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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 7, 1979

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

Prayer by the Reverend Jack Perkins of the First Parish Congregational Church, Gorham. Reverend PERKINS: Almighty God, Our Father, Creator of All, we praise Thy name on this glorious morning. We are mindful of Thy petition to us to love Thee with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, also of that petition to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Father, guide and strengthen this body of Thy people, we beseech Thee, that truly we may learn the way of love and human-hearted concern, that we might uplift humanity and might work for the people of the State of Maine and bring about Thy righteousness, justice for all, human love. In his name we pray. Amen.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

The following Communication:

THE SENATE OF MAINE

Augusta

February 7, 1979

The Honorable Edwin H. Pert

Clerk of the House

109th Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Pert:

The Senate today voted to Adhere to its former action whereby it accepted the Minority 'Ought Not to Pass' report of the Committee on Bill, "An Act Concerning the Crime of Prostitution," (H. P. 65) (L. D. 73).

Respectfully,

S/MAY M. ROSS

Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Application of Military Service Credits to Retirement Benefits for Policemen, Firemen, Local District Employees, Sheriffs and Full-time Deputy Sheriffs" (S. P. 147) (L. D. 324)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement, and Veterans and ordered printed.

In the House, was referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend Dog License Fees and Control" (S. P. 156) (L. D. 326)

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

In the House, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Providing for Archaeological Investigation of the 'Viking Coin' Historical Site" (Emergency) (S. P. 139) (L. D. 321)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Compensation for Legislators, Justices, Judges and District Attorneys" (Emergency) (S. P. 145) (L. D. 322)

Bill "An Act Relating to State-municipal Revenue Sharing" (S. P. 157) (L. D. 332)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Effective Date of Abolishing the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Improvement Fund" (Emergency) (S. P. 158) (L. D. 333)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed.

In the House, were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Exempting Certain Non-consumer, Industrial Uses of Aerosols from the Statute Prohibiting Certain Aerosols" (S. P. 160) (L. D. 335)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and ordered printed.

In the House, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Telecommunications for the Deaf" (Emergency) (S. P. 152) (L. D. 329)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and ordered printed.

In the House, was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Safe Drinking Water Act" (S. P. 155) (L. D. 330)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Statute to Provide for Podiatric Services" (S. P. 151) (L. D. 328)

Bill "An Act Relating to Self Employee Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage" (S. P. 148) (L. D. 325)

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

In the House, were referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Number of Lobster Traps in Certain Waters of Kittery" (S. P. 159) (L. D. 334)

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

In the House, was referred to the Committee on Marine Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission" (S. P. 146) (L. D. 323)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Provide Service Charges on the Tax Exempt Property of the State of Maine" (S. P. 149) (L. D. 331)

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

In the House, was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Later Today Assigned

Bill "An Act Concerning Gas Tax Refunds" (S. P. 150) (L. D. 327)

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

In the House, on motion of Mrs. Post of Owl's Head, tabled pending reference in concurrence and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Allow 17 Year Olds to Donate Blood without Parental Consent" (H. P. 251) (L. D. 296) which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in the House on February 2, 1979.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Provide the Bureau of Consumer Protection with a Toll-free Telephone Number" (H. P. 257) (L. D. 302) which was referred to the Committee on State Government in the House on February 2, 1979.

Came from the Senate referred to the Com-

mittee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Remove the Sunset Provision on the Tort Claims Act" (S. P. 119) (L. D. 228) which was referred to the Committee on Audit and Program Review in the House on February 1, 1979.

Came from the Senate with that Body having Adhered to its former action whereby the Bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mrs. Berube of Lewiston, the House voted to recede and concur.

Messages and Documents

The following Communication: (S. P. 161)

State of Maine

SENATE CHAMBER

President's Office

Augusta, Maine

February 2, 1979

Honorable David R. Ault

Honorable Judy Kany

Chairmen, State Government Committee

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Please be advised that Governor Joseph E. Brennan is nominating Jadine Raynes O'Brien of Portland to serve as Commissioner of Personnel.

Pursuant to MRSA, Title 5, Section 631, this appointment is subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on State Government and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/JOSEPH SEWALL

President of the Senate

S/JOHN MARTIN

Speaker of the House

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

In the House, the Communication was read and referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

The following Communication: (S. P. 162)

State of Maine

DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH

Augusta, Maine

January 1, 1979

To the Honorable May M. Ross

Secretary of the Senate

109th Legislature of the

State of Maine

In accordance with Title 3, section 164, subsection 10, following is the report of the Director of Legislative Research.

