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Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Russell M. Chase of the United Church of Monmouth.

Reverend CHASE: Our Father and our God, we have gathered again as representatives of Thy people, to be their spokesmen. We thank You for the blessings You have bestowed upon us, both as a body and as individuals. We ask Thy blessings upon the President of this Body. We ask Thy blessings upon our guests, our brethren from Nigeria. We thank You, our Father, for this great and wonderful privilege, that we may feel Your presence in our deliberations. Bless us as we strive to do that which is good, and right, and honorable in Thy sight, that we may continue to receive Thy strength, which enables us to keep on keeping on. While we do all, and say all, in the Master's name, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

(Off Record Remarks)

**Papers from the House
Non-concurrent Matter**

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Bureau of Public Lands to Convey the State's Interest in Certain Public Lands in Milford, Penobscot County. (Emergency) (H. P. 315) (L. D. 345)

In the House, March 12, 1981, Passed to be Engrossed.

In the Senate, March 16, 1981, Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-52), in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that Body Having Adhered.

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

Senator DEVOE: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President I move the Senate Recede and Concur with the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Devoe, moves that the Senate Recede and Concur with the House.

Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Arlie Keddrel, of Bangor, who has retired after 21 years of service to the City of Bangor. (H. P. 1221)

Beverly W. Spencer, Esq., on his retirement as Old Town City Attorney, having faithfully served in that capacity for the past 23 years. (H. P. 1212)

Walter Cronkite, who retired as CBS Evening News anchorman, for the contribution he has made to our State and Nation. (H. P. 1222)

J.M.B. basketball Team, which won the 1981 Lewiston Tournament of Champions basketball championship. (H. P. 1223)

Robert Chenard of Kennebunkport, member of Troop 351, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. (H. P. 1224)

Come from the House, Read and Passed.

Which were Read and Passed, in concurrence.

Joint Resolution

A Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Helen Lavalley of Winthrop, a beloved community servant. (H. P. 1226)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted, in concurrence.

House Papers

Bill, "An Act to Separate the Funding of Old System Teachers in the Maine State Retirement System." (H. P. 1145) (L. D. 1367)

Bill, "An Act to Require Disclosure of Contributions to a Retirement Account upon Request." (H. P. 1147) (L. D. 1369)

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Provide for the Protection of the Pension Rights of Injured Maine Workers." (H. P. 1146) (L. D. 1368)

Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans suggested.

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Prohibit State Mandates and Tax Shifts." (H. P. 1115) (L. D. 1366)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs 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 Prevent Price Mark-ups on Retail Food." (H. P. 1148) (L. D. 1370)

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Campaign Reporting Law." (H. P. 1149) (L. D. 1371)

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

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Transport of State Prisoners in Knox County." (H. P. 1152) (L. D. 1373)

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 Require Restitution by a Criminal Offender to his Victim." (H. P. 1151) (L. D. 1372)

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Maine Historical Society." (H. P. 1153) (L. D. 1374)

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 the Lobster Advisory Council." (H. P. 1154) (L. D. 1375)

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

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

Bill, "An Act to Extend the Distance Limitations in the Exemption for Moving Household

Goods." (H. P. 1155) (L. D. 1376)

Comes 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.

Bill, "An Act to Establish an Employee Award Program for Suggestions for Improving State Government Operations." (H. P. 1135) (L. D. 1352)

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Personnel to Study Wage Comparability Between Male and Female Workers in State Government." (H. P. 1156) (L. D. 1377)

Bill, "An Act Concerning the Publication of Official State Highway Maps." (H. P. 1157) (L. D. 1378)

Bill, "An Act to Establish a Consolidated Map of the State." (H. P. 1158) (L. D. 1379)

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 Concerning Partial Reimbursement for Property Taxes Paid by Certain Fraternities." (H. P. 1136) (L. D. 1353)

Bill, "An Act to Provide a Tax Credit for the Purchase and Use of Studded Snow Tires." (H. P. 1137) (L. D. 1354)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Allowing the Legislature to Impose a Property Tax in Excess of the Cost of Services upon Properties in the Unorganized Territories. (H. P. 1138) (L. D. 1355)

Bill, "An Act to Provide Deductions under the State Individual Income Tax for Necessities." (H. P. 1159) (L. D. 1380)

Bill, "An Act Concerning the Qualifications of Assessors." (H. P. 1162) (L. D. 1383)

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 Relating to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Harbor of Portland." (H. P. 1140) (L. D. 1357)

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.

