title 20 funds and should gain us \$800,000 in additional federal funds in the Title 20 account. The \$937,000 which really is a contingency account within the used as additional funding for children protective services which last year we funded from Title 2 in the amount of \$1,250,000. Thus the provision of \$937,500 will satisfy both the full amount for children protection services and also generate an additional \$800,000 of federal funds in title 20.

In the two intermediate care accounts page 14, I would point out that in the first account in addition to \$2,520,000 provided there will be an additional \$980,000 from the Social Security Act bringing this account to \$3,500,000. In the account, the next intermediate account to address minimum wage increases there is an additional \$170,000 which would be reallocated from Title 2 funds. In the following account, the second year was increased from the request by \$200,000 to correspond to the following item on top of page 15 which is a \$400,000 increase which is provided to increase payments from 90 percent of 1969 standard of need to 95 percent. This would be effective January 1, and would amount to a five percent increase after a fifteen month delay as their last five percent increase occurred starting October 1, 1977. In the debate their accounts which follow the net results is an increase in funding for day care of \$500,000 which brings them somewhat beyond the current level and I think is an adequate provision in this area.

On page 16 the Department of Indian Affairs, this is a necessary Appropriation to face the general assistance payments on the Indian Reservations.

In Mental Retardation Services on page 18, there are in addition to the \$786,439 thrown in the second year, there would be \$1,555,000 from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Improvement Fund which I believe is a sufficient provision in this account. The other mental health accounts are largely as shown in the Governor's budget and I would point out that the items which do not show in this section are contained in the allocation of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Improvement.

Going to part "C" on page 20, there is a provision for budworm which are, I believe, is agreed on by the Legislature. Part "D" is a allocation that Maine Cost of Protection Fund as well as the other changes which I mentioned in connection with the reorganization within the Department of Finance and Administration.

Part "E" on page 22 would adopt a new fee schedule for provisions to address a problem of retaining provisions in our institutions.

Finally the North American Indian Scholarship, the funds have been provided again and the languages read re-enacted in this area.

Part "F" adopts the education funding provisions as required by law and I believe is in total agreement with the intent of the law already signed. One of the problems the Committee has faced this time is a \$41,000,000 surplus and the increased aspirations generated by this current surplus which I have no reason to question, but the fact is the surplus is not in hand and will not be firmly in until the end of the fiscal year 1979.

The legislature has faced various earlocking needs, a need for a surplus which we anticipate

leaving at the level \$7,500,000. The need to address the question of tax relief, the Appropriations Bill itself and L. D.'s decision in each of these areas affects the remaining three areas and this has been one of the problems, everybody is interested in using a large portion of the \$41,000 in their particular area of interest and perhaps are not as cognizant as they should be of the effects in the other areas.

I realize that this has been a very brief run through of this Bill. I have tried to pick out major provisions within it and now with the Appropriations Bill crystal clear in your mind, I hope that you will see fit to give this Bill your approval.

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

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would like to speak just briefly on this budget if I may and explain why I abstained from supporting the majority report of the Appropriations Committee.

It is not my intent to vote against it today or to offer any amendments. There comes a point in this process where there has to be some agreement but there are several things in there that I find troubling and I want to bring them to everybody's attention.

The first has been mentioned the fact that the Public Utilities Commission has not been given money that they deem sufficient to deal with those major problems that they are facing with major rate increase cases and that decision having to be made on a \$700,000,000 proposal for Sears Island. And I would like to mention just a couple of others. There was money requested by the Chief Executive and I believe appropriately so to deal with the promotion of Maine products and that money has been deleted from the budget. And finally, there is a \$1,000,000 appropriation in here for the construction, you will see on page 17, for the construction of a new security building at the Maine Youth Center in South Portland. I recognize that there is a need for some way to handle a growing number of juveniles we have who are in fact security problems. However, this has been developed very quickly by the Department, I believe from my own discussions from very little input from the people who work at South Portland and who deal with these problems and it is my concern that we are going to make a major decision here involving a \$1,000,000 expenditure for captial construction which will change the nature, at least for part of the programs that we have at South Portland which have always been most security and I am afraid we will create a bad role model for most of the young people at South Portland who are in fact at this point not harden criminals and to segregate out on the same campus in a more security conscious fashion, the people who are in fact on their way to becoming true criminals, I think would be a bad step to take and I would have much preferred that more time had been spent on this and that more careful consideration would have been given to placing this security building at another site, possibly in Windam where there are now some people who are under the age of 18 and a place I feel where it would be more appropriate to establish a more security oriented facility than at South Portland. I think that this represents a major change in policies of South Portland and I do not think a good one and I wish more time had been put into the development of this before we had appropriated a million dollars to make this change.

