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Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Pastor Glenn R. Chaffee of the United Baptist Church in West Peru.

Pastor CHAFFEE: May we join our hearts together in prayer. O'God, Creator of the Universe, and Father of all who put their trust in You, we acknowledge You as the Giver and Sustainer of life, and the One to whom all worship and praise is due. We praise You not only for the gift of life, but for the hope of eternal life through Your son, Jesus Christ. We marvel at Your mercy and grace, toward a proud and unrepentant people, who have failed miserably to keep Your commandments and to live as befitting offspring of a loving and holy God. We marvel at Your patience and long suffering toward a people who have decided themselves with their supposed self-importance, who boast of their self-sufficiency, who have assumed that they were masters of their own fate, and who refused to humble themselves before a God Who is the alpha and omega, the One before Whom all men must someday stand in judgement.

We thank You today for the faith of our fathers, for the Christian heritage, which has given us so much, but which we seem to appreciate so little, and for the opportunities of each new day to confess our dependence on You, and to call on You for wisdom and help.

O'God, help us to see that man in himself does not have the answers to the problems that confront him. Help us to see that the difficulties we face are largely the result of our own short-sightedness, selfishness, and sin. Help us to see that although You have endowed man with many wonderful gifts, and encouraged him to use his knowledge and talents for the good of mankind and the glory of God, we are still dependent on You.

Forgive us for our stubborn pride, our persistent pursuit of personal advantage at the expenses and welfare of others, for our lack of genuine concern for the needs of the unfortunate multitudes, who we claim to live and serve.

Father, I pray for these chosen men and women in this Chamber this morning. They are charged with a great responsibility. They are recipients of an awesome trust. People are looking to them for leadership, for wise and just decisions, for solutions to persistent problems that affect us all.

But, O'God, help us all to recognize that such wisdom comes from You. Help us to do and say those things that are good, and right, and just, and in accordance with Your will. May we be directed, O'God, by the principles of the Holy Scriptures, the guidance of the Spirit of Almighty God, and the determination to fulfill our responsibilities in a humble and faithful manner. May we never forget both the admonition and the warning of the sacred word. Righteousness, exalted the nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. It is in the spirit of the Son of man who came into this world as a servant, and in the name of that one, who as God's own Son, gave his life a ransom for many, that we pray. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

(Off Record Remarks)

**Papers From The House
Non-concurrent Matter**

Bill, "An Act to Create a Department of Corrections." (S. P. 376) (L. D. 1134)

In the Senate, March 5, 1981, referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

Comes from the House, referred to the Com-

mittee on State Government, in non-concurrence.

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

Senator COLLINS: I move that the Senate Adhere.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Knox, Senator Collins, moves that the Senate Adhere. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

Joint Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Mexico High School Boys' Basketball Team, 1981 Mountain Valley Conference Champions. (H. P. 1028)

Comes 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 Rhoda Olmstead of Limestone, a tireless worker on behalf of senior citizens. (H. P. 1029)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted, in concurrence.

House Papers

Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Certain Uses of Herbicide." (H. P. 972) (L. D. 1160)

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 Relating to Referendum Campaign Reports and Finances." (H. P. 959) (L. D. 1150)

Bill, "An Act to Require Identification of an Individual Speaking in a Televised Paid Political Advertisement." (H. P. 973) (L. D. 1161)

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Campaign Reporting Law." (H. P. 974) (L. D. 1162)

Comes 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 Permit Open Burning of Brush and Demolition Debris." (H. P. 975) (L. D. 1163)

Bill, "An Act to Establish Restrictive Covenants for Property Affected by Hazardous Waste." (H. P. 976) (L. D. 1164)

Comes 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 Equitably Adjust Fees for Dental Services Provided under the Maine Medical Assistance Program." (H. P. 977) (L. D. 1165)

Bill, "An Act to Amend Laws Relating to Ambulance Services and Personnel Licensing." (H. P. 978) (L. D. 1166)

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Preserve Intact Low Income Families by Allowing them to Participate in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program." (H. P. 979) (L. D. 1167)

Reference to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services 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 Concerning the Reporting of Welfare Fraud." (H. P. 960) (L. D. 1151)

Bill, "An Act Concerning Appellate Review of Certain Criminal Sentences." (H. P. 961) (L. D. 1152)

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 Encourage Decent Wages for Maine Workers Employed by Enterprises Obtaining Public Loans and Loan Guarantees." (H. P. 981) (L. D. 1169)