Bill, "An Act to Reform the Regulation of Carriers of Passengers and Freight." (H. P. 1139) (L. D. 1356)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested.

Comes 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.

Study Report-Transportation

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred the Study Order relative to Clarify the Statutory Provisions for the Registration of Motor Vehicles in Maine, pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 1958, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Statutory Provisions for the Registration of Motor Vehicles in Maine" (H. P. 1214) (L. D. 1382) be referred to this Committee for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 18.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted, and the Bill referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Which Report was Read and Accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Transportation, in concurrence.

Senate Papers

Senator McBREAIRTY of Aroostook (Cosponsors: Representative SMITH of Mars Hill, Representative PETERSON of Caribou and Representative MARTIN of Van Buren) presented, Bill, "An Act to Promote the Maine Potato Industry." (S. P. 517)

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Ordered Printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senator MINKOWSKY of Androscoggin (Cosponsors: Senator PIERCE of Kennebec, Senator CLARK of Cumberland and Representative KILCOYNE of Gardiner) presented, Bill, "An Act Requiring the Registration of Professional Counselors in Independent Practice and the Certification of Certain Such Professional Counselors." (S. P. 518)

The same Senator (Cosponsor: Representative PERKINS of Brooksville) presented, Bill, "An Act to Limit the Sunday Closing Law." (S. P. 519)

Which were referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLARK of Cumberland presented, Bill, "An Act Concerning Nongame and Endangered or Threatened Species." (S. P. 520)

Which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and Ordered Printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CONLEY of Cumberland presented, Bill, "An Act Providing for a Volunteer Lawyers' Board." (S. P. 521)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordered Printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senator McBREAIRTY of Aroostook (Cosponsors: Representative KIESMAN of Fryeburg and Representative NELSON of New Sweden) presented, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Number of Signatures Required to Initiate Rule-making Proceedings under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act." (S. P. 522)

Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook (Cosponsors: Senator TEAGUE of Somerset, Representative KANY of Waterville and Representative CALLAHAN of Mechanic Falls) presented, Bill, "An Act to Include Energy Projects and Agricultural Enterprises in the Guarantee Authority of the Maine Guarantee Authority and to Set Aside \$2,500,000 of the Guarantee Capacity for Energy Projects." (S. P. 523)

(Submitted by the Office of Energy Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Which were referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senator WOOD of York presented, Bill, "An Act to Provide Indexing for the State Income Tax." (S. P. 524)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation and Ordered Printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Alfred M. Senter, President and Treasurer of Senter's in Brunswick, who received the first "Maine Retailer of the Year" award. (S. P. 525)

presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland (Cosponsors: Representative MARTIN of Brunswick and Representative LIVESAY of Brunswick)

Norman A. Owen of Brunswick, selected to honor Vietnam veterans at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the American Legion. (S. P. 526)
presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland

(Cosponsors: Representative MARTIN of Brunswick and Representative LIVESAY of Brunswick)

Bill Provencher, Bowdoin College hockey goalie, named to the 1981 Division Two East All-America team, as selected by the American College Hockey Coaches Association. (S. P. 527)

presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland (Cosponsors: Senator MINKOWSKY of Androscoggin and Senator CHARETTE of Androscoggin).

