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Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Howell K. Lind of the Winthrop Street Universalist Church in Augusta.

REVEREND LIND: Renewing spirit of life, we would pose to invoke the blessings and support of a larger life, upon the proceedings of this august body.

Grant to these men and women, who represent the people of the State of Maine, hearing keen enough to find the person behind the words. Grant to them an eye for the real meaning of a document. Grant to them a sense of moderation in their relations one with the other. Above all fill them with reliable knowledge of the true needs of the people of this great State of Maine.

May the work which is conducted, this Session, of this Senate, help further the grand vision of what our State and its people are striving to become. May each man and woman who labor to do the work of this body, find their satisfaction in the achievement of serving people, and of serving our State. In the spirit of service do these men and women labor and in that same spirit may the Session proceed. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Papers from the House
Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Rep. Karen Lee Brown of Bethel, who has been designated as "Outstanding Young Woman of America," 1980. (H. P. 406)

Rep. Susan Jane Bell of Paris, who has been designated as "Outstanding Young Woman of America," 1980. (H. P. 405)

The Wiscasset Fire Society, which held its 180th annual meeting on January 13, 1981. (H. P. 407)

Come from the House, Read and Passed.

Which were Read and Passed, in concurrence.

House Papers

Bill, "An Act to Remove Restrictions Preventing Retired Teachers Elected to the Legislature from Receiving Certain Benefits." (H. P. 368) (L. D. 406)

Bill, "An Act to Give the Maine Association of Retirees Proper Representation on the Board of Trustees for the Maine State Retirement System." (H. P. 369) (L. D. 407)

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans and Ordered Printed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Improve the Marketing of Maine Agricultural Products." (H. P. 308) (L. D. 380)

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Allocate Moneys for the Administrative Expenses of the State Lottery Commission for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983." (Emergency) (H. P. 339) (L. D. 387)

Bill, "An Act to Allocate Moneys for the Administrative Expenses of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages, Department of Finance and Administration and the State Liquor Commission for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983." (Emergency) (H. P. 340) (L. D. 388)

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Clarify and Amend the Investment Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code." (H. P. 343) (L. D. 391)

Bill, "An Act to Require Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance." (H. P. 342) (L. D. 390)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Certain Types of Indemnity Provisions in Construction Contracts." (H. P. 341) (L. D. 389)

Bill, "An Act to Provide for Reciprocity with other States under the Cosmetology Statutes." (H. P. 370) (L. D. 408)

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Unfair Trade Practice Laws." (H. P. 372) (L. D. 410)

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Municipal Securities Approval Act." (H. P. 371) (L. D. 409)

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation is suggested.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Improve Voter Registration Access for Potential Absentee Voters." (H. P. 344) (L. D. 392)

Bill, "An Act to Revise to Law Concerning Absentee Voting." (H. P. 373) (L. D. 411)

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on Election Laws and Ordered Printed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Election Laws and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Encourage the Establishment of Municipal Energy Commissions." (H. P. 313) (L. D. 381)

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Hazardous Waste Statute to Meet Certain Requirements for Delegation of the Federal Program and to Provide Internal Consistency." (H. P. 314) (L. D. 382)

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and Ordered Printed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Make Allocations from the Maine Coastal Protection Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983." (Emergency) (H. P. 345) (L. D. 393)

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is suggested.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Permit Hunting of Wild Game upon Certain Lands on Sunday." (H. P. 374) (L. D. 412)

Bill, "An Act to Require the Use of Hunter Orange Clothing while Hunting." (H. P. 375) (L. D. 413)

Bill, "An Act to Make Allocations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983." (Emergency) (H. P. 317) (L. D. 383)

Come from the House, referred to the Com-

mittee on Fisheries and Wildlife and Ordered Printed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Establish a Bounty on Coyote." (H. P. 346) (L. D. 394)

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife is suggested.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Creating the Maine Clean Indoor Air Act." (H. P. 347) (L. D. 395)

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Mileage Reimbursement Payment for Jurors." (H. P. 348) (L. D. 396)

Bill "An Act Removing the Authority of Justices to Retain Certain Publications as their Own." (H. P. 349) (L. D. 397)

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Per Diem Pay for Services Rendered by Active Retired Judges." (H. P. 350) (L. D. 398)

Bill, "An Act to Phase out County Payments for the Support of the Judiciary." (H. P. 352) (L. D. 400)

Bill, "An Act to Allow Wardens to Take a Cash Bond from Any Nonresident or Alien Found in Violation of the Fish and Wildlife Laws." (H. P. 353) (L. D. 401)

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordered Printed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regulating Concealed Weapons." (H. P. 351) (L. D. 399)

