

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**January 3, 1979 to May 4, 1979**

## HOUSE

Friday, February 9, 1979

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker pro tem, Representative G. William Diamond of Windham.

Prayer by the Reverend Herbert Pierce of the Full Gospel Church, Vassalboro.

Reverend PIERCE: Let us pray. Our gracious Heavenly Father, we come before Thee this afternoon through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, praising Thee and thanking Thee for the many blessings which Thou has so freely bestowed upon us. Lord, we ask this day that Thou will give unto each member of this House of Representatives, give unto them a greater insight, give unto them the ability to see through the complexity of the problems which they face; may they see things not as they seem to be but may they see things as they really are in the light of truth. Give unto them the patience to listen to their constituency. Give unto them, Lord, the courage of their convictions. At the end of this legislative year, may they look back with a sense of satisfaction knowing that they have passed laws which will be a blessing to the people they serve and to the state which they love. This we pray in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

Bill "An Act to Permit Nonreceiving Units to Approve School Appropriations in a Single Warrant Article" (S. P. 173) (L. D. 379)

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

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Fishing Limits under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Statutes" (S. P. 165) (L. D. 374)

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

In the House, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prevent the Simultaneous Collection of Both Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Benefits" (S. P. 167) (L. D. 375)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Limit 3 Lobster Traps to One Warp in the New Meadows River North of the Basin" (S. P. 168) (L. D. 376)

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Money to the Northeastern Research Foundation, Inc." (S. P. 170) (L. D. 377)

RESOLVE. Authorizing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Lease Land and Buildings in West Boothbay Harbor to the Northeastern Research Foundation, Inc. (Emergency) (S. P. 174) (L. D. 380)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the License Requirement for Taking Certain Clams" (S. P. 166) (L. D. 373)

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

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

**Later Today Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Repeal the State Lottery Commission" (S. P. 172) (L. D. 378)

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

In the House, on motion of Mr. Violette of

Van Buren, tabled pending reference in concurrence and later today assigned.

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to Pass" on Bill "An Act Empowering Retired Justices of the Supreme Court and District Court Judges to Sit in Superior Court and Administrative Court Judges to Sit in District Court" (Emergency) (S. P. 55) (L. D. 89).

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. TRAFTON of Androscoggin  
Messrs. COLLINS of Knox  
          DEVOE of Penobscot

— of the Senate.

Messrs. HUGHES of Auburn  
          HOBBS of Saco

Mrs. SEWALL of Newcastle  
Messrs. SILSBY of Ellsworth

          GRAY of Rockland  
          LAFFIN of Westbrook  
          STETSON of Wiscasset  
          SIMON of Lewiston  
          JOYCE of Portland

— of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:  
Mr. CARRIER of Westbrook

— of the House

Came from the Senate with the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House: Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Hobbins of Saco, the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report was accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

**Messages and Documents**

The following Communication:  
State of Maine  
SENATE CHAMBER  
President's Office  
Augusta, Maine

February 6, 1979

Chief Justice Vincent McKusick  
Maine Supreme Judicial Court  
Cumberland County Court House  
156 Federal Street  
Portland, Maine 04101

Dear Chief Justice McKusick:

We would like to take this opportunity to officially invite you and as many Justices of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court as may be able to attend to a Joint Convention of the Maine Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on March 12, 1979.

The purpose of the Joint Convention will be for you as Chief Justice to deliver a "State of the Judiciary Message." We look forward to hearing from you on the 12th and trust that you will let us know if any previous arrangements are required.

Sincerely yours,  
S/JOSEPH SEWALL  
President of the Senate  
S/JOHN MARTIN  
Speaker of the House

The Communication was read and ordered placed in file.

The following Communication:

State of Maine  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

February 9, 1979

Governor Joseph E. Brennan and  
Members of the 109th Legislature

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 1980 through 1983, as well as a copy of the Highway Maintenance Paving Program for the 1979 and 1980 summer seasons and a copy of the 1978 Highway Sufficiency Report.

The Highway and Bridge Improvement Program includes projects which the Department has determined to be the priority items that

should be authorized for improvement during the next four years. Projects have been identified in the program which are proposed for development in the first biennium in accordance with the recommendations for financing during the next biennium. Additional financing will be required for those projects proposed for the second biennium. The priority projects require a total of \$23.2 million of State funds to enable the matching of \$93.8 million in Federal funds.

The Highway Maintenance Paving Program for the 1979 and 1980 summer seasons provides for the paving of about 2,000 miles. This proposal represents a program that involves the same basic level of effort as the 1977 and 1978 summer sessions.

We trust that this material will be of interest and will provide information and clarification regarding the Department's efforts to maintain and improve Maine roads.