Which were Read and Passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports House

The following Ought Not to Pass reports shall be placed in the legislative files without further action pursuant to Rule 22 of the Joint Rules:

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)

Bill, "An Act Requiring Imprisonment for Persons Refusing to Pay Fines." (H. P. 177) (L. D. 197)

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Funds to the State Library for the Purchase of 50 Copies of 'The Journals of John E. Godfrey of Bangor.'" (H. P. 817) (L. D. 971)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Education on, Bill, "An Act to Permit a Person, other than the Superintendent of Schools, to Keep a Record of Meetings of a School Administrative District." (H. P. 656) (L. D. 756)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act to Provide for State Enforcement of Plumbing Code." (H. P. 911) (L. D. 1077)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on State Government on, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Publication of Statements of Intent Concerning Referendum Issues." (H. P. 674) (L. D. 778)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

Which Reports were Read and Accepted, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans on, Bill, "An Act to Provide for an Annual Report by the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System to the Legislature." (H. P. 896) (L. D. 1063)

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.

Senate

Ought to Pass — As Amended

Senator SUTTON for the Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Group and Blanket Health Insurance Law." (S. P. 154) (L. D. 362)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-60).

Senator SUTTON for the Committee on Busi-

ness Legislation on, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Group Life Insurance Law." (S. P. 190) (L. D. 514)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-61).

Which Reports were Read and Accepted and the Bills Read Once. Committee Amendments "A" were Read and Adopted and the Bills, as amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act to Adopt a Lead Emission Standard under the Laws for Protection and Improvement of Air." (S. P. 103) (L. D. 216)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

O'LEARY of Oxford

Representatives:

HALL of Sangerville

MICHAUD of East Millinocket

MITCHELL of Freeport

DAVIES of Orono

HUBER of Falmouth

MICHAEL of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-59).

Signed:

Sensors:

McBREAIRTY of Aroostook

REDMOND of Somerset

Representatives:

KIESMAN of Fryeburg

DEXTER of Kingfield

JACQUES of Waterville

AUSTIN of Bingham

Which Reports were Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary.

Senator O'LEARY: Mr. President, I move Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary, moves that the Senate Accept the Majority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator McBreairty.

Senator McBREAIRTY: Mr. President, I would hope that you would not Accept the Majority Ought to Pass Report, so that you might Accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report, so that you might Accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report. I would ask for a Division on the motion that's before you.

The PRESIDENT: A Division has been requested.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary.

Senator O'LEARY: Mr. President, this is not a partisan Bill, it has the bipartisan support of our committee. The Bill is very simple. It sets up a state standard on lead emissions to be exactly the same as the federal, except for one particular point. That point is that you're only allowed, under this Bill, to exceed the limit of 1.5 once per year.

Currently in Maine, there is no one that does exceed the 1.5 limit, although there may be a potential for it in the future. This is kind of a preventive measure.

Under the amendment of the Minority of the Committee, the lead emission remains at 1.5, the same as the Bill, but it establishes, as only an average over a calendar year. Which means that you could exceed it to 2.0 one day, 1.0 the next day, as long as you averaged out at a 1.5, you wouldn't be in violation of the law. It has a very hazardous potential for the air quality.

It's particular damaging, these lead emissions, to the young of this State. I hope that you will Accept the Majority Report.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator McBreairty.

Senator McBREAIRTY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I have to make one correction in Senator O'Leary's statement. He said, this would allow this over a period of a year. It does not allow it over a period of a year. It would be the average for one quarter. If it averaged more than 1.5 for one quarter of the year, then standards would be exceeded.

Now we have continually in the State of Maine gone with more stringent regulations than the fed's have. This has put our industries and people in a real serious position as far as competing with other areas. I don't believe there's any danger whatever if we go with this Minority Report and accept the Federal standards.

