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Augusta, Maine

January 26, 1982

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Captain Charles Brant of the Salvation Army of Augusta.

CAPTAIN BRANT: Let us pray, Almighty God, we come to You today and we thank You, first of all, for our faculties, for our opportunities, and now we ask Your guidance and Your wisdom upon each one of these Members of this Senate.

We pray that they will use that wisdom and guidance to pass into bills those things which are important for our community.

We, indeed, pray Your blessing, our Father God, upon them.

We, again, thank You for their opportunity to serve.

We pray now that You will would again just lead them and direct them this day. For we pray it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

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

On motion by Senator Collins of Knox, Recessed until the sound of the Bell.

#### Recess

#### After Recess

The Senate called to order by the President.

#### Papers From the House Non-concurrent Matter

Bill, An Act to Require Mandatory Reporting of Elderly Abuse. (S. P. 779) (L. D. 1847)

In the Senate, January 19, 1982, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services, in non-concurrence.

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

Senator GILL: I move that the Senate Recede and Concur with the House.

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

Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

#### House Papers

Bill, An Act Concerning Salaries of District Court Judges. (H. P. 1869) (L. D. 1863)

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

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

Bill, An Act to Clarify the Right of Local Housing Authorities to Issue Mortgage Revenue Bonds. (H. P. 1870) (L. D. 1864)

Bill, An Act Relating to the Frequency of Payments by Certain County Officials to County Treasurers. (H. P. 1871) (L. D. 1865)

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

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

Bill, An Act to Change the Corporate Limits of the Kittery Water District. (H. P. 1872) (L. D. 1866)

Comes from the House, referred to the Com-

mittee on Public Utilities and Ordered Printed.

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

#### Study Report — Labor

The Committee on Labor to which was referred the Study Order relative to Occupational disease and hearing loss, pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 1629, 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 Provision of the Maine Human Rights Act Relating to Employment Discrimination Which is not Prohibited" (H. P. 1868) (L. D. 1861) 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 Labor.

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

#### Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The 90th birthday, on January 18, 1982, of Pearl S. Bordeaux, of Mt. Desert, tax assessor for that town since 1938. (H. P. 1867)

Gray-New Gloucester High School Boy's Soccer Team and their coach, Alf Ehnstron, in winning the State Class B Soccer Championship for 1981. (H. P. 1874)

The Freeport Volunteer Fire Department, which successfully evacuated 63 people from a burning apartment house September 22, 1981. (H. P. 1875)

Wellington S. Higgins, of Winthrop, who will be celebrating the 108th birthday of his birth on January 25, 1982. (H. P. 1876)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which were Read and Passed, in concurrence.

#### Communications Office Of The Governor

January 19, 1982

The Honorable Joseph Sewall

President of the Senate

Maine State Senate

State House Station 3

Augusta, Maine

Dear Joe:

In accordance with 12 MRSA 1601, I am submitting to the Legislature a bill stating the total anticipated costs of the Maine Forestry District for the next fiscal year.

The figure in this bill differs from that in the bill I submitted to you determining the municipal cost component. This is because the municipal cost component amount includes an additional cost which was calculated to compensate for underassessment of the municipal cost component in this area in prior years. The enclosed bill, as required by law, sets forth a cost estimate for only fiscal year 1982-83.

I have sent a copy of the enclosed bill to the Legislative Research Office.

Respectfully,

S/JOSEPH E. BRENNAN

Governor

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

#### The Maine Development Foundation

January 21, 1982

Senator Joseph Sewall

President of the Senate

State House

Augusta, ME

Dear President Sewall:

Accompanying this letter are 40 copies of the Maine Development Foundation's 1981 Report to Corporators. The report is to be distributed to each member of the Legislature pursuant to MRSA c. 107 § 925 of the Foundation's enabling legislation.

Thank you, and if you have any questions or comments concerning the report, please call me at any time.

Sincerely,

S/NATHANIEL H. BOWDITCH

President

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

#### The Senate of Maine

January 21, 1982

The Honorable May M. Ross

Secretary of the Senate

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Ross:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, M.R.S.A. Chapter 25, Sub-section 1002, I am today reappointing Douglas I. Hodgkin, of Lewiston, Maine, to the Commission on Governmental and Election Practices.

