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Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Robert Rand of the Randolph Methodist Church.

REVEREND RAND: Let us pray. Eternal Lord, we thank you for calling us together this day to work on behalf of all the people of this State of Maine.

We ask that as we begin this day of deliberation, of decision making, that we may approach it with humility, gratitude and compassion.

As we remember the people that we serve, help us that we may serve their needs. That we may give of ourselves, that we may accept the status of servant on their behalf.

We give you thanks for the responsibility that is bestowed upon each one of us. May we have the compassion to forefill the needs of the people that we serve. May we have the will to be open and sensitive in our relations.

As we come we also know that we serve Thee with humility, gratitude and compassion, for we know that all we have and all we do come from Thee and are done for Thee.

We give thanks that this is the way that You have created life to be, for all that we have is freely given to us, and we can but humbly accept it.

May we learn to use the things that we have, the resources, the materials, and the people, for the sake of people, less the things use us.

So keep us humble, keep us grateful, and keep us compassionate, that we may be Thy people, and Thy servants. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

(Off Record Remarks)

**Papers from the House
Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Sanford High School senior David Gardner who was given Honorable Mention Honors for the 1980 National High School Track All-American Team. (H. P. 535)

Julie L'Heureux, Robert Poitras, Larry Remond, Mary Nobert, Ed Kalinowski, Alden Thayer, and all other participants in the 1980 Sanford United Way Fund Drive. (H. P. 536)

Carol S. Boyce of Auburn, Maine's "Outstanding Young Woman for 1980," as named by the Organization of Outstanding Young Women of America. (H.P. 537)

Jean Goulet of Greenville, Governor of Dirigo Girls State for 1980-1981, who has been named by the Tisbury Manor Chapter as the DAR Good Citizen for 1980-1981. (H. P. 538)

Come from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed, in concurrence.

Joint Resolution

A Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of Ansel L. "Red" Atwater of Cherryfield. (H. P. 539)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted, in concurrence.

House Papers

Bill, "An Act to Permit Knox County to Withdraw from the Maine State Retirement System." (H. P. 487) (L. D. 539)

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

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to State-municipal Revenue Sharing." (H. P. 444) (L. D. 523)

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.

Resolve, to Reimburse the Frenchmans Bay Flying Club for Part of the Sales Tax Paid on the Purchase Price of Replacement Aircraft. (H. P. 488) (L. D. 540)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs is suggested.

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Require an Examination for Real Estate Brokers Seeking Credit for Continuing Education Attendance." (H. P. 489) (L. D. 541)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Credit Disability Insurance Under the Consumer Credit Code." (H. P. 490) (L. D. 542)

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 Permit Schools to Suspend a Student's Right to Ride a School Bus for Disciplinary Reasons." (H. P. 491) (L. D. 543)

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Hospital Inspection Law." (H. P. 492) (L. D. 544)

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 Protect Works of Art." (H. P. 493) (L. D. 545)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Certain Zoning Appeals." (H. P. 494) (L. D. 546)

Come 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 Provide for the Regulation and Licensure of Guard Dogs and their Trainers, Sellers and Handlers." (H. P. 468) (L. D. 537)

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs 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 to Clarify the Authority of Councils of Government." (H. P. 472) (L. D. 532)

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 Concerning the Interest Charge on Outstanding County Taxes." (H. P. 471) (L. D. 524)

Reference to the Committee on Local and County Government is suggested.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on

Taxation and Ordered Printed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Create a Wholesale Shellfish License." (H. P. 473) (L. D. 533)

Bill, "An Act Concerning the Regulation of Atlantic Salmon." (H. P. 474) (L. D. 538)

Bill, "An Act to Repeal Drag Limits in Blue Hill Bay." (H. P. 475) (L. D. 525)

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Require the Public Utilities Commission to Consider Issues of Operational Efficiency in Rate Cases." (H. P. 476) (L. D. 526)

Bill, "An Act to Require Approval by the Public Utilities Commission of any Transfer of a Controlling Interest of the Stock of a Public Utility." (H. P. 477) (L. D. 534)

Bill, "An Act to Make Corrections in the Topsham Sewer District Charter." (H. P. 478) (L. D. 527)

Bill, "An Act to Adjust the Fiscal Year of the Cobbossee Watershed District." (H. P. 479) (L. D. 535)

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

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

Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Term of Office of the Attorney General from Two Years to Four Years Beginning December, 1984. (H. P. 480) (L. D. 536)

Resolve, Authorizing the State to Convey Certain Land to the Town of Swan's Island for Park and Recreational Purpose. (H.P. 481) (L.D. 528)

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.

Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Sales Tax on Bird Seed." (H. P. 482) (L. D. 529)

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act by Increasing the Income Limits." (H. P. 483) (L. D. 530)

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Require Motorists Traveling on Maine Highways to Turn on Their Headlights When Conditions Require Continuous Operation of Wiper Blades and to Require Certain Vehicles to Activate Rear Blinkers at Slow Speed." (H. P. 484) (L. D. 531)

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

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

**Communications
Senate Chamber
President's Office**

February 3, 1981

Honorable Barbara A. Gill
Honorable Sandra K. Prescott
Chairmen, Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services
State House
Augusta, ME

Please be advised that Governor Joseph E. Brennan is nominating Jean M. Larson of Houlton and Stephen Wessler of Litchfield for appointment to the Health Facilities Cost Review Board.

Pursuant to Title 22 MRSA Section 353, this

nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,
S/JOSEPH SEWALL
President of the Senate
S/JOHN L. MARTIN
Speaker of the House
(S. P. 233)

Which was Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.
Sent down for concurrence.

Department of Conservation

February 2, 1981

Dear President Sewall:

Attached is the 1980 Forest Insect Manager's Report prepared and presented to you pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Title 12, Section 8414, subsection 6 (The Spruce Budworm Suppression Act). This report provides financial information on the 1980 program as required by law, as well as a brief synopsis of all activities conducted during 1980. More complete, detailed reports will be prepared on certain specific activities such as research and environmental health monitoring.

I hope this information will serve to inform you of the status of our program. Additional copies are available for distribution to interested parties.

Sincerely yours,
S/A. TEMPLE BOWEN, JR.
Forest Insect Manager

Which was Read and with accompanying Report, Ordered Placed on File.

Senate Papers

Senator TRAFTON of Androscoggin (Cosponsors: Representative RIDLEY of Shapleigh and Representative CUNNINGHAM of New Gloucester) presented, Bill, "An Act to Exempt the Transportation of Race Horses from Certain Regulation by the Public Utilities Commission." (S. P. 229)

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture is suggested.

On motion by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLARK of Cumberland (Cosponsors: Senator SEWALL of Lincoln, Representative PERKINS, OF Brooksville and Representative FITZGERALD, of Waterville) presented, Bill, "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Business Regulation to Insure the Independence of Regulators." (S. P. 222)

Senator SEWALL of Lincoln presented, Bill "An Act Relating to Interest Rates upon Refinancing of Loans under the Maine Consumer Credit Code and Making other Clarifications of the Maine Consumer Credit Code." (S. P. 228)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator TROTZKY of Penobscot (Cosponsors: Representative NELSON of Portland and Representative ROLDE of York) presented, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Reimbursement under the Education Finance Act for Programs for Gifted and Talented Children." (S. P. 223)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator PIERCE of Kennebec (Cosponsors: Representative JACQUES of Waterville, Representative KANY of Waterville and Representative FITZGERALD of Waterville) presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to Reapportionment for Municipal Officers." (Emergency) (S. P. 226)

Which was referred to the Committee on Election Laws and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SEWALL of Lincoln presented, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Status of Certain Real Estate Easements in the State." (Emergency) (S. P. 224)

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

On motion by Senator Collins of Knox referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator PRAY of Penobscot (Cosponsors: Senator GILL of Cumberland, Senator PERKINS of Hancock and Representative PRESCOTT of Hampden) presented, Bill, "An Act to Create the Charleston Correctional Center within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections." (S. P. 217)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator KERRY of York presented, Bill, "An Act to Allow Reasonable Attorneys' Fees as a Remedy in Actions under the Maine Human Rights Act." (S. P. 221)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BROWN of Washington (Cosponsors: Senator SUTTON of Oxford and Representative TUTTLE of Sanford), presented, Bill, "An Act to Stabilize the Maximum Weekly Benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act." (S. P. 225)

Senator SUTTON of Oxford presented, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Direct Payment System under the Workers' Compensation Law." (S. P. 218)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SEWALL of Lincoln presented, Resolve, Authorizing Jeanette Hodgdon, Administratrix of the Estate of Kenneth R. Hodgdon, to Maintain a Civil Action Against the State of Maine. (S. P. 227)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator KERRY of York presented, Bill, "An Act to Protect Consumer Rights in the Acts and Practices of Public Utilities." (S. P. 219)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator KERRY of York (Cosponsor: Senator PIERCE of Kennebec) presented, Bill, "An Act Concerning Walks and Handrails on Railroad Bridges." (S. P. 220)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolution

Senator TROTZKY of Penobscot (Cosponsors: Senator CONLEY of Cumberland, Representative MASTERTON of Cape Elizabeth and Representative ROLDE of York) presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its adoption:

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED
AND EIGHTY-ONE

JOINT RESOLUTION TO RATIFY
AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL
CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR
REPRESENTATION OF THE DISTRICT

OF COLUMBIA IN THE CONGRESS.
WHEREAS, the 95th Congress of the United States of America at its second session, in both Houses, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds thereof, adopted the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States of America in the following words, to wit:

JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING
AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
TO PROVIDE FOR REPRESENTATION
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE CONGRESS

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein,) that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress"

ARTICLE

"Section 1. For purposes of representation in the Congress, election of the President and Vice-President, and Article V of this Constitution, the District constituting the seat of government of the United States shall be treated as though it were a state.

