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OF THE

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Legislature***

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

Volume I

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

January 3, 1979 to May 4, 1979

HOUSE

Friday, February 16, 1979

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

Prayer was sung by Father Richard Hall of St. Philips Episcopal Church, Wiscasset.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Humane Societies and Shelters from Releasing Fertile Animals into the Community" (S. P. 208) (L. D. 581)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Assist School Administrative Units in Addressing Problems Associated with Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use and Abuse" (S. P. 209) (L. D. 582)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Require Safe Hunting Certification to Obtain a Hunting License" (S. P. 212) (L. D. 585)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Permit Juvenile Offenders who are Deaf or Mute, or Both, to be Committed to the Maine Youth Center" (Emergency) (S. P. 207) (L. D. 580)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Ensure that the Property Tax Exemption for Residential Real Estate Owned by Blind Persons shall be Based on Just Value" (S. P. 210) (L. D. 583)

Bill "An Act to Exempt Solid Waste Used as a Fuel from the Sales Tax" (S. P. 211) (L. D. 584)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

**Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit Tax Increases to a One-Year Period to Require Further Legislation and Economic Impact Analysis for the Continuation of any Tax Increase and to Require a Two-thirds Vote of Each House to Extend the Tax (S. P. 3) (L. D. 3)

Was placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 22 in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Repeal Certain Requirements for Filing, Recording, Registers, Rosters and Binding and Provisions Concerning Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice. (H. P. 61) (L. D. 69) which was Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-19) in the House on February 13, 1979.

Came from the Senate Passed to be En-

grossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-19) and Senate Amendment "A" (S-10) in non-concurrence.

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

Messages and Documents

The following Communication: (S. P. 213)

State of Maine
SENATE CHAMBER
President's Office
Augusta, Maine

February 14, 1979

Honorable Roland L. Sutton
Honorable Jasper S. Wyman
Chairmen, Labor Committee
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Please be advised that Governor Joseph E. Brennan is nominating Samuel D. Shapiro of Waterville to serve as a member of the State Employees Appeals Board.

Pursuant to MRSA, Title 5, Section 751, this appointment is subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor 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 Labor.

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

The following Communication:

State of Maine
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Transportation Building Augusta, Maine

February 15, 1979

Governor Joseph Brennan and
Members of the 109th Legislature

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 1980-81.

This Program includes activities in airports, public transportation, railroads, and waterways.

The recommended projects and funding levels for each of the above categories are described in the appropriate section of the attached report.

We trust that the material will be of interest and will provide information and clarification regarding the Department's efforts in transportation modes other than highways.

Very truly yours,
S/ROGER L. MALLAR

Commissioner

In the House, was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

The following Communication:

State of Maine
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
Portland, Maine

February 14, 1979

Hon. Joseph Sewall Hon. John L. Martin
President of the Senate Speaker of the House
Senate Chamber House of Representatives
State House State House
Augusta, ME 04330 Augusta, ME 04330

Dear President Sewall and Speaker Martin:
Thank you very much indeed for the kind invitation of your letter of February 6 to deliver to the Joint Convention of the 109th Legislature a "State of the Judiciary Message." I most gladly accept your invitation and will look forward to being with you at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 12. At this point, I am not sure of any advance arrangements that need to be made, but will be back to you if there seem to be any that should be made.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

S/VINCENT E. MCKUSICK
The Communication, was read and ordered

placed on file.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves
Requiring Reference**

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

Agriculture

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Jurisdiction of the Maine Milk Commission over ½ Pint Containers of Milk" (H. P. 482) (Presented by Mr. Brenerman of Portland) (Cosponsors: Mr. Higgins of Scarborough, Mr. Boudreau of Waterville, and Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Requiring Certain Consumer Agreements to be Written so that they are Readable and Understandable" (H. P. 483) (Presented by Mr. Brenerman of Portland) (Cosponsors: Mr. Wood of Sanford, Mr. Jackson, of Yarmouth, and Mr. Lizotte of Biddeford)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Guaranty Fund Requirements for Credit Unions" (H. P. 484) (Presented by Mr. Sprowl of Hope)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Lines of Credit Authority of Credit Unions" (H. P. 485) (Presented by Mr. Sprowl of Hope)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Regulation and Control of Financial Institutions with Respect to Life and Health Insurance" (H. P. 486) (Presented by Miss Brown of Bethel)