Bill, "An Act to Provide Employees in Private Long-term Care Facilities and Service Agencies Wages and Fringe Benefits Equivalent to Wages and Fringe Benefits Paid in State Facilities." (H. P. 983) (L. D. 1168)

Comes 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 Effect Changes in Daylight Saving Time." (H. P. 962) (L. D. 1153)

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 Imposition of Liens to Secure Payment of Water Rates of the Fort Fairfield Utilities District." (H. P. 963) (L. D. 1154)

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Limit of Indebtedness of the Newport Water District from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000." (H. P. 964) (L. D. 1155)

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Provide Deductions and Credits under the State Income Tax for Certain Foreign Taxes." (H. P. 965) (L. D. 1156)

Bill, "An Act to Remove the Town of Osborn from the Maine Forestry District." (H. P. 966) (L. D. 1157)

Bill, "An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief for Retired Persons." (H. P. 967) (L. D. 1158)

Comes 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 Requiring Certain Price Information on Certificates of Title Applications and Certificates." (H. P. 968) (L. D. 1159)

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
House of Representatives**

March 10, 1981

Honorable May M. Ross
Secretary of the Senate
110th Legislature
Augusta, Maine
Dear Madam Secretary:

The House voted today to Adhere to its action whereby it Indefinitely Postponed Bill "An Act to Allow Legislative Override of Legislative Council Action" (S. P. 147) (L. D. 318)

Respectfully,
S/EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk of the House

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

Committee on Health & Institutional Services

March 10, 1981

The Honorable Joseph Sewall
President of the Senate of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear President Sewall:

In accordance with 3 M. R. S. A., Chapter 6, section 151, and with Joint Rule 38 of the 110th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services has had under consideration the nomination of John Notis of Saco to the position of Member, Health Facilities Cost Review Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate of the 110th Maine Legislature that this nomination be confirmed. The vote was taken by the yeas and nays. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS:

Senators	3
Representatives	4

NAYS:

Senators	0
Representatives	0

ABSENT:

Senators	0
Representatives	6

(Reps. Prescott, Ketover, Boyce, McCollister, Randall, Manning)

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of John Notis to the position of Member, Health Facilities Cost Review Board, be confirmed.

Sincerely,

S/BARBARA A. GILL, Senate Chairman
S/SANDRA K. PRESCOTT, House Chairman
Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

The PRESIDENT: The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services has recommended that the nomination of John Notis be confirmed.

The pending question before the Senate is: Shall the recommendation of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services be overridden? In accordance with 3 M. R. S. A., Chapter 6, section 151, and with Joint Rule 38 of the 110th Legislature, the vote will be taken by the yeas and nays. A vote of YES will be in favor of overriding the recommendation of the Committee. A vote of NO will be in favor of sustaining the recommendation of the Committee.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Kerry.

Senator KERRY: Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I would like to speak on behalf of Mr. Notis. He has served this committee well. He has been very attentive at the meetings, and is very knowledgeable in the field of health care. The man has had many, and broad various, in terms of working with people in health facilities, as well as working with the industry of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, in terms of insurance. He understands the businessman's point of view, he has compassion for the people who have been involved with these facilities. He has brought to the committee an expertise that I think has been very valuable to the State of Maine.

The Governor, in recommending Mr. Notis, noted that he was a very independent person, regardless of his personal affiliations with any companies or facilities, he has always remained independent in his thinking, he has been knowledgeable in his presentations, and he has been, as many people who do perform public service, very attentive to his duties.

I would hope that the Senate would go along with Mr. Notis' nomination and have him serve another term on Health Facilities Cost Review Board. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers will secure the Chamber.
The Secretary will call the Roll.

ROLL CALL

NAY—Ault, Brown, Bustin, Carpenter, Charrette, Collins, Conley, Devoe, Dutremble, Emerson, Gill, Hichens, Huber, Kerry, McBreaity, Minkowsky, Najarian, O'Leary, Perkins, Pierce, Pray, Redmond, Sewall, C.; Shute, Sutton, Teague, Trafton, Usher, Violette, Wood, The President, J. Sewall.

ABSENT—Clark, Trotzky.

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators in the negative, with 2 Senators being absent and none being less than two-thirds of the membership present, it is the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be accepted. The nomination of John Notis is confirmed.