Section 2. The exercise of the rights and powers conferred under this article shall be by the people of the District constituting the seat of government, and shall be provided by the Congress.

"Section 3. The twenty-third article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

"Section 4. This article shall be inoperative, unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission."; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: By the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the 110th Legislature, now assembled, that such proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be and the same is hereby ratified; and be it further

RESOLVED: That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Administrator of General Services, Washington, D.C., and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States. (S. P. 230)

Which was Read.

On motion by Senator Collins of Knox referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Rebecca Scese of Manchester, winner of the Maine Bicentennial Debate Tournament and representative of the State of Maine in the National Bicentennial Debate Tournament in Williamsburg, Va. (S. P. 231) presented by Senator AULT of Kennebec (Cosponsors: Senator PIERCE of Kennebec and Representative DAMREN of Belgrade).

Maurice Tibbetts of Readfield, winner of the Maine Bicentennial Debate Tournament and representative of the State of Maine in the National Bicentennial Debate Tournament in Williamsburg, Va. (S. P. 232) presented by Senator PIERCE of Kennebec (Cosponsors: Senator AULT of Kennebec and Representative DAMREN of Belgrade.)

Which were Read and Passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports
House

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act Defining Responsibility over Septic Systems in Municipalities having a Sanitary District. (H. P. 102) (L. D. 135)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

Which Report was Read and Accepted, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Safety and Health Regulation of Compressed Air Work, Public Sector Farm Workers and Variance Procedures." (H. P. 69) (L. D. 118)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

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

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Transportation on, Bill, "An Act to Provide for the use of Flashing White Lights on Ambulances." (H. P. 45) (L. D. 51)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H. 3)

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which Report was Read and Accepted, in concurrence, and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted, in concurrence, and the Bill, as amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Second Readers

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

House

Bill, "An Act to Provide Free Access for Disabled Veterans to State Parks, Camping Areas and Beaches." (H. P. 51) (L. D. 65)

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

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following: An Act to Revise the Land Surveyor Laws. (S. P. 24) (L. D. 21)

Which was Passed to be Enacted and having been signed by the President was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

An Act Providing for the Maine State Housing Authority Financing of Intermediate Care Facility Group Homes for the Retarded and Persons with Related Conditions. (S. P. 22) (L. D. 20)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 32 members of the Senate, with no Senator voting in the negative was Passed to be Enacted and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the Tabled and specially assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER—relative to amending the Joint Rules by adding Rule 37A relative to Bills or Resolves requiring continued funding. (S. P. 206)

Tabled—February 3, 1981 by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland

Pending—motion of Senator HUBER of Cumberland to refer to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pray.

Senator PRAY: Mr. President, an inquiry to the Chair, is it proper to amend this Joint Order at this time?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would answer the Senator in the affirmative.

Senator PRAY: Mr. President, I offer State Amendment "A" to S. P. 206 and move its Adoption.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pray now offers Senate Amendment "A" to S. P. 206 and moves its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-7) was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Huber.

Senator HUBER: Mr. President, I would oppose the Adoption of this amendment which would render this Joint Rule ambiguous or cause, perhaps, intentional over-appropriations and seriously pervert the purpose of the Order. I hope that would defeat this amendment, and refer this Order to the committee where it could be considered and heard in the normal course of our business.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pray.

Senator PRAY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, if each of us would take a moment to look at the calendar from day before yesterday, and read the original Joint Order. I understand the intent of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Huber. I agree with the first paragraph of that Joint Rule, which would require that any Legislation that would be passed carry the funding for a biennium. We would clearly understand the fiscal responsibility of that Bill, which would be incumbent upon us.

My concern is that by Joint Rule, that we are establishing a fund, in which the Legislature would take care of the general bond debts and other such proposals. My concern is based upon the fact that we are doing it via the Joint Rules.

On that same day the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Huber, also introduced a measure in a statutory proposal to create a Budget Stabilization Fund. I will make my own judgement upon that Bill when it comes from the Appropriations Committee. I believe, that that is the proper route via Legislation and not a Joint Rule.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Huber.