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary is suggested.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Unemployment Compensation Benefits for Persons Receiving a Pension or Retirement Pay." (Emergency) (H. P. 354) (L. D. 402)

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Employment Security Law Relating to Payment of Extended Benefits of Interstate Claimants." (Emergency) (H. P. 355) (L. D. 403)

Bill, "An Act Providing Collective Bargaining Rights to Legislative Employees." (H. P. 323) (L. D. 384)

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on Labor and Ordered Printed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Labor and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Permit Consumption of 3.2% Beer by Persons 18 to 20 Years of Age." (H. P. 326) (L. D. 385)

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide for Direct Payment to Municipalities of Fines Collected under Certain Laws Relating to Animals." (H. P. 356) (L. D. 404)

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Local and County Government and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on

Local and County Government and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Consolidate Highway Safety Activities within the Department of Public Safety." (H. P. 332) (L. D. 386)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide Counties which have Adopted a Charter with Home Rule Authority Regarding the Office of Sheriff. (H. P. 357) (L. D. 405)

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.

Which were referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Senate Papers

Senator PIERCE of Kennebec, (Cosponsor: Senator CONLEY of Cumberland) presented, Bill "An Act to Provide Cost-of-living Adjustments to Retirement Allowances under the Maine State Retirement System to Parallel those Granted to Active State Employees." (S. P. 181)

Which was referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator AULT of Kennebec presented, Bill "An Act Further Amending the Planning and Zoning Statute." (S. P. 183)

Which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator TROTZKY of Penobscot, (Cosponsor: Representative TREADWELL of Veazie) presented, Bill "An Act to Change the Head of Tide on the Penobscot River." (S. P. 186)

Which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DUTREMBLE of York presented, Bill, "An Act to Require Certain Unsuccessful Claimants in Civil Actions to Pay the Other Party's Attorney's Fee." (S. P. 179)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SHUTE of Waldo presented, Bill, "An Act Providing Due Process when the State Liquor Commission Designates a Location for a State Liquor Store." (S. P. 180)

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook presented, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Law Concerning Cremation of old State Bonds." (S. P. 182)

Senator AULT of Kennebec presented, Bill, "An Act Amending the Maine Guarantee Authority Revenue Obligation Securities Law to Remove Retail Merchandising Projects." (S. P. 184)

Senator TROTZKY of Penobscot presented, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Revolving Fund for the Maine State Library." (S. P. 185)

Which were referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator AULT of Kennebec presented, Bill "An Act Amending the Protection of Underground Facilities Statute." (S. P. 178)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Todd E. Potter of Palermo, a member of Boy Scout Troop 222, who has been named a recipient of the Honor Medal for Lifesaving for heroism in rescuing his father from the Kennebec River. (S. P. 187) presented by Senator SHUTE of Waldo (Cosponsors: Representative HUNTER of Benton and Representative HUTCHINGS of Lincolnville.)

Which was Read and Passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports

House

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Permits and Inspection for Electrical Installation in Commercial Buildings under the Electrician Law." (H. P. 13) (L. D. 7)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in Draft under same Title (H. P. 392) (L. D. 378)

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

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

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Agriculture on, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Maine Pesticide Control Act of 1975 to Fund Research Relating to Public Health." (S. P. 21) (L. D. 19)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-4) Signed:

Sensors: HICHENS of York

WOOD of York

Representatives: MAHANY of Easton

MICHAEL of Auburn

LISNIK of Presque Isle

SMITH of Island Falls

LOCKE of Sebec

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Sensor: SHUTE of Waldo

Representatives: CONARY of Oakland

CALLAHAN of Mechanic Falls

NELSON of New Sweden

SHERBURNE of Dexter

MCCOLLISTER of Canton

Which Reports were Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Shute.

Senator SHUTE: Mr. President, I move that we Accept the Minority Ought Not To Pass Report of the Committee.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Waldo, Senator Shute, now moves that the Senate Accept the Minority Ought Not To Pass Report of the Committee.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hichens.

Senator HICHENS: Mr. President, I ask for a Division.

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

Senator COLLINS: Mr. President, it would be helpful to me, if a little additional information were available on this matter. I have looked at Senate Amendment 4, which appears to be the new version of the Bill, and it appears to create, out of the additional license fees a dedicated revenue for education. I would appreciate knowing something about how this dedicated fee would be employed, through what department, and in what manner?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Knox, Senator Collins has posed a question through the Chair, to any Senator who may care to answer.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Shute.

Senator SHUTE: Mr. President, and Ladies

and Gentlemen of the Senate, the \$10. fee would be used, as the bill says, for the purpose of funding research, analysis, and evaluation relating to public health concerns arising out of pesticide use.