Senate Papers

Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Definition of Teacher under the Maine State Retirement System." (S. P. 423)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator COLLINS of Knox (Cosponsors: Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Representative HIGGINS of Scarborough) presented, Bill, "An Act to Bring the Maine Traveler Information Services Act into Conformity with the United States Constitution." (S. P. 427) (Emergency)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator PERKINS of Hancock (Cosponsors: Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth, Representative PERKINS of Brooksville and Representative SALSBURY of Bar Harbor) presented, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Eastern Maine Vocational Technical Institute to Operate a Program for Practical Nursing in Ellsworth." (S. P. 426)

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested.

On motion by Senator Perkins of Hancock, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator TRAFTON of Androscoggin (Cosponsors: Senator McBREAIRTY of Aroostook, Representative HIGGINS of Scarborough and Representative DIAMOND of Windham) presented, Bill, "An Act to Facilitate and Improve Decision Making by the Board of Environmental Protection." (S. P. 421)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator USHER of Cumberland (Cosponsor: Representative JACQUES of Waterville) presented, Bill, "An Act to Provide a \$500 Fine for Hunting Turkeys." (S. P. 425)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLARK of Cumberland (Cosponsor: Representative DIAMOND of Bangor) presented, Bill, "An Act to Provide Arthritic Drugs to Low Income Elderly." (S. P. 419)

Reference to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services suggested.

On motion by Senator Pierce of Kennebec, Tabled for 1 Legislative Day, pending Reference.

Senator TRAFTON of Androscoggin presented, Bill, "An Act to Facilitate the Removal of Clouds on Title to Proposed Unaccepted

Streets in Subdivisions." (S. P. 428)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BROWN of Washington (Cosponsor: Representative CONNORS of Franklin) presented, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a Water District for the Town of Milbridge in Washington County." (S. P. 424)

Senator TRAFTON of Androscoggin presented, Bill, "An Act Concerning Utility Deposits." (S. P. 422)

The same Senator (Cosponsor: Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) presented, Bill, "An Act Requiring an Annual Report on Safety Problems by Nuclear Power Plants." (S. P. 420)

The same Senator (Cosponsors: Senator HICHENS of York, Representative CONNOLLY of Portland and Representative GOWEN of Standish) presented, Bill, "An Act to Remove the Customer Charge from Electric Utility Rate Structures." (Emergency) (S. P. 417)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator NAJARIAN of Cumberland (Cosponsors: Senator GILL of Cumberland, Representative HOBBS of Saco and Representative LUND of Augusta) presented, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Bonding Limit on Maine State Housing Authority Bonds Secured by the Housing Reserve Fund." (S. P. 418)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The City of Saco and the 350th Anniversary of the historic founding of this settlement. (S. P. 429) presented by Senator KERRY of York (Cosponsor: Representative HOBBS of Saco).

Which was Read.

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

Senator KERRY: Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

It gives me great pleasure today to speak on behalf of the City of Saco, on its 350th anniversary. Concurrent with this measure, that is being passed in both Houses, the Governor will issue a proclamation declaring today, Wednesday, March 11, as Saco Jubilee Day. I think, many of our historical towns, such as Saco which was established in 1631, are rich in traditions, and also steeped in the history of Maine.

I'm very proud to have several of our students from the City of Saco here today, acting as pages, and, also, the teachers and several parents. It is very fitting that the City of Saco be honored, because we have had some very fine public servants serve in our various capacities in state government and local government from Saco. We have also had fine people contributing to the business community, and the economic development of the State.

But more importantly, I think it's fitting for Saco and many other towns that do have these anniversaries, that the people be recognized, primarily.

I would like to mention also, that these pages that are here today, participated in a mock Senate and House debate in Saco. It was at the Burns School. It was rather interesting. They elected a President of the Senate, by the way, who was a woman, I think that will please the good Senator from Cumberland and others of the Women's Caucus. They elected a Speaker of the House. They had clerks, they had the Secretary of the Senate, and they had a Bill which they voted upon. The Bill was to establish a law that would provide free ice cream for

all school children. They passed the Bill overwhelmingly, by the way, the House and the Senate concurring, the Bill was vetoed by the female governor. I think that you might be interested that she vetoed the Bill on the basis that ice cream would not be healthy for the children. And yet, the veto was overridden by the House and the Senate in joint caucus.

I would like to say, that the City of Saco does have a rich tradition in government, and we appreciate this recognition by the State of Maine. Thank you.