Sincerely,

S/SAMUEL W. COLLINS, JR.

Senate Majority Leader

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to confirm this nomination? According to Title 1, Section 1002 of the Maine Revised Statutes, the confirmation requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those Senators present.

Is the Senate ready for the question?

Will all those Senators in favor of the nomination of Douglas I. Hodgkin, please rise in their places to be counted.

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

The Chair understands that the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Trafton is abstaining?

Senator TRAFTON: Yes.

28 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and No Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator abstaining, and 28 being more than two-thirds of the Senators present it is the vote of the Senate, that the nomination of Douglas I. Hodgkin is confirmed.

#### The Senate of Maine

January 22, 1982

Mrs. May M. Ross

Secretary of the Senate

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Ross:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, M.R.S.A. Chapter 25, Subsection 1002, I am today re-appointing William Troubh, Esquire, of Portland, Maine, to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Sincerely,

S/GERARD P. CONLEY

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to confirm this nomination? According to Title 1, Section 1002 of the Maine Revised Statutes, the confirmation requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those Senators present.

Is the Senate ready for the question?

Will all those Senators in favor of the nomination of William Troubh, please rise in their places to be counted.

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

29 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and No Senators having voted in the negative, and 29 being more than two-thirds of the Senators present it is the vote of the Senate, that the nomination of William Troubh is confirmed.

#### Senate Papers

Senator CONLEY of Cumberland, (Cosponsors: Senator GILL of Cumberland, Representative KELLEHER of Bangor, Representative ALOUPIS of Bangor) presented, Bill, "An Act

Appropriating Funds and Setting Wage Reimbursement Levels for Employees of Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded." (S. P. 800)

(Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senator NAJARIAN of Cumberland (Cosponsors: Representative JOYCE of Portland, Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland and Representative BEAULIEU of Portland) presented, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Use of Surplus Proceeds of Municipal Borrowing for Other Purposes." (S. P. 797)

(Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

### Orders

Under Suspension of the Rules.

On motion by Senator McBREAIRTY of Aroostook,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Joint Rule 24-A be amended to read:

**24-A. Bills or resolves filed on behalf of the Governor or Chief Justice.** A bill or resolve may be filed on behalf of the Governor or Chief Justice **under the name of a member of the Legislature and cosponsors as provided by joint rule or under the title of "President of the Senate" or "Speaker of the House"** provided that the bill bears on its jacket the appropriate designation that the bill or resolve has been introduced on behalf of the Governor or Chief Justice." (S. P. 803)

Which was Read and Passed.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook (Cosponsors: Senator PRAY of Penobscot, Representative MURPHY of Kennebec and Representative BEAULIEU of Portland),

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs report out a bill to fund the Agent Orange Information Committee. (S. P. 798)

Which was Read.

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

Senator CARPENTER: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, on your desks this morning, I had distributed a number of these Agent Orange, Self-Help Guides. First, I would ask that if any of you do not need this to take back home, to any of your constituents, or do not have a place for it, that you return it either to me personally, on my desk, or the Senate Minority Office, as they are in rather short supply, and hopefully, at some point, they're going to be in rather large demand.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I will be brief this morning. This is the same bill I presented to the Legislative Council, or it is the same thought, asking for funds to fund the Agent Orange Information Committee. I understand that there's a thought, among some of you, that enough is presently being done by the Committee. Enough is being done by someone in this area. It was said to me, by somebody, who I believe will be opposing me this morning, that they thought taxpayers money shouldn't be spent for this sort of thing.

My comment then and my comment now is that taxpayers money bought my ticket to Vietnam, and taxpayers money bought the so-called "Agent Orange", which was spread around the country of South Vietnam for about ten years. There are indications that about 17,000 Maine combat veterans, army, navy, air force, and

marines, coast guard, were exposed to this substance about which we don't really know very much during the approximately ten years that it was used in Vietnam.