Senator HUBER: Mr. President, and Members of the Senate, the reason I presented this as a Joint Rule is that it amounts to a regulation, whereby the Legislature would regulate its own actions. It seems to me that the statutes are a proper vehicle to regulate this State generally, however, I believe, that the Legislature regulates itself through its rules. This would be self regulation to try to avoid our digging the type of hole we dig ourselves, by passing things for less than a full biennium. Funding for less than a full biennium, with the full knowledge, but often not recognized well enough, with the full knowledge, of what a continued program will take for two full years of funding. This is one of the ways we have created the type of fiscal problems that we have created. I think the Joint Rules, are the proper place to regulate our own actions.

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

Senator COLLINS: Mr. President, it seems very clear that there are two related issues, that concern both the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Huber, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pray. Since they both deal with fiscal matters that are normally handled through the Appropriations Committee, it would seem appropriate that both issues be considered in that committee.

I would urge the Senate to vote against the motion for amendment, and then to proceed to refer the matter to the Appropriations Com-

mittee.

I request a Division.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pray.

Senator PRAY: Mr. President, I would pose a question through the Chair to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Huber. In reference to his Joint Order, which states that Appropriations from the Budget Stabilization Fund may be made by the Legislature. Will these appropriations be made by statute, through the budgetary process, or just by another Joint Order?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, has posed a question through the Chair.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Huber.

Senator HUBER: Mr. President, I presume that the appropriations would be made in the normal course of the appropriation process by statute.

The PRESIDENT: A Division has been requested.

Will all those Senators in favor of the Adoption of Senate Amendment "A", please rise in their places to be counted.

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

16 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 17 Senators in the negative, Senate Amendment "A," Failed of Adoption does not prevail.

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Senator HICHENS: Mr. President, I would ask if LD84, "An Act to Prohibit Open Burning in Areas Determined as Urban Areas," is in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would answer the Senator in the affirmative, the Bill "An Act to Prohibit Open Burning in Areas Determined as Urban Areas." (S. P. 58) (L. D. 84) having been held at the Senator's request.

Senator HICHENS: I would now move that the Senate reconsider its action whereby this Bill was granted Leave to Withdraw.

On motion by Senator Collins of Knox, Tabled for 1 Legislative Day, pending the motion by Senator Hichens of York.

Senator Kerry of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate, On the Record.

Senator KERRY: Mr. President, I received a call last evening from one of my constituents, an elderly constituent who complained that she could not afford the cost of fuel, and being in a rural area could not afford to go to the local provider of fuel assistance in her community.

The main concern that I had was that she probably represented more elderly people in this State than I could speak of or even the people that are in my district. I was very concerned about that.

Secondly, I read in the paper this morning where Gulf Oil Company dropped the State's discount rate of 3¢ on the purchase of all fuel oils, and gasoline. I for the Record would like to indicate on this Senate floor, representing people from my district, and to under-score the Legislation that was passed by the Senate and the House, with regards to the removal of fuel from the State by major oil companies.

I recall a few years ago, when I introduced legislation to prevent price gouging by oil companies and other providers of fuel, to the State of Maine, mainly because we are so dependent on the fuel, from foreign importers.

This specific act by Gulf Oil Company is only indicative of what one might expect from the people in the fuel industry. I think, that under de-control that many of us will be faced with this problem. I realize that just one Senator, or two Senators, or this body or this Legislature of the State of Maine may not have an impact on a

national company. I think, with regards to the impact that this particular move may have or will have on the local economies, our private companies, our hospitals and schools, in light of 44% of the Maine people have indicated that fuel is the number one problem that they are facing this year, I, just for the Record, would like to let you know that the State of Maine purchases somewhere in the vicinity of six million gallons of fuel oil each year. Mainly this is falling on the department of Transportation and many fall on our major department of Mental Health and Corrections, because of our institutions and facilities, that provide many needed services for people throughout the State.

In light of our constituents are going to be faced with a 12 to 15¢ increase in gasoline costs within the next few months, and possibly a \$2. cost after the summer, I really feel that, especially in light of what Senator Huber just presented, and we had a slight debate on this morning, that additional scrutiny should be made with regards to everything dealing with energy.

Even though I would not suggest that we introduce an Order and take any further time of the Senate, I really believe that many of my elderly constituents, and many of our rural under-employed, and unemployed citizens that this particular move is indicative of what we are going to face under the current policy of de-control. Therefore, I would like to commend the Senate for its previous action, whereby, we passed Legislation to prevent the removal of fuel oil from the State by a major oil company without having provided additional resources by another company.

Secondly, I would like to say on my part anyway, to forewarn us to make sure that we do not allow the multi-national corporations or any larger corporations from removing the needed resources from our citizens.

On motion by Senator Collins of Knox, Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.