For this reason and several others, I am not enthusiastic supporter of this Appropriations Bill, but will quiet my criticism sufficiently so that we can at least pass something this session. We are drawing to an end and hopefully some if these things can be addressed in future Legislature. I am afraid, however, that we have made a very bad decision in regards to the Maine Youth Center and I think it will come back to haunt us in years to come.

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

Mrs. CUMMINGS: Mr. President, I to will do nothing, I will certainly support this Bill, but I cannot let it go without agreeing, that it is a shame not to have funded the Public Utilities Commission. It is a known fact that in every state that has increased their funding for their Public Utility Commission, that the rates have gone down, that they have had the expertise to that they have been able to look into the books and realize and be able to explain to the Public Utilities who are applying for higher rates why their reasons are good for not going along with the higher rates. I think that this is doing a disservice to the citizens of the State of Maine I am sorry about that.

Which was Passed to be Engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senate — As Amended

Bill, "An Act Creating a State Capitol Commission." (S. P. 722) (L. D. 2172)

Bill, "An Act to Facilitate Recruitment and Retention of Outstanding Persons for Policy-making Positions in State Service." (Emergency) (S. P. 672) (L. D. 2076)

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

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate:

RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Aroostook County for the Year 1978." (Emergency) (H. P. 2217) (L. D. 2185)

Tabled — March 14, 1978 by Senator Collins of Aroostook

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed
Which was Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Post-graduate Education in the Field of Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry and Veterinary Medicine." (S. P. 732) (L. D. 2177)

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

Mr. KATZ: I move that the Rules be Suspended and the Senate reconsider its action whereby this Bill was Passed to be Engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, now moves that the Senate Suspend its Rules and reconsider its action whereby this Bill was Passed to be Engrossed. Is it the pleasure of the Senate? It is a vote.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, I now offer Senate Amendment "B" (S-552) and move its adoption.

This amendment is an amendment which puts into the record a couple of definitions which the Ad-Hoc Committee wanted in there, it also makes one correction in a date in the original Bill.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, now offers Senate Amendment "B" to (L. D. 2177) and moves its adoption. The Secretary will Read Senate Amendment "B".

Senate Amendment "B" (S-552) Read and Adopted. The Bill, as amended, Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate.

Bill, "An Act to Provide for Reform of the State Tax Laws." (H. P. 2215) (L. D. 2183)

Tabled — March 14, 1978 by Senator Speers of Kennebec

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed
On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec,
Retabled until later in Today's Session.

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

Communication
Office of the Governor

The Honorable Joseph Sewall
President of the Senate
The Honorable John Martin
Speaker of the House
Dear Joe and John:

This is to officially notify you that I am today withdrawing the nomination of Kenneth H. Volk of Portland, posted February 1, 1978, to the position of member, Maine Guarantee Authority.

Due to the fact that the Joint Standing Committee on State Government did not vote to confirm the nomination last week, and in order to avoid any further embarrassment to Mr. Volk, I feel that it will be in the nominee's best interest to withdraw his nomination at this time.

It is with regret we are withdrawing Mr. Volk's nomination today. Although I respect the right of the State Government Committee, or any other legislative committee to turn down one of our nominees, I am concerned that a great many competent citizens who would be willing to donate their time to the State of Maine might become discouraged from volunteering to serve on such boards. As I told the State Government Committee, we did not feel that there was a conflict in nominating Mr. Volk to serve and furthermore there was much to be said for an individual such as Mr. Volk who had kept faith with the State of Maine to meeting his obligations to the Authority in a timely and consistent manner. However, because the State Government Committee did not vote to confirm Mr. Volk, and because we want to do everything to protect Mr. Volk and his reputation, and his business's reputation, we are withdrawing his nomination.