Very truly yours,  
S/ROGER L. MALLAR  
Commissioner

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

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves****Requiring Reference**

The following Bills and Resolutions were received and referred to the following Committees:

**Aging, Retirement and Veterans**

Bill "An Act to Permit Participating Local Districts of the Maine State Retirement System to Discontinue Special Retirement Benefits Prospectively" (H. P. 361) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Later Today Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Appropriate \$10,000 to the Maine Food and Farmland Study Commission" (Emergency) (H. P. 362) (Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford)

The Bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and ordered printed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Kelleher.

Mr. KELLEHER: Mr. Speaker, I move we reconsider our action whereby this Bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor to reconsider and later today assigned.

**Audit and Program Review**

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Setting of State Financial and Revenue Policy by the Legislature" (H. P. 363) (Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco) (Cosponsors: Mrs. Kany of Waterville, Mr. Davies of Orono, and Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Business Legislation**

Bill "An Act to Provide for Continuing Education for Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen" (H. P. 364) (Presented by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth) (Cosponsors: Mr. Tierney of Lisbon, Miss Gavett of Orono, and Miss Aloupis of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regulating Business Practices Between Motion Picture Distributors and Exhibitors" (H. P. 365) (Presented by Mr. Jacques of Waterville) (Cosponsors: Mr. Carter of Winslow and Mr. Boudreau of Waterville)

Bill "An Act to Improve the Efficiency and Operation of Redemption Centers for Returnable Containers" (H. P. 366) (Presented by Mr. Rolde of York)

Bill "An Act to Reduce License Fees for all Tradesmen over the Age of 62" (H. P. 367) (Presented by Mr. Higgins of Scarborough) (Cosponsor: Mr. Hickey of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Education

Bill "An Act to Provide for Limited Education Concerning Reproduction in the 7th and 8th Grades" (H. P. 368) (Presented by Mr. Vincent of Portland)

Bill "An Act Concerning Expulsion of Disruptive Pupils from School" (H. P. 369) (Presented by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester)

Bill "An Act to Make the School Lunch Program Voluntary with School Administrative Units" (H. P. 370) (Presented by Mrs. Damren of Belgrade)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Energy and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Relating to Municipal Use of Land Control Techniques Under the Zoning Laws" (H. P. 371) (Presented by Mrs. Master-ton of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act Concerning Registration of Killed Deer" (H. P. 372) (Presented by Mr. Silsby of Ellsworth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act to Encourage Peer Review Activities in Health Care by Protecting Individuals Participating in Peer Review and by Protecting the Records of Peer Review Organizations" (H. P. 373) (Presented by Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Judiciary

Bill "An Act Relating to Injunctions in Labor Disputes" (H. P. 374) (Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco)

Bill "An Act for Per Diem Compensation for Active Retired Judges" (Emergency) (H. P. 375) (Presented by Mrs. Locke of Sebec) (Cosponsors: Mr. Reeves of Newport and Mr. Fen-lan of Danforth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Labor

Bill "An Act Concerning the Voluntary Quit Provisions of the Employment Security Law" (H. P. 376) (Presented by Mr. Baker of Port-land) (Cosponsor: Mr. Churchill of Orland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Later Today Assigned

Bill "An Act to Permit Signed Statements of Psychologists and Chiropractors to be Ad-mitted into Evidence Before the Workers' Compensation Board" (H. P. 377) (Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco)

Committee on Labor was suggested.

On motion of Mr. Stetson of Wiscasset, tabled pending reference and later today assigned.

#### Labor cont'd

Bill "An Act to Correct Inequalities in the State Employees Labor Relations Act" (H. P. 378) (Presented by Mr. Michael of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to Order a Community of Interest Study upon Petition by 10% of the Service Customers in a Telephone Exchange and to Pro-mulgate Rules Relating to the Establishment of Extended Area Service" (H. P. 379) (Pre-sented by Mr. LaPlante of Sabattus) (Cospon-

sors: Mr. Wood of Sanford, Mr. Nelson of New Sweden, and Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester)

Bill "An Act to Establish Assessments Upon Certain Public Utilities and to Authorize Use of the Funds Generated by Those Assessments to Pay Certain Expenses of the Public Utilities Commission" (H. P. 380) (Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono) (Cosponsors: Mr. Fillmore of Freeport, Mr. Wood of Sanford, and Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### State Government

Bill "An Act to Amend the Administrative Procedure Act by Providing for Prospective Review of Agency Rules by the Legislature" (H. P. 381) (Presented by Mr. Rolde of York) (Cosponsor: Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Abolish the Office of Secretary of State and to Create the Office of Lieutenant Governor (H. P. 382) (Presented by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit the Legis-lature's Power to Change Measures Adopted by the People or to Reenact Measures Suspended by the People (H. P. 383) (Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco) (By Request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Taxation

