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HOUSE

Friday, October, 5, 1979

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

Prayer by Monsignor David Fitzpatrick of St. Andrews Church, Augusta.

Monsignor FITZPATRICK: Let us pray. Almighty God, father of all mankind, we ask you today to look kindly on this assembled body and shower all present with your blessing.

We are gathered here in a spirit of service to all the citizens of our great State of Maine. Help us to be mindful of the great trust that is ours, to write laws that will guarantee the rights of all our people. We pray that truth and justice will be the principles that guide us.

Prompt us to see clearly the needs of those around us and motivate us to find solutions to them, putting aside all pettiness and self-interest. We ask God's special blessing so that all that transpires here may shine forth as evidence that we share your gift of wisdom in guaranteeing that law exists for the benefit and the protection of all members of our community. Amen.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

(Off Record Remarks)

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Howe of South Portland, Recessed until the sound of the gong.

After Recess
7:00 P.M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. GARSOE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Certainly this has been a memorable day. Never in my memory have so many people labored so hard to do so little. And I have got to say that you have been very patient, at least the remarks that have been directed to me have been not obscene in too great a degree. I really feel very guilty looking at you and realizing that you have been here for almost 10 hours with absolutely very little indication of what has been going on. And if I understand what is going on, I believe we are going to adjourn sine die tonight and have the Governor call us in next Wednesday at ten o'clock.

My purpose in speaking to the group tonight is to let you know that we are adjourning with good will on both sides of the fence. I have yet to be engaged in a day or two days, or four days, really, of the type of relationships we have had between the parties and the Governor and seen so little evidence of tempers flaring. They have happened from time to time, but they have been quickly subdued and we have been able to turn away from them.

I just want you to know that the reason that, in my opinion, the Governor and the leadership have agreed to this course of action is that we are so close together that it would indeed be a shame to polarize the situation by coming in here and attempting to do one thing or the other. There is still room for us to come together, so I for one am very pleased to have been working with the leadership in the other party and with the Governor to at least get this far and hope that when we come in Wednesday, we will have publicized pretty well to you folks what you will be coming in to look at and that we can conduct our business in a very short time.

Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls was granted

unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. TIERNEY: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: As usual, I would like to concur wholeheartedly with my good friend from Cumberland, Mr. Garsoe.

About eight weeks ago, a reporter asked me what the Democratic energy plan was going to be in the upcoming special session, and I told that reporter then, as I say to you now, there will be no Democratic energy plan for the special session, just as there will be no Republican plan, because the energy problem which is facing our people is just too complex, too emotional to allow it to be dragged into what I think would be an unseemly partisan struggle. So, together with my good friend from Cumberland and the Speaker and the Governor and the leadership in the other body and members of the Appropriations Committee and all of us, hopefully we will all familiarize ourselves even more with the proposals at hand and I think we will be able to come back for a very amicable and brief session, which hopefully will take some of the fear out of the lives of our less fortunate citizens in this state.

Again, I would like to thank you, Mr. Garsoe has, for bearing with us and I am sure we will see you soon.

(Off Record Remarks)

The following paper appearing on Supplement No. 1 was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-735) on Bill "An Act to Provide Funds for Emergency Home Heating Assistance for Elderly and Other Low-Income Households for the Winterization, Housing Rehabilitation Technician and Citizens' Assistance Programs and to Correct an Error in the Energy Inventory Reporting Law" (Emergency) (H. P. 1586) (L. D. 1689)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. NAJARIAN of Cumberland
—of the Senate.

Messrs. JALBERT of Lewiston
KELLEHER of Bangor
PEARSON of Old Town
CHONKO of Topsham
DIAMOND of Windham
CARTER of Winslow
—of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-736) on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. PERKINS of Hancock
HUBER of Cumberland
—of the Senate.

Messrs. HIGGINS of Scarborough
MORTON of Farmington
SMITH of Mars Hill
BOUDREAU of Waterville
—of the House.

The Report was read.

On motion of Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland, the Bill and all its accompanying papers were indefinitely postponed.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

At this point, the Speaker appointed Mr. Tierney of Lisbon on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House had transacted all business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

Subsequently, Mr. Tierney reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The Chair appointed the following members on the part of the House to wait upon His Excel-

lency, Governor Joseph E. Brennan, and inform him that the House was ready to adjourn without day.

Mrs. POST of Owl's Head
Mrs. GOWEN of Gorham
Messrs. HICKEY of Augusta
PETERSON of Caribou
Mrs. WENTWORTH of Wells

Subsequently, the Committee reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

At this point, a message came from the Senate, borne by Senator Pierce of Kennebec, informing the House that the Senate was ready to adjourn without day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Easton, Mr. Mahany.

Mr. MAHANY: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I move the House stand adjourned without day.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Easton, Mr. Mahany moves that the House adjourn sine die. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and at 7:36 P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, Friday, October 5, 1979, the Speaker declared the House adjourned without day.