Sincerely,

Signed:

JAMES B. LONGLEY
(S. P. 747)

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.
Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Report
House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Local and County Government on, Bill, "An Act Extending the Time for Apportionment of County Taxes from March to April in the Year 1978." (Emergency) (H. P. 2243) (L. D. 2196)

Reports that the same Ought to Pass pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 2226.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which Report was Read and Accepted in concurrence.

The Bill Read Once.

On Motion of Mr. Jackson of Cumberland and Under Suspension of the rules, the Bill Read a Second Time.

Which was Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Paper from the House
Non-concurrent Matter

Bill, "An Act to Provide Funding for Programs to Aid School Administrative Units to Identify and Provide Special Education Programs for Gifted and Talented Children." (H. P. 1934) (L. D. 2005)

In the Senate, Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-530) and Committee Amendment "A" (H-1050) in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A", in non-concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. Katz of Kennebec, the Senate voted to Recede and Concur.

(Off Record Remarks)

On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec, the

Senate voted to take from the Unassigned Table:

Communications — From the Committee on State Government — Nomination of Kenneth H. Volk to the Position of a member of the Maine Guarantee Authority.

Tabled — February 17, 1978 by Senator Speers of Kennebec

Pending — Placing on file

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President, since the nomination has been withdrawn by the Governor of Kenneth H. Volk, I move that this item be now placed on File.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins, now moves that this item be Placed on File. Is it the pleasure of the Senate? It is a vote.

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

Senator Carpenter of Aroostook was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Mr. CARPENTER: Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate: Perhaps it is fitting that on Maine's 158th Birthday, I feel compelled to rise and say enough is enough.

I am a bit tired of picking up the newspaper and seeing my section of the State in particular continually rundown and continually demeaned in the eyes of the rest of the State of Maine. I guess the straw that broke the camels back was this morning when I picked up the Kennebec Journal and read the editorial that says that the potato needs help. We who are associated directly or indirectly with the potato industry accept the fact that we do have our problems. I ask only that you people assembled here and the editorial writers for the State of Maine, accept the fact that we are trying to do something about those problems. No little task that is. I had a Senator in this Chamber come to me the other day and indicate that he had just bought a bag of Maine potatoes and they were all bad and he wanted to know what could be done about it and he named the packer who happens to be in my area, supposedly. I did some checking this morning and found that the packer has been out of business for some 12 years and, in fact, the man whose name was on the bag has been dead for two years. One small part of the problem. We have a small, and I emphasize the word small, segment of the potato industry who apparently is willing to ship anything today without regard for what may happen tomorrow, and I think that I speak for all of the Aroostook County delegation in saying that if we can identify and get at that segment of the industry then we will do everything in our power today and in the future Legislative Sessions possibly to prevent this.

The Maine farmer raises a good potato and I will stand on this floor of the Senate any day of the week or any day of the Session and say that. We do have some problems. We do have some small minority which are shipping potatoes both within and without the State of Maine that are not good. We have a situation in one great State of Massachusetts where a farmer in my area brought in a load of good potatoes backed them up to a warehouse, only to see another load of cull potatoes brought into the same repacking shed and blended into the Maine bags. All going out under US-1 Maine brands. This is a problem that we may be able to address.

We have a situation right now where we have some Canadian potatoes being shipped into the State of Maine and repacked here enter in the State of Maine or outside of the State of Maine in Maine Bags, another small problem.