It was used as a defoliant. It was put out by Dow Chemical Company and some of the other larger chemical companies. It was very good. It was extremely good. It knocked vegetation off trees like you wouldn't believe. I've seen areas that were so thick you couldn't walk through them, and a week later didn't have as much vegetation as this Senate Chamber does.

The problem appears to be that it may have, and I don't stand here today to tell you that it did, but it may have caused some pretty severe, severely adverse side effects. That's something that this government of ours, at the federal level, is going to have to grapple with. It's just now beginning to grapple with it through some research.

What we need, what I think we need at the State level, is some help getting the information out to these 17,000 people about what the federal government is doing.

There's a physical that is offered by the Veterans Administration, that is free to any veteran who may have been exposed to Agent Orange, at Togus. Any of us that were exposed are supposed to go get our physical, not that the physical is going to tell you anything, because they don't do fat biopsies. They don't check your system closely enough to find out if you still have dioxin in your system.

The most important part of this physical, in my opinion, is that it does an extensive medical history; regarding birth defects in veterans' children, regarding cancer, regarding liver problems, regarding chloracne, a new word that has been coined since Vietnam. Chloracne, which is just acne, persistent, long term chronic acne over all parts of your body, is the only thing that is presently compensated by the United States Government as related to Agent Orange.

So we do know that there is at least one physical problem. And yet today, we have only examined about 900, I believe, people who were veterans, who were in Vietnam, who were exposed to this. Why is this? Because many of them don't want to remember about Vietnam, don't want to know about this, don't know that there's a physical, and don't know that they may be able to get mileage, may be able, or that they might be able to stay overnight at Togus if they come from Aroostook, or Washington, or Oxford, or some of the other outlying counties. That's a possibility. This guide will give them the information they need to make an informed judgement.

If the physical isn't going to help, then why should they have it? The United States Government has extensive statistical data on the incidence of cancer, the incidence of liver problems, the incidence of birth defects among people of my generation, of your generation, of all generations. In order to compare that to the same disease incidence in Vietnam veterans, we've got to know what those people are suffering from. We can't do that unless we can do the medical history that is associated with this examination.

All I'm asking for, all this Committee is asking for, is the assistance to print these brochures, to put these brochures everywhere in the State of Maine where a veteran might trip over them, because they're not coming forward. They're not like World War I, World War II, and Korean War veterans. They have gone back into the woodwork.

Seventeen thousand combat veterans in the State of Maine, how many are in the Legislature? How many do you run into on a day-to-day basis that you know were in Vietnam? It was a dirty war, it was a nasty war, and nobody wants to talk about it. Nobody wants to remember it. They're gone into hiding. They're out there. You see them every day. Many of them now have long hair and beards, so you don't

recognize them as GI types, but they're out there.

Some of them, I sincerely and honestly believe, are dying from this stuff, and I feel very sorry for them. There isn't one thing we can do about it, but maybe to help some of the ones in whom this disease has not yet manifested itself, maybe we can get enough data compiled, maybe we can get enough of these things out, to get enough data compiled to help somebody else down the road.

The Committee is doing nothing, we can't. We don't have any funds. If you look in the booklet, you'll see who is on the Committee. It's not a political committee, Dr. Nersesian, myself, Jim Tukey, Bob Comeau, Sterling Doughty, names that aren't household names in the State of Maine. I was asked to go on there because I am a veteran, because I was exposed to Agent Orange, and, probably because I'm a politician.

I'm not trying to make this a political issue, but what I'm pointing out to you is that every veterans' group in the State of Maine supports this, yet there is not one dollar today to print these brochures. Don't ask me where these come from, because they're being robbed from some other department. We don't have the money to get out nearly enough to the veterans.

There are civic organizations, and banks, and places like that that have been most cooperative as far as allowing us to use their facilities to leave these things lying around. But we can't print them. We don't have any money. That's what I'm asking for.

There's no price tag on this Bill. The original bill asked for \$10,000. If this Order passes the House and Senate, I would hope to be able to sit down with Senator Perkins, Senator Najarian, Senator Huber, and come up with a figure that would be necessary.

I'm not asking for mileage to serve on this Committee, I'm not asking for per diem to serve on this Committee, and neither is any member of that Committee. We're asking for enough money to print these little orange brochures that catch your eye, that have a map of Southeast Asia on them, so that some veterans out there could be aware that this is available, and maybe that's the reason that they're having some of the problems they're having.