Bill, "An Act to Require Insurance Policy Language Simplification" (H. P. 487) (Presented by Mr. Brenerman of Portland) (Cosponsors: Mr. Boudreau of Waterville, Miss Aloupis of Bangor, and Mr. Lizotte of Biddeford)

Bill, "An Act to Require Construction Permits Prior to Building Hotels and Motels with 2 or More Stories" (H. P. 488) (Presented by Mr. Reeves of Newport) (Cosponsor: Mr. Laffin of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill, "An Act to Extend the Educational Programs at the Maine Youth Center" (H. P. 489) (Presented by Mrs. Nelson of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Energy and Natural Resources

Bill, "An Act to Prevent Sludge from being Deposited within 1,000 feet of any Residency" (H. P. 490) (Presented by Mr. McSweeney of Old Orchard Beach)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Later Today Assigned

Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Fishing for Atlantic Salmon in any Territorial Waters in this State" (H. P. 491) (Presented by Mr. Gillis of Calais)

Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife was suggested.

(On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, tabled pending reference and later today assigned.)

Later Today Assigned

Bill "An Act to Increase Fees for Atlantic Salmon Permits" (H. P. 492) (Presented by Mr. Gillis of Calais)

Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife was suggested.

(On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, tabled pending reference and later today assigned.)

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Junior Archery License" (H. P. 493) (Presented by Mr. Gillis of Calais)

Bill "An Act to Authorize a Limited Hunting Season for Hunters Using Crossbows" (H. P. 494) (Presented by Mr. Vincent of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Later Today Assigned

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Commerce in Atlantic Salmon in the State of Maine" (H. P. 495) (Presented by Mr. Vose of Eastport)

Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife was suggested.

(On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, tabled pending reference and later today assigned.)

Fisheries and Wildlife cont'd.

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Age Requirement for Complimentary Fishing and Trapping Licenses from 70 to 65" (H. P. 496) (Presented by Miss Brown of Bethel) (Cosponsor: Mr. Torrey of Poland)

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Hunting of Bear" (H. P. 497) (Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner)

Bill "An Act Regulating Hunting with Muzzle-loading Rifles" (H. P. 498) (Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act Concerning Persons Exposed to Diethylstilbestrol" (H. P. 499) (Presented by Mrs. Nelson of Portland) (Cosponsors: Mr. Tuttle of Sanford, Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, and Mr. Matthews of Caribou)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Concerning Police Records" (H. P. 500) (Presented by Mrs. Huber of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act to Increase Interest Rates on Judgment Debts to 18%" (H. P. 501) (Presented by Mr. Simon of Lewiston) (Cosponsors: Mrs. Payne of Portland, Mr. McKean of Limestone, and Mr. Gray of Rockland)

Bill "An Act to Allow Officers to Summon Persons who have Attained their 15th Birthday to Court for Liquor Law or Certain Drug Violations without Going Through an Intake Bureau and to Repeal the Requirement that Verbatim Records be Kept for Certain Juvenile Hearings" (H. P. 502) (Presented by Mr. Hanson of Kennebunkport)

Bill "An Act to Permit Prosecuting Attorneys to Initiate Petitions for Revocation of Probation" (H. P. 503) (Presented by Mr. Simon of Lewiston) (Cosponsors: Mr. Hobbins of Saco and Mr. Stetson of Wiscasset)

Bill "An Act to Limit the Requirement that a Natural Parent Must Give Written Consent to the Adoption of that Parent's Child before a Probate Judge to Situations Involving Adoption of an Illegitimate Child" (H. P. 504) (Presented by Mrs. Nelson of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence

Labor

Bill "An Act Concerning Severance Pay under the Employment Practices Statutes" (H. P. 505) (Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco) (Cosponsors: Mrs. Nelson of Portland and Mr. Tuttle of Sanford)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Establish a Voluntary Program of State Approved Identification Cards for Use by Persons not having Drivers' Licenses" (H. P. 506) (Presented by Mrs. Nelson of Portland) (Cosponsor: Mr. Doukas of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Providing for Interest and Receipts for Security Deposits" (H. P. 507) (Presented by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth)

Committee on Legal Affairs was suggested.