I refer back to the editorial that I first mentioned, and the editorial writer seems to feel that part of the problem in the State of Maine is that quote "the humus pride top soil runs off

every spring with a chemically flagulated land refuses any longer to give the greater and greater yields demanded of it." To give you an idea of about the gentlemen who wrote, this knows about the problem in Aroostook County, we have got too many potatoes, the yields have been too good, and he says we are not getting the yields and that is part of the problem. I just want you to understand that in my opinion the overwhelming percentage of the farmers, growers, shippers, in both Aroostook County and the other potato growing areas of this State are trying to put out a good product. They are not being helped they are being forded by a few. And I am in hopes that in the near future, either through the efforts of the various Legislators, the Commissioner of Agriculture or the Governor this particular, peculiar problem which is hurting us, hurting all of the economy of the State of Maine, can be addressed and can be solved. I for one want nothing but the best quality possible going out of the State of Maine packed by Maine packers, shipped by Maine shippers, and bought by all the consumers on the East Coast and I pledge that I will attempt to do that and I am in hopes that with the support of the Members of this Body that we will be able to do this in the very near future. But I just wanted to emphasize that I am getting call after call after — call from farmers and talking to farmers on the weekend who are shipping very, very good products and they are continually reading articles in the paper, hearing articles, news casts and seeing letters to the editor, to say how bad our product is, and it is not bad. It is not bad by and large and I hope that we can address the minority situation in the very, very near future. Thank you.

(Off Record Remarks)

Senator Pierce of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I just would like to draw the members attention to the group presently performing in the Rotunda. It is the Messalonskee High Concert Choir. About 75 people and I think that they are really one of the outstanding concert groups in the State and I hope that all of you upon adjournment will have a chance to go see them as they are such an outstanding group. Thank you.

All matters previously acted upon were ordered sent forthwith.

On Motion of Mr. Huber of Cumberland, Recessed until 4:30.

Recess

After Recess

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
Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing that: The Massabesic High School Basketball Team has completed its first successful winning season in its history and has achieved its first tournament berth, (H. P. 2248)

Mt. Blue Girls' Basketball Team of School Administrative District No. 9 has won the State Eastern Maine Class A Schoolgirl Basketball Championship for 1978, (H. P. 2247)

Wendy Farrington of the University of Maine at Farmington has achieved the outstanding record of scoring forty-three points in a single college basketball game, (H. P. 2246)

Mike Carmihalis of Sanford has finished 3rd in the 1978 New England Schoolboy Wrestling Tournament, (H. P. 2245)

Joseph Francis Crozier is being honored by his friends and fellow citizens for outstanding service to the community life of South Portland and Greater Portland, (H. P. 2257)

Mildred B. Merrill of Rockland has been chosen Maine School Teacher of the Year for 1977, (H. P. 2257)

After only two years in scholastic play, the Black Raiders of Winslow High School have won the 1978 Maine Schoolboy Hockey Association Championship, (H. P. 2249)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed. Which were Read and Passed in Concurrence.

Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by adding at the end of Joint Rule 22 the following:

(6) All bills and resolves prefiled by executive agencies, departments and commissions shall be introduced in complete final form to the appropriate House not later than 1:00 p.m. of the 4th Friday following the convening of the session in January.

(H. P. 2256)

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

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

Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by enacting a new Joint Rule 39 to read:

39. Study order requests

(1) All regular joint standing committees to which joint study order requests have been referred shall by not later than 5 legislative days preceding the statutory adjournment of the legislative session issue a report to the originating branch. Each such report shall either recommend, "acceptance of the study order request" or "rejection of the study order request," provided that no committee shall issue more than 2 acceptance reports each session without prior approval by 2/3 of both Houses.

(2) All study order requests shall be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared by the Office of Legislative Finance. (H. P. 2252)

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

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

Joint Order

WHEREAS, the insurance industry in Maine has grown in size and complexity in recent years; and

WHEREAS, State statutes have been amended from time to time in response to changes and problems arising from this growth; and

WHEREAS, these statutes need to be reviewed for consistency, substance and organization; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Legislature to review and revise the insurance laws presently codified in Titles 24 and 24-A, now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be established a Joint Study Commission on Insurance Laws, to be composed of three members to be selected by the Governor, three members of the House of Representatives to be selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate to be selected by the President of the Senate, to study and recommend to the Legislature the necessary revision of these laws; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Commissioner of Business Regulation provide all information, advice and technical assistance as the commission requests necessary to carry out the purposes of this Order; and be it further

ORDERED, that the commission report to the Second Regular Session of the 109th Legis-

lature, its findings and recommendations and any accompanying legislation in final draft form. (H. P. 2251)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed. On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec, Tabled, pending passage.