We've got to document this, because mark my words, my friends, the day is going to come, in my opinion, my very unqualified, un-medical opinion, when Agent Orange is going to be linked to specific diseases in specific people. If we don't know who those people are, or where they are, we can't do a thing to help them. That's all I'm asking for.

No one else is doing anything as far as putting information out. No one, other than this Committee, this ad hoc, non-State, non-legislative Committee. We can't do anything until we get enough funds to print the darn brochures. That's all I'm asking for.

I would ask you this morning to give me your support. If you want to vote against the Bill when it comes up, if you want to vote against funding it, if you're on the Appropriations Committee, that's a whole other battle. This is an issue that we, as elected Senators and Representatives of the State of Maine, ought to be discussing, because it affects 17,000 of our people, their families, and their friends.

Mr. President, I would ask for a Roll Call.

The PRESIDENT: A Roll Call has been requested.

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

Senator COLLINS: Mr. President, the work that the Information Committee concerning Agent Orange is doing is good work. I applaud the interest of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter in this endeavor.

The objection that I have to his proposal relates to who should be doing the work, who should be funding the work, that is going on.

I respect the persistence of the good Senator,

this is the fourth try that he has made. It was three times defeated for admission when it came before the Legislative Council.

This morning as I was getting up and breakfasting, and then starting to drive to the State House, I saw an item on television that talked about Agent Orange that expressed some of the very same views the Senator from Aroostook, has expressed. As I drove the miles to the State House I was listening to my radio and I heard on two different stations the same information, the same appeal to Vietnam veterans to have an examination with their home town doctor and then to go to the V.A. for the help which is available there.

This problem was caused by the federal government, it is being responded to by the federal government through the Veterans Administration. It is being responded to by the media. Television, radio and the newspapers have given this topic a vast amount of space in the last month or so, and they continue to do so.

So for all of the merits that this program has, for all the good that is involved in the effort, I still present to you the view that the work being done by the federal government, by the veterans' organizations, by the volunteers, by the press, the radio, and the television is an adequate effort to inform the people, who are willing to be informed, about the need for physical examination.

I submit to you that the State of Maine does not need to spend its money to help in this effort. I would, therefore, move that this Order be Indefinitely Postponed.

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

Senator WOOD: Mr. President, and Men and Women of the Senate, I would remind you that several years ago when the DES issue was before this Body that we had the same arguments: the federal government was doing things with DES, the newspapers, the media, there were a couple of TV shows that were doing stuff with DES, and we decided as a Body that we should do something about DES. We funded a program that was run from the department to make children of DES mothers aware of the potential problems with DES.

I would argue that DES did not affect as many people as this program does. I think that we have established the precedent, and I think, that we should take this step to help another segment of our population with a problem that was not created by the State of Maine.

DES was not created by the State of Maine, Agent Orange wasn't but we felt duty bound to help our citizens in that case, and I think, we should today in this case.

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

Senator CONLEY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: It is not my intention to belabor this issue, at all. This Order or this Bill, which was brought before the Legislative Council, was denied entrance into this Session of the Legislature by one vote, by one vote. The good Senator from Aroostook, Senator McBreairty, spoke of partisanship on many of the items that came before the Council's agenda. This clearly was one of those issues.

I don't believe the good Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter, is asking for very much. He's asking for a hearing, for a hearing, to give some of those veterans from Vietnam the opportunity to speak out, to be heard, and to try to demonstrate to this Legislature that there is a need that's unfilled.

Last evening, as I worked through the night, I had the opportunity of listening to a radio show called "The Larry King Show," which was on WGAN in Portland. It's on an all-night talk show. There was a guest on that program last night. They had Mr. Max Cleland, a triple amputee which you all know from Vietnam, who served as the head of the Veterans Administration during the Carter years.

I had never had an opportunity to listen to

Mr. Cleland in the four years he spent as the head of the V.A., but it certainly was an eye-opener to me of the problems the veterans of Vietnam, what they are going through since the day they returned from Vietnam.