On motion of Mr. Howe of South Portland, was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs cont'd

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Beano or Bingo" (H. P. 508) (Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook) (Cosponsor: Mr. Reeves of Newport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Local and County Government

Bill "An Act to Establish Self-Governing Provisions for Cumberland County" (H. P. 509) (Presented by Mrs. Bachrach of Brunswick) (Cosponsors: Mr. Diamond of Windham, Mr. Howe of South Portland, and Mrs. Masterton of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Decrease Municipal Liabilities" (H. P. 510) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Monmouth) (Cosponsor: Mr. Nelson of Rogue Bluffs)

Committee on Local and County Government was suggested.

On motion of Mr. LaPlante of Sabattus, was referred to the Committee on Taxation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Requirement to Remove Lobstering Equipment when a Lobster License is Suspended" (H. P. 511) (Presented by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth) (Cosponsor: Mr. Bowden of Brooklin)

Bill "An Act to Require Lobstermen to Use Only One Buoy Color Combination" (H. P. 512) (Presented by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Exempt Used Machinery from the Sales Tax" (H. P. 514) (Presented by Mrs. Nelson of Portland) (Cosponsor: Mr. Dexter of Kingfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Revise the Motor Vehicle Inspection Laws" (H. P. 515) (Presented by Mr. McKean of Limestone) (Cosponsors: Ms. Brown of Gorham, Mr. Strout of Corinth, and Mrs. Gowen of Standish)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Definition of Urban Compact Area" (H. P. 516) (Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment (H. P. 481) recognizing that:

Mrs. Grace C. Young has retired, after serving 27 dedicated and faithful years as Librarian of the Winterport Free Library, and has actively participated in church, fraternal, patriotic and civic organizations in her community

Presented by Mr. Lowe of Winterport. (Cosponsor: Mr. Emerson of Penobscot County)

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

On Motion of Mr. Cox of Brewer, it was

ORDERED, that Representative Philip Berry of Buxton be excused February 20, 1979 through February 22, 1979 for personal reasons;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Louis Jalbert of Lewiston be excused Thursday, February 15, 1979 for duration of his illness.

Order out of Order

The following Joint Order: (S. P. 214)

ORDERED, the House concurring that when the House and Senate adjourn, they adjourn to Tuesday, February 20 at ten o'clock in the morning.

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

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

**House Reports of Committees
Recommitted to the Committee on
Energy and Natural Resources**

Mr. Hall from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on RESOLVE, Directing the State to Assume the Cost of Clean-up Operation for a Gas Spill in Brooks, Maine caused by Vandals (H. P. 38) (L. D. 49) reporting "Leave to Withdraw".

Report was read.

On Motion of Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro, was recommitted to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Reducing to 21 Years the Age at which a Person may Serve as a State Senator (H. P. 86) (L. D. 97)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. AULT of Kennebec
SUTTON of Oxford

— of the Senate.

Mrs. BACHRACH of Brunswick
Mrs. DAMREN of Belgrade
Mr. LANCASTER of Kittery
Ms. LUND of Augusta
Mrs. MASTERTON of Cape Elizabeth

— of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought to Pass" on same RESOLUTION.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. MARTIN of Aroostook

— of the Senate.

Messrs. BARRY of Fort Kent
PARADIS of Augusta
Mrs. REEVES of Pittston
Mr. CONARY of Oakland
Mrs. KANY of Waterville

— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mrs. KANY: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I move acceptance of the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Brunswick, Mrs. Bachrach.