Bill "An Act to Exempt Young Men's Chris-tian Association and the Young Women's Chris-tian Association from the Sales Tax" (H. P. 384) (Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor) (Cosponsor: Mr. Tarbell of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Exempt Sales of Fuel Sold to Railroads from the Sales Tax" (H. P. 385) (Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Consent Calendar

##### First Day

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

(H. P. 61) (L. D. 69) Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Requirements for Filing, Recording, Registers, Rosters and Binding and Provisions Concerning Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice" — Committee on Judiciary re-ported "Ought to Pass" as amended by Com-mittee Amendment "A" (H-19)

No objections being noted, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar on February 13, under listing of the Second Day.

##### Tabled and Assigned

(H. P. 100) (L. D. 148) Bill "An Act to Allow Prison Inmates to Attend the Funeral of a Brother or Sister" Committee on Health and Institutional Services reporting "Ought to Pass"

On the objection of Mr. Laffin of Westbrook, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of the same gentleman, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, February 13.

#### Consent Calendar

##### Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 49, the fol-lowing items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H. P. 42) (L. D. 53) Bill "An Act to Limit Disability Retirement Payments to Persons Restored to Service under the State Retirement System"

(H. P. 52) (L. D. 61) Bill "An Act to Increase the Total Authorized Indebtedness of the

Kennebunk Light and Power District from \$300,000 to \$2,000,000

(H. P. 101) (L. D. 108) Bill "An Act to In-crease the Amount which the District Court is Allowed to Deposit each Month into the Dis-trict Court Building Fund from \$3,000 to \$10,000" (C. "A" H-17) (Later Reconsidered)

(H. P. 55) (L. D. 64) Bill "An Act to Provide that the County Commissioners shall have the Power to Authorize the Use of Superior Court Facilities when the Court is not in Session" (C. "A" H-16)

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

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Permit Privately-owned Snowplows to keep Warning Lights on when on the Highways as well as Private Property" (S. P. 52) (L. D. 77)

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

Mr. Nelson of Roque Bluffs offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-20) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recogniz-es the gentleman from Roque Bluffs, Mr. Nelson.

Mr. NELSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gen-tlemen of the House: I think the Statement of Fact—the purpose of the amendment is that these plows, while they are rolling down the highway, have the blade angled in such a manner that the left edge comes in to the left side so that if an oncoming vehicle happens to strike that plow with a bumper, it will glance off and be deflected to the right; therefore causing less damage than it would have if it plowed into the side of the car.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recogniz-es the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. McKean.

Mr. McKEAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gen-tlemen of the House: My good friend has an idea; however, I discussed this idea with some people in my area that do run plows quite often. I do realize that there is a chance that an on-coming vehicle striking that plow could be de-flected. There is also the chance that the right-hand edge of the plow striking the snowbank would even further cause the rear of the vehi-cle to go to the middle of the road. There is also the chance, since we have very windy condi-tions in this state, that a vehicle travelling at 40 or 50 miles an hour on the highway with the plow angled does create some wind deflection and it creates a little harder problem in the steering of that particular four-wheel drive with a plow on it.

I see a lot of problems with angling that plow. There are many plows, especially the older variety, which you cannot angle. There are many tractor plows which are used in our particular area which you are not able to angle. I do see quite a bit of problem with this, so in view of that, I have got to ask for the indefinite postponement of this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. McKean, moves that House Amendment "A" be indefinitely post-poned.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Roque Bluffs, Mr. Nelson.

Mr. NELSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There are some inequities in this bill, and there is no guarantee that any of us are going to live to get home today. But as far as the angling of the blades on the vehicles that are not capable of doing it, I think that is al-ready in the amendment. It so states that "veh-icles equipped and used for plowing snow on other than public ways on which the plow is ca-pable of being angled. . ."

I still think that that plow, if you angle it in there, I have driven plows, I have seen them

work; and when you angle that plow, the outer edge, the toe of that plow has a tendency to go up and the heel, as it is angled in toward the body, has a tendency to come down. Forty of fifty miles along the highway in a snow storm, I don't know, I think is a little bit far-fetched also.

I would urge you to defeat this motion to indefinitely postpone so that we can vote to have this amendment put on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. McKean.

Mr. McKEAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: My good friend brought up another very good point. He is absolutely correct. When a plow is angled, if it is angled to the left, the left-hand bottom portion of the plow does come closer to the road; therefore, if it does strike an object in the road or a bump in the road or a pothole, of which we are all aware, there are many, I love my potholes but I don't love my plow hitting them and angling my vehicle. Therefore, I would ask for a division.