Joint Order

WHEREAS, L. D. 1974, "AN ACT to Allow Nursing Homes to Provide Physical and Occupational Therapy to Residents in Need of that Care" introduced in the Second Regular Session of the 108th Legislature raised numerous and serious questions beyond its scope regarding the Department of Human Services' principles of reimbursement for long term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, these questions concern a lack of rehabilitative and restorative care services for long term care residents; and

WHEREAS, such rehabilitative and restorative services as recreational, physical, occupational and speech therapy and consultation as well as other services from pharmacists, dieticians, activity directors and others are essential to quality nursing home care; and

WHEREAS, the principles of reimbursement are alleged to inhibit nursing homes in providing rehabilitative services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services believes that the current principles of reimbursement sufficiently reimburse a necessary level of rehabilitative services; and

WHEREAS, both the Maine Health Care Association and the Maine Committee on Aging are concerned with providing the highest quality nursing home care at the most reasonable costs, and believe that the principles of reimbursement fail to meet this goal; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services believes that serious questions exist in regard to the department's reimbursement for rehabilitative services; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Council shall, through the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services, study the principles of Reimbursement and their provisions for rehabilitative and restorative services; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services shall complete this study not later than December 1, 1978 and submit to the Legislative Council within the same time period its findings and recommendations, including legislative recommendations to improve and increase rehabilitative and restorative services in Maine's long term care facilities and to eliminate barriers to the delivery of such quality rehabilitative services which presently exist in the principles of reimbursement; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Department of Human Services and the Maine Committee on Aging shall provide any assistance deemed necessary by the committee in undertaking this study; and be it further

ORDERED, upon passage in concurrence, that suitable copies of this order be transmitted forthwith to the agencies as notice of this directive. (H. P. 2250)

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

On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec, Tabled, pending passage.

Joint Resolution

A Joint Resolution In Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of Robert L. Foster of Bristol, popular Maine Auctioneer, (H. P. 2258)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted in concurrence.

Joint Resolution

STATE OF MAINE
In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine

Hundred and Seventy-Eight
Joint Resolution in Honor of Statehood Day
WHEREAS, one hundred and fifty-eight years ago, Maine's people achieved success in their long struggle to be separated from Massachusetts and to be admitted into the Union as a State; and

WHEREAS, Maine, since her admission on March 15, 1820, has, in her history and rich tradition, more than justified the motto "Dirigo," that is, "I lead;" and

WHEREAS, Maine today, as in days gone by, exemplifies the spirit of adventure and pioneering; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the members of the 108th Legislature assembled in Augusta at the Second Regular Session, do hereby rededicate ourselves, on behalf of our citizens, to the ideas embodied in Statehood day, and urge all of Maine's citizens to celebrate this day with appropriate ceremony and observation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption of this resolve in concurrence, suitable copies shall be made available for the public

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted. (H. P. 2253)

Which was Read and Adopted in concurrence.

Communications

Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

March 15, 1978

The Honorable Joseph Sewall
President of the Senate
State House
Augusta, Maine
Dear President Sewall:

The Committee on Appropriations and Finance Affairs is pleased to report that it has completed all business placed before it by the second regular session of the 108th Legislature.

Total Number of Bills Received	12
Unanimous Reports	9
Leave to Withdraw	1
Ought Not to Pass	1
Ought to Pass	1
Ought to Pass as Amended	5
Ought to Pass New Draft	1
Divided Reports	3

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: DAVID G. HUBER
Senate Chairman

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

Honorable May M. Ross
Secretary of the Senate
108th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Madam Secretary:

The House voted today to Adhere to its action whereby it Indefinitely Postponed RESOLVE, Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Notify Municipalities of the Minimum Size Limitation Provision of the Municipal Shellfish Conservation Program (Emergency) (S. P. 736) (L. D. 2186)

