

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

***One Hundred and Twelfth
Legislature***

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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December 5, 1984 - June 20, 1985

STATE OF MAINE
One Hundred and Twelfth Legislature
First Regular Session
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE
In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 12, 1985
Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Reverend William Smith of the Windsor Memorial Baptist Church in Windsor.
REVEREND SMITH: We bow together in prayer this morning.

Our gracious Father, as we gather in this place where laws have been passed in the past that have brought us the freedom that we enjoy today, we thank You for the opportunity that is ours in this day to again come before You to seek Your wisdom and Your knowledge; that the things that we would do here today would ensure that freedom, not only for our present generation but for the generations yet to come. That truly Father, the freedom that has been wrought for us by our forefathers would be a freedom that would be used and would certainly not be abused.

Might You then, Your children this day, seek Your leadership as we seek to pass those bills which are necessary to ensure that justice.

We thank You now in the Name of our Savior, Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Friday, February 8, 1985.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
AUGUSTA, ME 04333

February 7, 1985

Charles P. Pray, President
Maine State Senate
Representative John Martin, Speaker
House of Representatives
Dear Senator Pray and Representative Martin:

In accordance with the provisions of 5 MRSA, Section 1128, the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System hereby notifies you that a 4% increase in retirement benefits paid to retired state employees, teachers and retirees of certain participating local districts was authorized effective September 1, 1984. This was a cost-of-living increase. The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, increased 4.2% in the twelve month period ending June 1984.

The 4% cost-of-living increase paid to state employees and teachers will cost approximately \$3.7 million in the current year. The total increase in the System's reserve requirements generated by this cost-of-living increase is \$38.8 million.

Sincerely,
S/ ROBERTA M. WEIL
Executive Director

Which was **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

February 11, 1985

Hon. Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
State House Station #3
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Madam Secretary:

I am writing to inform you that pursuant to my authority under Joint Order (Senate Paper 65), I have appointed the following Senators to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Alcoholism Services:

Senator Thomas Andrews
Senator Beverly Miner Bustin

Senator Barbara Gill
Senator Thomas Perkins
Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,
S/ CHARLES P. PRAY
President of the Senate

Which was **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS
AUGUSTA, ME 04333

February 8, 1985

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
State House Station #3
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Madam Secretary:

Public Law Chapter 347, Sec. 2, approved by Governor Brennan on May 26, 1983, requires the submittal of rules, if promulgated, to the Legislature regarding power boiler attendants.

Copies of the report and rules which were promulgated are being sent to you under separate cover for distribution to the Senators.

Sincerely,
S/ MARVIN W. EWING
Director, Bureau of Labor Standards
Chairman, Board of Boiler Rules

Which was **READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Provide an Accident and Sickness or Health Insurance Program to Retired Teachers" (S.P. 193) (L.D. 511)

(Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by: Representative **VOSE** of Eastport, Senator **GAUVREAU** of Androscoggin, Representative **ALIBERTI** of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Require the Executive Director of the Maine State Retirement System to Employ Qualified Physicians for Determining Eligibility for Disability" (S.P. 192) (L.D. 510)

(Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senator **GAUVREAU** of Androscoggin, Representative **ALIBERTI** of Lewiston, Representative **HANDY** of Lewiston)

Which were referred to the Committee on **AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide State Funding Necessary to Match Federal Funds for Home and Community Based Services for Older Citizens" (S.P. 194) (L.D. 512)

(Presented by Senator **GILL** of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by: Senator **NAJARIAN** of Cumberland, Senator **BERUBE** of Androscoggin, Representative **MANNING** of Portland)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Payment and State Reimbursement to Boarding Care Facilities" (S.P. 195) (L.D. 513)

(Presented by Senator **TUTTLE** of York) (Cosponsored by: Senator **VIOLETTE** of Aroostook, Senator **BROWN** of Washington)

Bill "An Act to Make Allocations from the Maine Hazardous Waste and Low-level Waste Siting Funds for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1986, and June 30, 1987" (Emergency) (S.P. 196) (L.D. 514)

(Presented by Senator **KANY** of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by: Representative **MITCHELL** of Freeport, Senator **DOW** of Kennebec, Representative **BELL** of Paris)

(Submitted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Joint Rule 24)

Which were referred to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Superior Court Justices and District Court

Judges" (S.P. 197)

(Presented by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by: Representative **KANE** of S. Portland, Senator **CHALMERS** of Knox, Senator **GAUVREAU** of Androscoggin) Which was referred to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

SECOND READERS

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

Senate

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Androscoggin Reservoir Company" (S.P. 54) (L.D. 73)

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules the Senate considered the following:

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Authorize Counties, Municipalities and Other Political Subdivisions to Purchase Deferred Compensation Instruments from Financial Institutions, Insurance Companies and Investment Firms" (H.P. 349) (L.D. 470)

Committee on **BUSINESS AND COMMERCE** suggested.

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on **STATE GOVERNMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

On motion by Senator **VIOLETTE** of Aroostook Tabled 1 Legislative Day pending, **REFERENCE**.

On motion by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland.

ADJOURNED until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.