In the fall of 1978, each member-elect and the Executive and Judicial departments of State Government were informed of the services available at this office and urged to submit legislation as early as possible in order to expedite the legislative process. As a result, despite the uncertainties of December convening and the transition to a new Governor, new committee structures and rules, many cooperated in this effort. However, since three-fourths of the bill requests were received in the three-day period prior to cloture, greater support in this effort may be necessary in the future to reduce this logjam. On the other hand, the early processing of the Probate Code and the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife laws contributed greatly to the advance of the session. These efforts were appreciated and, hopefully, other major revisions of this nature can be handled in a similar manner.

Other matters of interest to the Legislature are as follows.

1. **Republication of statutes.** In carrying out its constitutional duty as the law-making branch of State Government, the Legislature compiles and publishes for public use the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.

To date, 6 of the original 18 volumes enacted in 1964 have been updated and republished. In the absence of a periodic bulk revision of all volumes, the need to update and republish as single volumes continues if the set is to remain current and convenient to users. Therefore, it is recommended that funds be included in the Director's budget as recommended by the Legislative Council to republish the following volumes over the next biennium:

Volume	Title	Time of Republication	Number of New Volumes
8	14-15	December, 1979	2
9	16-17	February, 1980	2
3	8-10	November, 1980	2
12	22-23	January, 1981	2

2. **Sets of the statutes.** As a cost-saving measure, the Legislature discontinued supplying Unannotated Statutes (green sets) after January 3, 1979. This left the Annotated Statutes (red sets) as the only available state statutes. These sets are available on a sale or loan basis through the State Law Library. In order to meet current and projected needs for these sets, it is recommended that funds be included in the Director's budget to purchase 85 additional sets.

3. **Errors bill.** The purpose of the Errors bill is often misunderstood as it is not only used to correct legislative errors and oversight, but also, of equal importance, provides a vehicle by which needed revision work can be accomplished. The combined effect of both efforts have led to the development of two fairly large bills. The first bill, which was prefiled this year, contains all statutory and revision problems discovered since the last Legislature. The second bill will contain similar problems which are currently developing. To be an effective corrective tool, the second bill should be the last Act of the session as a later Act is construed to control over earlier enactments.

4. **Title and section program.** Also, in connection with the Errors bill, Legislators should be ever-mindful of the computerized title and section program which has the capability of identifying most conflicts between bills even in their earliest stages. This program provides the Legislature with three levels of defense against costly errors. These three levels are:

First, printouts are provided to each joint standing committee, listing all potential conflicts which can be researched and corrected while the legislation is in committee;

Second, the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading in each House is in a position to offer timely floor amendments to correct those conflicts which escape or develop after the committee stage, and

Third, the Errors bill provides the last opportunity to correct conflicts which have eluded all other levels of correction. It should be remembered that this program is totally dependent upon the cooperation of all parties involved and is of no benefit unless clearance of all listed items is required before further action is allowed.

5. **Index of private and special laws.** For the convenience of those working with private and special laws, this office is in the process of compiling an updated index of all private and special laws. If funds are included in the Director's budget for the purpose, the index will be published and made available in 1979.

6. **Enactment of statutory volumes as positive law.** As the Legislature moves further away from the revision of 1964, which was enacted as positive law, it may wish to consider enactment of republished volumes into positive law. At present, republished volumes are only prima facie evidence of the law which places the burden on users to research all enactments subsequent to the 1964 revision to properly prepare for court.

7. **Technology improvements.** For your information, this office is currently involved in analyzing and planning for a computerized bill

drafting and statutory retrieval system. This development is generally favored. However, it will depend, to a large extent, upon the availability of funds and timing for transition. When these systems are combined, considerable efficiency will be gained for the legislative process. Using this system, documents or statutes can be retrieved from storage, additions or changes in text made, and the modified document returned to computer storage. Retyping of the complete document is therefore eliminated, thus efficiency is greatly increased. You will be hearing more on this development as information becomes available.

It should be noted in conclusion, that in order to continue to promote uniformity of procedure, to avoid confusion and to permit an orderly transition from revision to revision, it is important that all legislation be checked for form by the Office of the Director before presentation to the Legislature. Also, it is suggested that all criticisms of the 1964 revision and of the current methods of updating be forwarded to the Director to aid in planning future republications or revisions.

Favorable consideration by the members of the 109th Legislature in respect to these recommendations is earnestly requested.