Mrs. BACHRACH: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I move that this bill and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

This bill was heard with two other bills proposing changes in the age in which people can serve as either Senators or Representatives in state government. I feel that there is no pressing need to change the age of Senators, primarily, and also that there is good reason to propose that people should be a little older than 21 years in order to be Senators.

The weight of responsibility of the Senate position is heavier than that in the House. They are representing more people, they have more committee responsibilities and it is altogether a somewhat more difficult job.

In addition to the difficulty of the job, however, you have to consider the fact that what we rely on in the legislative process in the committee hearings is the background and expertise of our members. We are fortunate in having a wide range of expertise built right into this system because of people coming from different parts of the state and having different experiential backgrounds.

A person 21 years old, however bright he may be, has very little in the way of his past experience to draw on when it comes to making decisions in committee, and for this reason, I feel that a few more years of living and working and learning is really desirable if you are to serve in the Senate.

Also, there are fewer Senators and therefore there are fewer people to rely on. The House can provide the learning process because we have so many members; in the Senate that is not so.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Paradis.

Mr. PARADIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose a question through the Chair to anyone who may answer. If the size of the House of Representatives were to be reduced from 151 members to 132 members or 99 members, would the age requirement be upped in order to go in line with the remarks I have heard this morning?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Paradis, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to answer.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Nadeau.

Mr. NADEAU: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I can appreciate the comments and the concerns of the gentledady from Brunswick, Mrs. Bachrach but, of course, I must respectfully disagree.

I would like to cite a personal experience or observation in terms of qualifications of younger members. Myself, being 21 years old, at 18 I was managing and doing the bookkeeping for my father's family business. I had to make the deposits at the end of the week, meet the payroll, pay the IRS taxes and, indeed, learned a great deal about the value of a dollar. During this process, I was receiving an education in a part-time program at the University of Maine in Augusta, so I feel that between the ages of 18 and 21, I have learned a great deal about life and a great deal about responsibility.

I would also like to cite some statistics and some testimony I gave before the State Government Committee. The reason I introduced this bill in the first place was that I felt that it was simply inconsistent to have this variation in the age between the House and the Senate. As far as I have been taught, we are equal bodies in almost every respect, and I sincerely believe that if we in the House are qualified at 21 years old to serve, there is no reason why we should not be qualified to serve in the State Senate.

I would cite that other states, indeed, have age qualifications suggested in L.D. 97 — Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Oregon, Virginia. The only unicameral Legislature in the country, Nevada, has a statutory limit of 21. For that it is worth, the Virgin Islands form of government, their Senate is 21 years old as well.

I would simply ask you to consider this and

deliver what I feel is fair and just and that we equalize the age between the two bodies. So, I would hope you consider to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Masterman.

Mr. MASTERMAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The previous speaker made some very interesting comments, and I am sure that at 21 he has learned a great deal. In his own words, he said that he has had a lot of experience at 21 and he has learned. I am sure that he is absolutely right. I would suggest that in the next 21 years, he will have learned a great deal more, and I would urge you to support Mrs. Bachrach's motion for indefinite postponement.

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

Mrs. KANY: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I would like you to think about the faith that you are willing to put in the voters of the State of Maine. Actually, if this bill passes, it would still be up to the voters, the electorate, if they choose to vote in favor of sending someone 21, 22, 23 or 24 years old to the other body. After all, you have to realize that these people, the people of Maine, had the good sense to elect all of us. Why not trust them to choose good legislators?

I would hope that you would vote against the motion before us and in favor of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Morton.

Mr. MORTON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The remarks of the most immediate previous speaker, the gentledady from Waterville, Mrs. Kany, called to my mind a point which I think we all ought to consider in this matter. It is true that the voters of the State of Maine elect their Senators and Representatives, the same thing is true in the National Congress, but there have been and there has always been a tradition of respecting the opportunity to gain experience and that is reflected the Federal Constitution and in our Maine Constitution. And I would just say in refutation of what the gentledady just said, if you were to follow her idea to its logical conclusion, that there be no age limits and that someone might be elected who was 10 or 12 or 15 years of age, to say nothing of 21, 22, 24 or 30.