The SPEAKER pro tem: A vote has been requested. The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. McKean, that House Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

99 having voted in the affirmative and 26 having voted in the negative, the motion does prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

#### Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Increase the Limitation of Contracts which the County Commissioners may Enter into for Purchases and Constructions without Competitive Bidding (H.P. 56) (L.D. 65)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Wood.

Mr. WOOD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would request a division on this bill. I don't intend to offer a motion, but I would like to give the members my reasons for voting against this bill, and I think there are three of them.

One is that, I think most of us would agree, that the most unaccountable form of government we have in this state is our county government. It is not accountable to the people. I think many of our constituents do not know who the county officers are or what they do. One political scientist referred to county government as "The dark underside of American politics." I think he is probably correct, and I would like to assure that our tax dollars are being spent in an accountable way. I think this bill will lead to less accountability among county officials.

The second reason is that I think the competitive bid is essential to protect our small businesses. It is an essential part of a democracy when you have a competitive bid that allows all people to bid for a project or for a purchase.

I think the reasons for limiting competitive bid have to be overriding, and in this bill, I don't see any overriding reasons to lift the limits by which county commissioners can raise the limits for competitive bid. I think we fought a long time to get competitive bids on the books, and I hate to see that being eroded.

The third reason is inflation. I think in times of inflation we have to get every penny we can out of our tax dollars, and competitive bids are one of the ways that we can assure that the commissioners are doing their job in getting the best buy. We are forcing them to shop around, to publicize what they want and ultimately get the best buy. So, I would argue that in times of inflation, instead of raising the amounts, we probably should lower the

amounts, that we guarantee the people are getting a good buy for their tax dollars.

It is for those reasons that I intend to vote against this piece of legislation.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Bath, Mr. Stover.

Mr. STOVER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill is a very simple bill. The Statement of Fact, I think, explains it very well. The purpose of this bill is to take care of inflation. Under the present statute, anything that costs over \$250 has to be put out to competitive bid.

As you realize, in this day of market, there is very little you can buy under \$250, even something as simple as a typewriter. The value of it, plus the cost of running these ads, time and effort involved, it seems to me just common sense that we should up this ceiling to \$500. We are still keeping competitive bid on the books. The commissioner is still accountable, but it does give him a little more room to maneuver as far as getting things they need in the time element oftentimes involved.

The other thing, of course, is on the building. That was only upped \$500, from \$2,000 to \$2,500, but again, with labor, material being what it is, you would have a very simple matter with the courthouse, storm drains, whatever, and this way you can go out and get the job done by negotiation. I am sure the taxpayer wouldn't be hurt.

As far as I can see, this is just a housekeeping measure that keeps us up with the times. I urge you to vote in favor of it.

The SPEAKER pro tem: A vote has been requested. The pending question is on passage to be enacted. All those in favor of this Bill being passed to be enacted will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 48 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

Signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The following papers from the Senate appearing on Supplement No. 1 were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

The following Joint Order: (S. P. 185)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they adjourn to Tuesday, February 13 at ten o'clock in the morning.

Came from the Senate, read and passed and ordered sent forthwith.

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

#### Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Relating to Certification of Plumbing Inspectors" (S. P. 154) (L. D. 372)

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, I move we reconsider our action whereby this Bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket to reconsider and specially assigned for Tuesday, February 13.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion of Mr. Hobbins of Saco, the House reconsidered its action of earlier in the day whereby Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount which the District Court is Allowed to Deposit each Month into the District Court Building Fund from \$3,000 to \$10,000," House Paper 101, L.D. 108, was passed to be engrossed as

amended by Committee Amendment "A" pursuant to Consent Calendar rules.

Mr. Hobbins of Saco objected to the matter being on the Consent Calendar.

Thereupon, the Report was accepted and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" (H-17) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

Bill "An Act to Repeal the State Lottery Commission." (S. P. 172) (L. D. 378) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending reference in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Violette of Van Buren, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

Bill "An Act to Appropriate \$10,000 to the Maine Food and Farmland Study Commission" (Emergency) (H. P. 262) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending the motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor to reconsider whereby the Bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Thereupon, the House reconsidered its action whereby the Bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Pearson of Old Town, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

Bill "An Act to Permit Signed Statements of Psychologists and Chiropractors to be Admitted into Evidence Before the Workers' Compensation Board" (H.P. 377) which was tabled earlier in the day pending reference.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wiscasset, Mr. Stetson.

Mr. STETSON: Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the gentleman from Lisbon Falls and the gentleman from Saco, and in the spirit of bipartisan cooperation, I now move that this bill be referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Pearson of Old Town, Adjourned until Tuesday, February 13, at ten o'clock in the morning.