Respectfully,
S/DAVID S. SILSBY
Director

Came from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills, Resolves and Resolution were received and referred to the following Committees:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Veterinary Practice Act of 1975" (H. P. 291) (Presented by Mr. Hunter of Benton) (Cosponsor: Mr. Torrey of Poland)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Issuing of Ex Parte Orders by the Courts and Complaint Justices to Allow Humane Agents and other Authorized Officers to take Possession of Neglected, Mistreated or Injured Animals" (H. P. 292) (Presented by Mr. Drinkwater of Belfast)

Bill "An Act to Remove the Restriction on Selling or Raising Live Animals as a Fund-raising Device" (H. P. 293) (Presented by Mr. Torrey of Poland)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act to Provide Minimum Attendance Requirements for Students Enrolled in Regular School Programs which shall be Met before Those Students will Qualify for Promotion" (H. P. 294) (Presented by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Election Laws

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Procedure for Voting in a Voting Place Serving Voters from more than one Electoral District" (H. P. 295) (Presented by Ms. Benoit of South Portland) (Cosponsor: Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Energy and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Establish a Solar Water Heater Demonstration Program for Maine Small Businesses" (H. P. 296) (Presented by Mrs. Huber of Falmouth)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act Concerning Reissue of Inactive

Snowmobile Registration Numbers" (H. P. 297) (Presented by Mr. Gillis of Calais)

Bill "An Act Concerning Reissuance of Inactive Boat Registration Numbers" (H. P. 298) (Presented by Mr. Gillis of Calais)

Bill "An Act to Establish Physical Boundaries for Deer Hunting Zones" (H. P. 299) (Presented by Mr. Masterman of Milo)

Bill "An Act to Increase Penalties for Owners of Dogs Chasing Moose, Caribou or Deer" (H. P. 300) (Presented by Mr. McKean of Limestone)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Select Committee on

Correctional Institutions

RESOLVE, to Authorize Kennebec County to Develop a Pilot Program for Inmates Incarcerated at the County Jail (H. P. 301) (Presented by Mrs. Prescott of Hampden) (Cosponsors: Mr. Boudreau of Waterville, Ms. Lund of Augusta, and Mr. Hickey of Augusta)

Committee on Health and Institutional Services was suggested.

On motion of Mrs. Prescott of Hampden, was referred to the Joint Select Committee on Correctional Institutions, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Establish more Convenient Hours to Permit Easier Access to Small Claims Court" (H. P. 302) (Presented by Mrs. Kany of Waterville) (Cosponsors: Mr. Laffin of Westbrook and Mr. Gwadosky of Fairfield)

Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Agreements in Construction Contracts" (H. P. 303) (Presented by Mr. Silsby of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act Relating to Forfeiture of Bail on Persons Who Have Left the State" (H. P. 304) (Presented by Mr. Simon of Lewiston) (Cosponsors: Mr. Stetson of Wiscasset and Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Liability Limitations for Ski Areas to Cross-country Ski Areas" (H. P. 305) (Presented by Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro)

Bill "An Act Making Certain Records of Municipal Police Departments Confidential" (H. P. 306) (Presented by Mr. Joyce of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act to Define Employer's Rights after Failure to File a Separation Report in Unemployment Compensation Cases" (H. P. 307) (Presented by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland)

Bill "An Act Relating to Recoupment of Erroneous Payments by the Employment Security Commission" (H. P. 308) (Presented by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland)

Bill "An Act Relating to Revisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Statute and to Conform the Occupational Safety and Health Rules and Regulations to Federal Requirements" (H. P. 309) (Presented by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon)

Bill "An Act to Adjust the Penalty Assessed Against Small Employers under the Employment Security Law" (H. P. 310) (Presented by Mr. Leonard of Woolwich)

Bill "An Act to Exempt Part-time Musicians from the Unemployment Compensation Tax" (H. P. 311) (Presented by Mr. Diamond of Windham)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws" (H. P. 312) (Presented by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester)

Bill "An Act to Establish Strike Penalties" (H. P. 313) (Presented by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Revise the Laws Concerning Fire Exits" (H. P. 314) (Presented by Mr. Boudreau of Waterville)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Wholesale Sale of Malt Liquor and Wine" (H. P. 315) (Presented by Mr. Violette of Van Buren)

Bill "An Act Concerning Issuance and Renewals of Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 316) (Presented by Mr. Gillis of Calais) (Cosponsor: Mr. Vose of Eastport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Local and County Government

Bill "An Act to Dissolve the Proprietors of the Centre Meeting-House in Farmington" (H. P. 329) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington)

(By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to printing)

Bill "An Act Converting Lakeville Plantation into the Town of Lakeville and Removing Lakeville Plantation from the Maine Forestry District" (Emergency) (H. P. 317) (Presented by Mr. Dudley of Enfield)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Statutes Relating to Municipalities" (H. P. 318) (Presented by Mr. Drinkwater of Belfast)

Bill "An Act to Increase from \$7,000 to \$12,000 the Annual State Payment for the Support of the Hancock County Law Library" (H. P. 319) (Presented by Mr. Silsby of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act to Empower Municipal Boards of Zoning Appeals to Grant Moderate Variances" (H. P. 320) (Presented by Mr. Simon of Lewiston) (Cosponsor: Mr. Brown of Livermore Falls)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Require the Purse Seine Season in Washington County to Close on September 15th" (H. P. 321) (Presented by Mr. Vose of Eastport) (Cosponsors: Mr. Fenlason of Danforth, Mr. Gillis of Calais, and Mr. Nelson of Roque Bluffs)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act to Require Public Disclosure of Certain Financial Information by Large Public Utilities" (H. P. 322) (Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act to Provide that the Adoption of Rules by the State Controller are Consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act" (H. P. 323) (Presented by Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit the Amount of Revenues Which may be Raised by Taxes in any Fiscal Year (H. P. 330) (Presented by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester)

Committee on State Government was suggested.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Owl's Head, Mrs. Post.