Which was Passed.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

On motion by Senator Pierce of Kennebec, Recessed until the sound of the Bell.

Recess

After Recess

The Senate called to order by the President.

(Off Record Remarks)

Committee Reports House Ought to Pass

The Committee on Education on, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Law Relating to the Authorization for Degree-granting Authority for Higher Education Institutions." (H. P. 269) (L. D. 328)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Which Report was Read.

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

Senator MINKOWSKY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, before we Accept the Ought to Pass Report of the Committee, possibly somebody from the Education Committee might be able to clarify one point relevant to this particular Bill. That is, presently there are non-degree-granting institutions in the State of Maine. Some of our degree-granting institutions including the State of Maine do accept these credits. Will it make it more difficult for the non-degree-granting institutions in the State of Maine to transfer credits to the degree-granting institutions? If somebody on the Education Committee would address that particular question, I'd be very happy to hear their reply.

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

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator PIERCE.

Senator PIERCE: Mr. President, and Members of the Senate, in response to the good Senator's question, which I really didn't hear, I would say that this particular Bill is actually designed after some regulations which have been in the making for quite some time, and follow the present guidelines. It would not make it more difficult for them to do that which the Senator is referring to. In fact, I think this was a very positive and consumer-oriented piece of legislation of the State.

Which Report was Accepted.

The Bill Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

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

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be

Engrossed.

Which Report was Read.

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

Senator COLLINS: Mr. President, I would like to call the Senate's attention to this particular Bill, and to commend the Committee on Labor for its efforts to tighten up, even though in a modest way, the treatment of unemployment benefits.

We're in a week here, in the State of Maine, where there is grave concern about certain aspects of our economy. We are reading every day something about the poultry industry, and the fact that its very existence in Maine is in jeopardy.

One of our colleagues yesterday, at a meeting with some members of the poultry industry, heard loud and clear the fact that Maine's very high Workers' Compensation Insurance rates, and Maine's high Unemployment Tax rates placed Maine businessmen and farmers at a competitive disadvantage, which is so delicate a problem, that it can mean the demise of an entire industry.

Maine's Unemployment Trust Fund, which is financed entirely by payroll taxes on employers, is presently indebted to the Federal Government for \$36.4 million. This amount reflects loans which were obtained in order to make benefit payments during the recession of the mid-70's. Since the loans have not been repaid, Federal Law requires Maine employers to pay progressively escalating penalty taxes, under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

In 1981, employers are required to pay an additional three tenths of one percent of taxable wages, taxable wages, of course, are the first six thousand in wages paid to each employee, \$18 per employee. In 1982, an additional six tenths of one percent, or \$36 per employee. In 1983, nine tenths of one percent, or \$54 per employee, and so on.

Assuming that contributions to the fund remain relatively stable, and no additional burdens are placed on the fund, it appears that the State may be able to repay the loans some time in 1983. It will be extremely close. Any legislative action in the meantime, which adds to the current financial drain on the fund, will render total repayment impossible. This will not only necessitate more borrowing from the Federal Government, but it will also result in the continued escalation of Federal Unemployment Tax penalties, penalties 1.2 percent in 1984, 1.5 percent in 1985, and so on. They could conceivably go up to 3.4 percent if the loans are not paid off by the early 1990's.

This scenario would have a dramatic impact on the State's development effort and the health of the existing business community. It should be stressed that the Federal Unemployment Tax Act penalties are paid in addition to the regular State and Federal Unemployment Taxes. The normal Federal Unemployment Tax Act rate is seven tenths of one percent of taxable payroll. The State Unemployment Tax rates vary from 2.4 percent to 5 percent of taxable payrolls, depending on the particular employer's experience.

We all recognize that inequities in the law may exist. The Labor Committee has many pieces of legislation this Session to consider, and some of them may be required to correct inequities. But the solvency of the fund must be the paramount concern of the Legislature. Therefore, Republicans in the Senate have committed themselves, and do commit themselves, not to allow the Maine Unemployment Security Fund to reach the status of the Federal Social Security Fund. We are pledged not to enact legislation that will draw on the fund without providing for the means of financing these added benefits.

I hope the Senate will Accept and Enact the pending measure.