This would bring in \$29,000, under the new bill, and there is the possibility, as was said at the work session on this bill, that this money might be used in the environmental unit, if one is established later on in this Session of the Legislature. So if you're in favor of a new environmental health unit being formed this could help fund that unit, a little later you would already have your seed money available, almost.

I might point out that last year the fees for the pesticide use was increased from \$10. to \$50. and this year it was increased from \$50. to \$60. That is a healthy increase in just a little over a year from \$10. up to \$60. It was my feeling that the increase was unwarranted. The department collected \$120,000, extra money last year, now they want another extra \$29,000, this year, it seems that this is unnecessary, with the increase they had last year.

I am a little apprehensive about passing Legislation so that, a little later on down the road, we can fund a new state government unit, regardless of whether this is done in the Department of Agriculture or done in the Department of Human Services.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Wood.

Senator WOOD: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I would urge you not to support the Ought Not To Pass motion. Although it is true that if an environmental health unit is passed eventually, that some of these funds might go that way, but that is certainly not the intent or purpose of this Bill. If you look at the Bill there is no mention of the environmental health unit. It is only mentioned in the Statement of Fact.

The research that is presently being done by the department on pesticides is being done by a group of volunteers from Maine Medical Center. I would think that it would be fair to assume that they will not continue to do this research on a volunteer basis, and, yet, this research must be done. So whatever the life of the Environmental Health Bill is, whether it rises or falls, bares little on this bill, because the research is going to have to be done regardless of that. Being realistic if the Environmental Health Bill passes, I would assume that some of this money will be used by that agency, but if it does not pass this money will be used to contract out this research.

There are basically four reasons why, I think, this bill should pass. The first is that it would improve our credibility when it comes to the pesticide review process. I think, the State of Maine has a commitment, a commitment that we can find in the statutes, that says that we have to take all of the necessary steps to insure that pesticide use is safe for the general public. Unfortunately, although we have that commitment, there are little tax dollars used to do this research. When we look at the Spruce Budworm program and the Dennysville incident, because of the lack of any state funds we had to look elsewhere to this AD-HOC committee of volunteers to fund this research.

This is research being done by the EPA, but, unfortunately, due to the privacy clause in the Federal statutes, we can not use this research in making evaluations of pesticides. We have to really go on our own when it comes to research.

The second reason why, I think, that we need this research capability is that many of the pesticides that are used in Maine have a unique balance with the Maine environment. Unfortunately, when EPA test they do not take into account the different climates of this country. So what might be good and healthy pesticide for California might be terribly inappropriate for Maine, but we would never know unless we have research capabilities.

The third reason that this bill, I think, deserves some attention, is that the cost is very nominal. Certainly when you look at the nature of these companies, we are talking about the Dupont Company, Gulf Oil Company, some of these companies, their nature is national and international in scope, the cost of this \$10. increase will be spread over a world-wide sales schedule. It will also be spread over the various users of pesticides, housewives who spray flies, farmers, florists, foresters. So the cost, this \$10. increase, will be nominal to the people of Maine and yet the results will not be nominal.

And, fourth, the amount of money, the \$29,000, we feel is sufficient to do a creditable job of research. Most of the research is of a literature gathering nature, and can be done. If we are to have an effective pesticide registration process and an effective pesticide board they have to have the money to do research. Presently all the money raised by fees goes into the registration process and the running of the board. There is very little, absolutely none available for research.

I think, we have a responsibility to our farmers to insure that they will be allowed to continue to use pesticides, and at the same time we have a responsibility to the general public to insure that those pesticides, that they are using are safe. I think, this bill goes a long way to doing that.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Minkowsky.

Senator MINKOWSKY: Mr. President, and Members of the Senate, just a point of inquiry. It appears from what has materialized here today, is that we are assessing the manufacture of chemicals from \$50. to \$60. In addition to that, I believe, last year we had a recommendation from the Audit and Program Review Committee going from \$10. to \$50., that has not been given sufficient time to take hold.

I am concerned more with another aspect of this, with the Governor's recommendation to us yesterday, of the environmental health unit, where he speaks of not only the capability of investigating and assessing an act of solving these problems, but the administration is proposing the establishment of a hazardous waste fund, that is similar in design to the Oil Conveyance Act. Those who create or transport hazardous waste would be required to pay a small fee for each gallon of hazardous waste that they create, or handle. Are we not now assessing from both angles? The toxic materials are brought into the State of Maine, we are now assessing the fee, and after the residues are discarded we are assessing another fee.

I am wondering if this is really a conflict, should the Environmental Health Bill be accepted by this Session of the Legislature. I think, possibly I would like to pose that as a general question to the members of the Agricultural Committee.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Shute.

Senator SHUTE: Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I would just like to remind you that last year the fee did increase \$40. and another \$10. this year that the bill calls for. The fee in the State of Maine is one of the highest in the nation, it is not by any means down to the level of other states.