To give you an example, this says, if you exceeded more than one 24 hour period during the year, more than one 24 hour period, you're exceeding the standard on this Bill. In Presque Isle, Maine, where we consider the air as about as pure and clear as anywhere in the State of Maine, they reached 1.76 during a 24 hour period last year sometime. Now I don't know whether they had their testing device stuck up the exhaust pipe of an automobile, where they had it, but they did exceed it once in Presque Isle last year.

I would hope that you would go with the Federal standards. I believe that they are stringent enough. I believe everybody in Maine will be safe, because I doubt if we'll ever reach it. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary.

Senator O'LEARY: The Board of Environmental Protection received evidence and testimony at five public hearings held throughout the State. The Board, after evaluating all the data, adopted a 24 hour lead air quality standard that requires concentrations of lead at any one location not to exceed 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter except once per year. Once per year, not once per quarter, once per year. In order to provide the people of Maine with a greater margin of safety, the Board adopted a lead standard based on a 24 hour maximum lead level. This type of standard precludes the potential of higher levels of lead which may occur within the three month averaging time of the Federal standard. The quarter is the Federal level standard.

The only significant point, source of lead, identified in Maine is from the burning of automotive waste oil, at International Paper in Jay. The department is continuing a study of the impact of this source. At present, there is no evidence that even this mill at Jay, which burns this automotive waste oil, is exceeding the 1.5.

As I said before, this is just a preventive measure, so that in the future, there will not be any more than there is absolutely necessary.

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

Senator CONLEY: Mr. President, I request when the vote is taken, it be taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The PRESIDENT: A Roll Call has been requested. Under the Constitution, in order for the Chair to order a Roll Call it requires the affirmative vote of at least one-fifth of those Senators present and voting.

Will all those Senators in favor of ordering a Roll Call, please rise and remain standing until counted.

Obviously more than one-fifth having arisen a Roll Call is ordered.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Minkowsky.

Senator MINKOWSKY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, just for a point of clarification, would the people on the Committee for Energy and Natural Resources give me a

more thorough explanation of the term 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter. Would they relate that in layman's terminology, so that I could understand exactly what they're referring to?

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

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary.

Senator O'LEARY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I'm not knowledgeable in this area. I've never asked the question of how they measure any of these units.

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

Senator TROTZKY: Mr. President, I'd like to pose a question through the Chair to members of the committee as to who opposed, during the public hearings, L. D. 216 as drafted?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky, has posed a question through the Chair to any member of the committee who may care to answer.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator McBreairty.

Senator McBREAIRTY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I can't recall who opposed it. I oppose it, because I feel that if we adopt the Federal standards, it's good enough. We're going to breathe the air that comes across from Canada, and from New Hampshire, and everywhere else. We'll probably be dealing with this air whether we adopt ours or not. I think everybody will be perfectly safe if we adopt the Federal standard. I think that we could put somebody down the road in a tough position if we go more stringent, once in a 24 hour period. That 1.76 in Presque Isle, we've already met the standards in this Bill. If we wanted to add something there, kicked out a little bit of lead, we probably can't do it, because we already met the 24 hour period. The Federal standards allows you to average this over a quarter of the year. Then if you exceed it, you're exceeding the standards. That's my feeling on the Bill. If you want to go more stringent, go ahead, but you don't need to.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

The pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary, that the Senate Accept the Majority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

A Yes vote will be in favor of Accepting the Majority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

A No vote will be opposed.

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

ROLL CALL

YEA — Bustin, Carpenter, Charette, Clark, Conley, Dutremble, Huber, Kerry, Najarian, O'Leary, Pray, Trafton, Trotzky, Violette, Wood.

NAY — Ault, Brown, Collins, Devoe, Emerson, Gill, Hichens, McBreairty, Minkowsky, Perkins, Pierce, Sewall, C.; Shute, Sutton, Teague.

ABSENT — Redmond, Usher.

A Roll Call was had.

15 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators in the negative, with 2 Senators being absent, the motion to Accept the Majority Ought to Pass Report does not prevail.

Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to accept the Minority?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley.

Senator CONLEY: Mr. President, I request a Division.

The PRESIDENT: A Division has been requested.

Will all those Senators in favor of Accepting the Minority Ought to Pass, as amended, 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.

16 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion to Accept the Minority Ought to Pass, as amended, Report of the Committee does prevail.

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 — As Amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Licensing of Dealers in Certain Agriculture Commodities." (H. P. 50) (L. D. 114)

Bill, "An Act to Regulate Variable Rate Consumer Credit Transactions under the Consumer Credit Code." (H. P. 34) (L. D. 39)

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

Senate

RESOLVE, Authorizing Jeanette Hodgdon, Administrative of the Estate of Kenneth R. Hodgdon, to Maintain a Civil Action Against the State of Maine. (S. P. 227) (L. D. 614)

Which was Read a Second Time.

On motion by Senator Collins of Knox, Tabled for 1 Legislative Day, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Law Providing Reimbursement for Travel Involved in Criminal Cases." (S. P. 240) (L. D. 695)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

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

AN ACT to Revise the Law Relating to the Licensing of Private Security Guards. (H. P. 285) (L. D. 332)

AN ACT to Revise the Law Relating to the Licensing of Private Investigators. (H. P. 185) (L. D. 257)

AN ACT Providing for a Period of Silence in Public Schools. (S. P. 272) (L. D. 699)

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

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the first Tabled and specially assigned matter: Bill, An Act to Require Employers with Employee Pension Plans to Provide Status Information on Group Pension Plans upon Request. (S. P. 513)

Tabled—March 23, 1982 by Senator COLLINS of Knox.

Pending—Reference.

On motion by Senator Collins of Knox, Retabled for 1 Legislative Day.

The President laid before the Senate the second Tabled and specially assigned matter: Bill, An Act to Establish a Kennebec River Future Commission. (H. P. 1141) (L. D. 1285)

Tabled—March 23, 1981 by Senator PIERCE of Kennebec.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion by Senator Collins of Knox, Retabled for 2 Legislative Days.

The President laid before the Senate the third Tabled and specially assigned matter: Bill, An Act Concerning the Interest Charge on Outstanding County Taxes. (H. P. 471) (L. D. 524)

Tabled—March 23, 1981 by Senator COLLINS of Knox.

Pending—Motion of Senator VIOLETTE of

Aroostook to Reconsider Adoption of Committee Amendment "A" (H-102)

On motion by Senator Violette of Aroostook, the Senate voted to Reconsider Adoption of Committee Amendment "A".

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Violette.

Senator VIOLETTE: Mr. President, I now present Senate Amendment "A" (S-56) to Committee Amendment "A" and move its Adoption.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Violette now offers Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moves its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-56) to Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted. Committee Amendment "A" as amended, by Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted, in non-concurrence. The Bill, as amended, was Passed to be Engrossed, in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Out of Order and Under Suspension of the Rules, the Senate voted to consider the following:

Enactor:

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

Emergency

AN ACT Converting Great Pond Plantation into the Town of Great Pond. (H. P. 287) (L. D. 369)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 29 Members of the Senate, with No Senators 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.

Out of Order and Under Suspension of the Rules, the Senate voted to consider the following:

Papers from the House Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government report out a bill to the House to extend the time for the apportionment of county taxes. (H. P. 1247)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read.

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

Senator PIERCE: Mr. President, I wonder if the Chairman of the Committee might enlighten us to the exact reasons for the necessity of this Bill for the Record.

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

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Perkins.

Senator PERKINS: It is my understanding that the timing for counties like Penobscot, and several others, Cumberland, who are having troubles with their county budgets in order that we have them in by the end of the month, many of them are not going to make it, so the extension like those that happened with the Department of Education and with several other committees, this falls in line with those, also.

Which was Passed, in concurrence.

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

Senator Conley of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate, Off the Record.

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