I think there is no harm in retaining age limitations for certain responsibilities. I think it is good business for the people of the State of Maine and, frankly, I have not heard the people of the State of Maine clamoring for this legislation. This legislation did not come from the people of the State of Maine and I think we ought to remember that.

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

Mrs. KANY: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I just wanted to point out that this bill does not propose that we allow 12 year olds to run for the other body. It, indeed, would just call for 21 year olds being able to run for the other body, which is the same age at which people are allowed to run for this House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question is on the motion of the gentledady from Brunswick, Mrs. Bachrach, that this bill and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 52 in the negative, the motion did prevail. Sent up for concurrence.

Consent Calendar First Day

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

(S. P. 66) (L. D. 110) Bill "An Act to Exclude Certain Academics from the Category of 'Public School' " Committee on Aging, Retirement,

and Veterans reporting "Ought to Pass," as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)

No objections being noted, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of Tuesday, February 20, under listing of Second Day.

Consent Calendar Second Day

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

(S. P. 65) (L. D. 106) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Maine Insurance Advisory Board"

(H. P. 41) (L. D. 52) Bill "An Act to Transfer Certain Inactive Accounts of the Maine State Retirement System to the Retirement Allowance Fund"

(H. P. 84) (L. D. 95) Bill "An Act to Repeal the Per Diem Payment and the Commutation Allowance for Court Officers" (C. "A" H-28)

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

Passed to Be Engrossed Amended Bill

Bill "An Act to Strengthen and Streamline the Habitual Offender Law" (Emergency) (S. P. 9) (L. D. 16) (C. "A" S-8; S. "A" S-9)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, read the second time, the Senate Paper was passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Enactor Tabled and Assigned

An Act Concerning Appointments of Justices of the Peace (H. P. 109) (L.D.118)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lisbon Falls, Mr. Tierney.

Mr. TIERNEY: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: A few moments ago, my internal intercom telephone rang and my good friend from Cumberland, Mr. Garsoe, requested that this bill be tabled for a day so that his party might have the opportunity to caucus on it. Naturally, in the spirit of bipartisan cooperation, I readily agreed, and perhaps even the Democrats might want to discuss it, but prior to that motion being made, I just want everyone to take a good look at this bill. It allows the Maine Secretary of State to appoint all justices of the peace without any particular hindrance or guidelines, and I would just hope that if the Secretary of State is not acceptable, perhaps the job could be shifted to the Governor or some other such position, and I look to your guidance or perhaps Mr. Garsoe's guidance on it next week.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland, tabled pending passage to be enacted as an emergency measure and specially assigned for Tuesday, February 20.

Finally Passed

(9-2) RESOLVE, Authorizing the Bureau of Public Lands to Convey by Sale to the Town of Dennyville the State's Interest in Certain Real Property in Edmunds, Washington County (H. P. 72) (L. D. 81) (C. "A" H-14)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Handling Charge for Returnable Beverage Containers from 1¢ to 3¢ and to Provide for Prompt Reimbursement of this Charge to Dealers and Redemption Centers" (H. P. 454) (Committee on

Business Legislation suggested)

Tabled—February 15, 1979 by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon.

Pending—Reference.

On motion of Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls, re-tabled pending reference and specially assigned for Wednesday, February 21.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Fishing for Atlantic Salmon in any Territorial Waters in this State" (H. P. 491) which was table earlier in the day pending reference.

On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

Bill "An Act to Increase Fees for Atlantic Salmon Permits" (H. P. 492) which was tabled earlier in the day pending reference.

On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Commerce in Atlantic Salmon in the State of Maine" (H. P. 495) which was tabled earlier in the day pending reference.

On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Orland,
Adjourned until Tuesday, February 20, at ten o'clock in the morning.