I am afraid that what you are going to do here, is fund an agency to go out and look at problems or find problems that the farmers do not have, but may think that they have, or the people may think that they have, and create more problems for the farmers than they have ever had before. If you feel strongly that your farmers need more problems this would be a good way of giving them a lot of problems.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hichens.

Senator HICHENS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, as you remember last year,

I was one of those who opposed the environmental health programs, because of the extreme cost, this year I have worked on that committee and we are coming out with recommendations later on.

I feel that this increased fee to be used, part of it for the research and something else related to it is important. The people who are making the money should be the ones that should help pay for it, not have it coming out of the taxpayers pockets. This is coming out of fees, or license fees, from the people who are making the money on selling these pesticides. If you will notice on the amendment it includes pesticides sales of greater than \$6,000. per year, which excludes about 100 pesticides of the 3,000 registered. It does not hit the small manufacturer, but the larger ones which Senator Wood has related to you.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Wood.

Senator WOOD: Mr. President, and Members of the Senate, I would like to clarify two points that were raised. One is that the fee was increased last year, but this fee has pretty much been eaten up by the powers and duties that we granted the board last year when we recognized them.

The other issue is one of whether the bill will further impede the progress of farmers and somehow create problems for them. To say that if we do not pass this bill that pesticides will somehow disappear and the problems raised by them will disappear, I think, is just inaccurate. The problems are there and we, as members of the committee, have been dealing with those problems for the last 4 years. I would say that it is more helpful to the farmers to insure the general public that the pesticides that the farmers are using are safe. I will give you an example: The Maine Medical Committee of doctors who looked into pesticides last year looked at 15 pesticides at random. Of those 15 pesticides they gave a clean bill of health to 12 of them, and only raised questions about 3 that they felt should be explored further. To those farmers using those 12 pesticides I would think they would be able to use that as an argument to their neighbors and friends, and say look, doctors have looked at this and they say that it is safe, we feel comfortable with that. I think, knowing that something is a lot more than not knowing.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

A Division has been requested.

Will all those Senators in favor of the Motion to Accept the Minority Ought Not To Pass Report of the Committee, please rise in their places to be counted.

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

10 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 17 Senators in the negative, the Motion to Accept the Ought Not To Pass Report does not prevail.

The Majority Ought to Pass Report was Accepted, and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" (S-4) was Read and Adopted, and the Bill, as amended, tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Second Readers

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

Senate

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Maine Nonprofit Corporation Act." (S. P. 72) (L. D. 109)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate, the Tabled and specially assigned matter.

Bill, "An Act Converting Great Pond Plantation into the Town of Great Pond and Removing Great Pond from the Maine Forestry

District." (H. P. 287) (L. D. 369)

Tabled — January 27, 1981 by Senator PIERCE of Kennebec.

Pending — Reference.

Which was referred to the Committee on Local and County Government and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Senator Collins of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate, On the Record.

Senator COLLINS: Mr. President, a number of our committees submit reports to us, and a lot of those reports just go in the file and draw very little attention. One report that came to our desks earlier this month, deserves fresh attention because of the remarks given to us yesterday by our Chief Executive. This was from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the subcommittee relating to Radioactive Waste Disposal. This subcommittee was chaired by the Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary. The full committee included, as Chairmen, the Senator from Aroostook, Senator McBreairty, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky. This was, of course, under the auspices of the 109th Legislature.

Yesterday, our Chief Executive recommended that the State take an aggressive position in opposition to the pending application of Maine Yankee, concerning enlargement of its disposal storage area for spent fuel. This matter is thoroughly investigated in the report that I mentioned. I would like to just give you the conclusion: "The Maine Yankee Atomic Power Plant needs more interim spent fuel storage, and has applied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to expand its spent fuel storage capacity."

The Subcommittee recommends that: "The Governor direct appropriate State agencies to participate in the Maine Yankee license amendment application. Agencies should use the provisions of 10 CFR § 2.715 (c) to participate in this application without having to take a position for or against the proposed spent fuel pool expansion."

The report goes on to recommend that the Governor enter into discussions with other New England States about the possibility of dealing with radioactive waste on a regional basis.

Finally, the report recommends, "The Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources appoint a standing subcommittee to follow developments on nuclear issues, and to keep the full Legislature apprised of these developments."

It seems to me that this subcommittee has made some excellent recommendations. I regret that the Governor has departed from those recommendations. Certainly the State should monitor the pending application, should supply its resources to give all possible information to that process, but, I think, that the position taken by the subcommittee is the better one, in view of the needs of Maine Yankee and the people of Maine. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator Pierce of Kennebec, Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.