Respectfully,

Signed: EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk of the House

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

Maine State Retirement System

Honorable James B. Longley
Governor of Maine
State House, Augusta
Members, 108th Legislature
Dear Governor Longley and Members of the Legislature:

In accordance with the provisions of 5 MRSA, Section 1005, the Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System herewith submit an annual report and a review of the financial condition of the System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977. This report includes the following:

Report of the Actuary for the year ending June 30, 1977

Report of the Investment Consultant
Report of the Executive Director

Group Life Insurance Underwriter's Report for the policy year ending June 30, 1977

Membership of the Board comprises two members appointed by the Governor subject to review of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Retirement and the confirmation of the Legislature, one member appointed by the Governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maine Retired Teachers Association, one member selected by the Maine State Employees Association, one member appointed by the Maine Municipal Association and one member who is a recipient of a retirement allowance through the System selected by the foregoing members.

During the year ending June 30, 1977 the following Board members were named: by the Governor, Llewellyn W. Jensen, John O'Donnell, and Frank B. Tupper, representing retired teachers; Fred L. Kenney, representing other retired members of the System; and Leslie Hilton, representing the Maine State Employees Association.

During the past fiscal year several changes in the investment management were made by the Trustees, namely, the appointment of three new equity managers: David L. Babson & Company, Inc. of Boston, Massachusetts; Merchants National Bank of Bangor; and Merrill Trust Company of Bangor, were assigned segments of the System's equity holdings for management. In addition, the Board has nominated Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York as the manager of an \$8,000,000 segment of the fund under its pooled commingled pension trust funds, which are represented by fixed income direct placement medium and long term leasebacks and private placement investments.

Funding request for the "non-contributory" teacher group was made during the past legislative session and was denied in the budget process. Expenditures for retirement benefits to this group, together with interest application, have exceeded appropriations and other credits as of June 30, 1977 by an amount of \$91,079,898. The report of the Actuary dated June 30, 1976 revealed that the accrued unfunded benefit contribution payment period of the System would be 19.6 years if additional funding was provided for the "non-contributory" teacher group, whereas if no additional funding is provided for this group, the total unfunded accrued benefit contribution payment period would be 26.2 years.

The Trustees have met with the representatives of their investment managers twice during the fiscal year to review the performance and planned investment programs. The investment performance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977 was 2.68%, on a total return basis, i.e., the "time weighted rate return."

Very truly yours

Signed:

WILLIAM G. BLODGETT
Executive Director for
the Board of Trustees,
Maine State Retirement System

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File, with accompanying papers.

Committee Reports

House

The following Ought Not to Pass report shall be placed in the legislative files without further action pursuant to Rule 20 of the Joint Rules: Bill, "An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief." (H. P. 1968) (L. D. 2053)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Appropriating Funds for Certain Municipal Governments." (H. P. 2096) (L. D.

2139)

Reports that the same Ought Not to Pass.

The reports were signed by the following members:

Mrs. HUBER of Cumberland
— of the Senate.

Messrs. McBREAIRTY of Perham
MORTON of Farmington
HIGGINS of Scarborough
CARTER of Winslow
PEARSON of Old Town
JALBERT of Lewiston

Mrs. NAJARIAN of Portland
— of the House.

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter Reports that the same Ought to Pass.

The reports were signed by the following members:

Messrs. MORRELL of Cumberland
MERRILL of Cumberland
— of the Senate.

Messrs. GREENLAW of Stonington
PERKINS of Blue Hill

Mrs. GOODWIN of Bath
— of the House.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which Reports were Read.

On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec,
Tabled for One Legislative Day, pending Acceptance of either Committee Report.

Senate

Ought to Pass — As Amended

Mr. Huber for the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Administration of the Industrial Accident Commission." (S. P. 655) (L. D. 2015)

Reports that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-555).

Which Report was Read and Accepted.

The Bill Read Once.