I think not to allow the entrance of this Bill into this Session of the Legislature is a direct slap in the face to those who put their pride in their back pocket and provided a service for this country. I think it's unfortunate the Bill was not given the additional vote needed to be allowed into this Session of the Legislature.

I urge the Members of this Senate to join me and the rest of us to make sure that this Bill is allowed in, and that a fair hearing and opportunity is presented to these veterans and give them their day in court.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

The pending question is the motion by the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins, that this Bill be indefinitely Postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter.

Senator CARPENTER: Mr. President, I request a Roll Call on that motion.

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 pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins, that SP 798 be Indefinitely Postponed.

A Yes vote will be in favor of the Indefinite Postponement.

A No vote will be opposed.

The Doorkeepers will secure the Chamber.

The Secretary will call the Roll.

#### ROLL CALL

YEA—Ault, Collins, Devoe, Huber, Redmond, Sewall, C.; Shute, Sutton, Teague.

NAY—Brown, Bustin, Carpenter, Charette, Conley, Emerson, Gill, Hichens, Kerry, McBreairty, Minkowsky, Najarian, Perkins, Pierce, Pray, Trafton, Trotzky, Usher, Viollette, Wood.

ABSENT—Clark, Dutremble, O'Leary.

A Roll Call was had.

9 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 20 Senators in the negative, with 3 Senators being absent, the motion to Indefinitely Postpone does not prevail.

Which was Passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Waterville Sports Director Bob Woodbury, who has been named sportscaster of the year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. (S. P. 799) presented by Senator PIERCE of Kennebec (Cosponsors: Representative FITZGERALD of Waterville, Representative KANY of Waterville and Representative JACQUES of Waterville).

Which was Read and Passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Committee Reports Senate

##### Leave to Withdraw

Senator PERKINS for the Committee on Local and County Government on, Bill, "An Act to Require the Recording of Certain Zoning Actions." (S. P. 752) (L. D. 1755)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which Report was Read and Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Orders Of The Day

The President laid before the Senate the first

Tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Making Additional Appropriations to the Work Incentive Program from the General Fund for the Current Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1982." (S. P. 784)

Tabled—January 21, 1982 by Senator Collins of Knox.

Pending—Reference.

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

Senator McBREAIRTY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I withdraw my objections.

The PRESIDENT: Senator McBreairty of Aroostook requests Leave of the Senate to Withdraw his request that a Ruling of the Chair be given in this matter.

Is it the pleasure of the Senate to grant this Leave?

It is a vote.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill, "An Act Appropriating Funds to the Department of Labor to Operate Offices of the Maine Job Service for Federal Fiscal Year 1982." (Emergency) (H. P. 1866) (L. D. 1860)

Tabled—January 21, 1982 by Senator Perkins of Hancock.

Pending—Reference.

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

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

Senator COLLINS: Mr. President, is HP 1857 in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would answer in the affirmative. The Joint Order relative to Joint Select Committee on Alcoholism Services (H. P. 1857) having been held.

Senator COLLINS: Mr. President, there are some questions about ambiguities in this Order relating to the method of appointment. I would, therefore, move Reconsideration of the action of the Senate whereby this was Passed.

On motion by Senator Collins of Knox, the Senate voted to Reconsider its action whereby H. P. 1857 was Passed, in concurrence.

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

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

#### Committee Report House Ought to Pass

The Committee on Local and County Government on, Bill, "An Act Converting West Forks Plantation into the Town of West Forks." (Emergency) (H. P. 1784) (L. D. 1774)

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, Under Suspension of the Rules, the Bill Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, in concurrence.

Sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

#### Order Of The Day

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

Senator Hichens of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate, Off the Record.

(Senate At Ease)

The Senate called to order by the President.

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

**Committee Report**

**House**

**Ought to Pass-As Amended**

The Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "An Act to Provide Emergency Powers to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Banking to Expedite Mergers and Consolidations of Financially State-chartered Financial Institutions." (Emergency) (H. P. 1808) (L. D. 1793)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-580).

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" Read and Adopted, in concurrence. Under Suspension of the Rules, the Bill Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

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