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

Senator PRAY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I think that the Record should be perfectly clear as to why we are in the situation that we are in today. Back several years ago, when the State came into the economical hard times, the Legislature and government itself was faced with the question of either increasing the Unemployment Tax to pay for the high numbers of individuals unemployed in this State, of working men and women of the State of Maine, who through the economic times became unemployed. At that time the businesses of this State appeared before the Labor Committee, and requested of the Governor that we, the State of Maine, did not increase the Unemployment Tax. Instead they requested that we borrow money from the Federal Government. The reason they wanted to borrow from the Federal Government was because historically in other states that had borrowed, they had never been asked to pay it back. Those few states that had paid it back, and paid it back late, were assessed no penalties.

I kind of think what's happened, that businesses, myself included as a businessman, kind of felt we had a free lunch coming down the pike from Washington D.C. Times have changed. The situation, though, is not the fault necessarily of the working men and women of this State who are unemployed. To them, this is a very important sustaining income during those economic times. I think that the first priority of this Legislature should be the welfare of the people of this State, the working men and women, who make Maine a very prime State for industrial development. The working men and women of this State have a long record of producing for the employers of this State. I would hope that we would not arbitrarily, blindly, commit ourselves to legislation which would forget these individuals.

Which Report was Accepted.

The Bill Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

(Off Record Remarks)

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

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 State Government, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Maine Set-aside Program under the State Purchasing Law to Expand Work Opportunities for Multiple Handicapped Citizens." (H. P. 224) (L. D. 261)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-75).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A", as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-77), Thereto.

On motion by Senator Pierce of Kennebec, Tabled for 1 Legislative Day, pending Acceptance of the Committee Report.

Senate

Ought to Pass — As Amended

Senator TROTZKY for the Committee on Education on, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Commencement of Terms for Members of School Committees and Boards of School Directors." (S. P. 278) (L. D. 787)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-39).

Which Report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" 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:

House

Bill, "An Act to Repeal Certain Provisions Relating to Burial Expenses and Reimbursement Under Relief of Poor Veterans." (H. P. 698) (L. D. 823)

Bill, "An Act Amending the Certification of Ionizing Radiation Equipment." (H. P. 426) (L. D. 473)

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

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

House — As Amended

Bill, "An Act to Permit the Use of Foam Plastic Insulation in Certain Facilities Without the Required Thermal Barrier." (H. P. 451) (L. D. 498)

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Fee for Serving Civil Process." (H. P. 410) (L. D. 449)

Bill, "An Act to Establish a Time Limit on Identifying Prior Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test for Operating Under the Influence." (H. P. 248) (L. D. 289)

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

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Providing for a Period of Silence in Public Schools." (S. P. 272) (L. D. 699)

Which was Read a Second Time.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pierce.

Senator PIERCE: Mr. President, I present Senate Amendment "A", under filing number S-40, and move its passage.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pierce offers Senate Amendment "A" to L. D. 699 and moves its adoption.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-40) was Read and Adopted.

Which was Passed to be Engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate — As Amended

Bill, "An Act to Create the Charleston Correctional Center within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections." (S. P. 217) (L. D. 604)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

AN ACT to Clarify Lobbyist Disclosure Procedures. (H. P. 387) (L. D. 430)

AN ACT Relating to the Raising of Wild Waterfowl in Captivity. (H. P. 103) (L. D. 137)

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

AN ACT to Increase the Amount of Expenses Which May be Reimbursed to Members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council. (H. P. 244) (L. D. 278)

On motion by Senator Conley of Cumberland, Tabled for 1 Legislative Day, pending Enactment.

AN ACT to Repeal the Law Preventing Hotels and Restaurants from Permitting Secular Business on Sunday. (H. P. 466) (L. D. 518)

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

Senator PRAY: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, and Members of the Senate, usually there's a number of Bills come through at the Enactment stage, some of us take a moment to take a look at the proposal and see exactly what it does. This is one of those laws which just says; Title 17 M.R.S.A. Subsection 3208 is repealed. I'm wondering if anyone on the committee who heard this Bill could explain exactly what it does. Reading the Statement of Fact, from the Bill itself, it says: what it does is repeal an obsolete and unenforceable law, which allows individuals, the guests of hotels and restaurants, prevents them from just spending their time to drink or idly spending their time at play on Sunday. Could somebody explain what that means?

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

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Shute.

Senator SHUTE: Mr. President, Members of the Senate, the Bill does exactly what the Statement of Fact says. It repeals a section of the law that says; the only people that can patronize hotels and lodging places are travelers, or lobbies in the hotels, or bars, or whatever. It seemed to be a little bit obsolete, so we thought it ought to be repealed.

Which 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

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