Committee Amendment "A" Read and Adopted

The Bill, as amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Committee of Conference Report

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on Bill, "An Act to Provide for Alternative Election Procedures for School Budgets on a Local Basis." (H. P. 1909) (L. D. 1970)

Report: that the Senate recede from its action whereby it accepted the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report; accept the Minority Report; read the Bill Once, Read and Indefinitely Postpone Committee Amendment "A" (H-999); Read and Adopt Conference Committee Amendment "A" (S-553), submitted herewith; and Pass the Bill to be Engrossed as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A".

That the House recede from its action whereby it Passed the Bill to be Engrossed; recede from its action whereby it adopted House Amendment "A" (H-1035) and Indefinitely Postpone same; Read and Adopt Conference Committee Amendment "A" (S-553), submitted herewith; and Pass the Bill to be Engrossed as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" in concurrence.

On the Part of the Senate:

KATZ of Kennebec
USHER of Cumberland

On the Part of the House:

WOOD of Sanford
MACKEL of Wells

Which Report was Read.

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

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, the Senate may recall this Bill involved a method of voting on School Budgets within certain SAD's. The proponents of this Legislation wanted to establish

an alternative way where voters if they wished could vote within the boundaries of their own towns rather than at a district wide meeting. I opposed it and the Senate supported my position. In the Committee of Conference we have agreed that if no more than three districts wish to get together and choose this alternative way and if they voluntarily submit to a training program from the Department of Education dealing with Budgetary concerns that we would support the action. That is the nature of the compromise. There is a small appropriations on this Report and because we have been more than ten days getting this Report to you, under suspension of the rules, I move that the Report of the Conference Committee be Accepted.

On Motion of Mr. Katz of Kennebec, and under suspension of the rules, the Committee of Conference Report Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reports as truly and strictly engrossed the following: "An Act to Clarify the Status of Intermittent State Employees." (H. P. 2064) (L. D. 2122)

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 Maine Juvenile Code." (H. P. 2142) (L. D. 2163)

Emergency

"An Act to Provide Compensation and Benefits Agreed to by the State and the Maine State Troopers Association." (H. P. 2200) (L. D. 2179)

(At Ease)

These being emergency measures and having received the affirmative votes of 27 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.

Emergency

"An Act to Facilitate Central Licensing and Concerning Membership on the Maine Athletic Commission." (H. P. 1908) (L. D. 1969)

On Motion of Mr. Merrill of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.

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

Communication

Committee On Marine Resources

The Honorable Joseph Sewall
President of the Senate
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear President Sewall,

It is with pleasure that I report to you that the Committee on Marine Resources has completed all business placed before it by the Second Regular Session of the 108th Maine Legislature.

Total Number of Bills Received	4
Unanimous Reports	3
Ought to Pass	1
Ought to Pass in New Draft	1
Leave to Withdraw	1
Divided Reports	1

Sincerely,

Signed:

JOHN D. CHAPMAN
Senate Chairman

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate: Bill, "An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,100,000 to Establish a Dormitory at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Insti-

tute." (H. P. 2183) (L. D. 2175)

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

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, my amendment to the Bill is still in Legislative Research. It is my understanding that the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Curtis, also has an amendment in Research and it would be a courtesy if somebody would table this until the next Legislative Day.

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

The President laid before the Senate:
Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Education Laws." (H. P. 2018) (L. D. 2093)

Tabled — Earlier in the Day by Senator Katz of Kennebec

Pending - Passage to be Engrossed

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Morrell.

Mr. MORRELL: Relative to (L. D. 2093), I present Senate Amendment "A" to (H. D. 2018) (L. D. 2193) (S-557) and move its adoption.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Morrell, now offers Senate Amendment "A" to (L. D. 2093) and moves its adoption. The Secretary will Read Senate Amendment "A".

Senate Amendment "A" (S-557) Read and Adopted.

On Motion of Mr. Katz of Kennebec,
Tabled for One Legislative Day, pending passage to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate:

Bill, "An Act to Provide for Reform of the State Tax Laws." (H. P. 2215) (L. D. 2183)

Tabled — Earlier in the Day by Senator Speers of Kennebec

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed

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

(Off Record Remarks)

On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec, Adjourned until 10:30 in the morning Thursday, March 16, 1978