Mrs. POST: Mr. Speaker, I move this be referred to the Committee on Taxation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Waterville, Mrs. Kany.

Mrs. KANY: Mr. Speaker, I move that this be tabled for one legislative day.

Whereupon, Mrs. Post of Owl's Head requested a vote.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentlewoman from Waterville, Mrs. Kany, that this matter be tabled

pending reference and tomorrow assigned. All those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

70 having voted in the affirmative and 42 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Relieve Resident Recipients of Maine State Retirement System Allowances from Maine State Income Tax on those Allowances" (H. P. 324) (Presented by Mr. Hickey of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act Relating to Method of Turning at Intersections" (H. P. 325) (Presented by Mr. Leonard of Woolwich)

Bill "An Act Relating to Identification of Motor Vehicles used to Transport Handicapped Persons" (H. P. 326) (Presented by Mrs. Masterton of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsors: Mrs. Nelson of Portland and Ms. Lund of Augusta)

Bill "An Act to Assist Snow Removal and Improve Highway Safety" (H. P. 327) (Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Legally Authorized Length of a Combination Tractor-trailer Operating Upon the Roadways of the State of Maine" (H. P. 328) (Presented by Mr. Strout of Corinth) (Cosponsor: Mr. Carroll of Limerick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Cox of Brewer, it was ORDERED, that Representative Sidney D. Maxwell of Jay be excused Tuesday, February 6, 1979 for duration of his illness.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Merle Nelson of Portland be excused Friday, February 9, 1979 for legislative business;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Angela Aloupis of Bangor be excused Tuesday, February 6, 1979 for personal reasons;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Robert J. Gillis, Jr., of Calais be excused Friday, February 2, 1979 for legislative business.

House Reports of Committees**Ought Not to Pass**

Mrs. Prescott from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act to Require Nursing Homes to have Emergency Power Generators" (H. P. 21) (L. D. 38) reporting "Ought Not to Pass"

Was placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 22, 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:

(H. P. 109) (L. D. 118) Bill "An Act Concerning Appointments of Justices of the Peace" (Emergency) — Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to Pass"

(H. P. 51) (L. D. 60) Bill "An Act Converting Long Island Plantation into the Town of Frenchboro" (Emergency) — Committee on Local and County Government reporting "Ought to Pass"

(H. P. 72) (L. D. 81) RESOLVE, Authorizing the Bureau of Public Lands to Convey by Sale to the Town of Dennysville the State's Interest in Certain Real Property in Edmunds, Washington County — Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)

No objections being noted, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calen-

dar of February 8, 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. 47) (L. D. 79) Bill "An Act Relating to Land Surveyor Applications and Fees"

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

Orders of the Day

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Repealing the Offices of Judges of Probate and Registers of Probate as Constitutional Offices (H. P. 197) (L. D. 246) — In House, referred to the Committee on State Government. — In Senate, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

Tabled—February 2, 1979 by Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro.

Pending—Further Consideration.

On motion of Mrs. Kany of Waterville, the House voted to adhere.

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Gubernatorial Run-off Elections (H. P. 239) (Committee on Election Laws suggested)

Tabled—February 2, 1979 by Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro.

Pending—Reference.

Thereupon, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Election Laws, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill, "An Act to Provide Funds to Subsidize Adoption of Handicapped Children" (H. P. 278) (Committee on Health and Institutional Services suggested)

Tabled—February 6, 1979 by Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro.

Pending—Reference.

Thereupon, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

JOINT ORDER Relative to 800 Watts Line (S. P. 118) — In Senate, read and passed January 30.

Tabled—February 6, 1979 by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

Pending—Passage in concurrence.

Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-15) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Order received passage as amended in non-concurrence and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro, the House reconsidered its action of yesterday whereby Bill "An Act to Amend the Stream Alteration Act," House Paper 267, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

Thereupon, Mr. Dow of West Gardiner withdrew his motion to refer the Bill to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

On motion of the same gentlemen, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the following

matter:

Bill "An Act Concerning Gas Tax Refunds" (S. P. 150) (L. D. 327) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending reference in concurrence.

On motion of Mrs. Post of Owl's Head, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mrs. Martin of Brunswick,
Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.