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In Senate Chamber
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Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Honorable Larry Brown of Washington.

Senator BROWN: Our Father, as we begin our deliberations in this Chamber today, we seek Your guidance. Help us to know what is the right action for those we represent and then help us to place our ego's and self-service aside to act as we should.

We are told, as believers, to respect and pray for those who govern us. Help those of us who govern to conduct ourselves as people who deserve that respect and prayer.

There are times when we do not act as we should and many times we even know it and still forge ahead. Help correct our hearts and use us as instruments of service this day. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Yesterday.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE Non-concurrent Matter

Resolution, Proposing and Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Extend the Tenure for Sheriffs from 2 Years to 4 Years (S.P. 348) (L.D. 943)

In Senate March 7, 1985, referred to the Committee on **LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on **STATE GOVERNMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Relating to Radiation User Fees Under the Human Services Law" (S.P. 86) (L.D. 267)

In Senate March 5, 1985, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A"** (H-20) in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Pertaining to the Observance of Veterans Day" (H.P. 200) (L.D. 234)

In Senate March 1, 1985, placed in the Legislative Files pursuant to Joint Rule 15, in concurrence.

RECALLED from the Legislative Files pursuant to Joint Order (H.P. 655)

Comes from the House Bill and accompanying papers **RECOMMITTED** to the Committee on **STATE GOVERNMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for Technical Assistance under the Community Development Block Grant Program" (S.P. 363) (Presented by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act to Fund New, Expanded and Innovative Child Care Programs in this State" (S.P. 367) (Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by: Representative NELSON of Portland)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Alter the Driver Education Evaluation Program" (S.P. 368) (Presented by

Senator PEARSON of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by: Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Pertaining to Postgraduate Education in the Field of Medicine" (S.P. 369) (Presented by Senator GAURVREAU of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by: Representative BOST of Orono, Senator BROWN of Washington, Representative FOSS of Yarmouth) (Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24)

Which were referred to the Committee on **EDUCATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Spent Nuclear Fuel Disposal Trust Fund" (S.P. 370) (Presented by Senator KANY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by: Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland, Representative MICHAEL of Auburn, Representative MCHENRY of Madawaska)

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Provision of Technical Forestry Assistance to Forest Landowners" (S.P. 371) (Presented by Senator BROWN of Washington) (Cosponsored by: Senator McBREAIRTY of Aroostook, Representative BELL of Paris)

Which were referred to the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Value of Prizes that may be Awarded on Beano" (S.P. 372) (Presented by Senator TUTTLE of York) (Cosponsored by: Representative PAUL of Sanford, Representative E. MURPHY of Berwick)

Which was referred to the Committee on **LEGAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for a Clear Right to Bail with a Possible Denial of Bail in Certain Cases (S.P. 373) (Presented by Senator TRAFTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by: Representative DRINKWATER of Belfast, Senator NAJARIAN of Cumberland)

Committee on **LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested. On motion by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook referred to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Annex the Towns of Brunswick and Harpswell to Sagadahoc County" (S.P. 374) (Presented by Senator STOVER)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Sagadahoc County to Raise Funds to Renovate and Expand the Present Court Facilities at Bath" (S.P. 375) (Presented by Senator STOVER of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by: Representative CAHILL of Woolwich, Representative SMALL of Bath, Representative CHONKO of Topsham)

Which were referred to the Committee on **LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Additional Tax Credits for Businesses Providing New Jobs on the Maine Border or in the Areas of High Unemployment" (S.P. 376) (Presented by Senator TUTTLE of York) (Cosponsored by: Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook, Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative McCOLLISTER of Canton)

Which was referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Maintain Universal Telephone Service" (Emergency) (S.P. 377) (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by: Senator HICHENS of York)

Bill "An Act to Provide for an Independent Study of Telephone Service Costs" (Emergency) (S.P. 378) (Presented by Senator BALDACCI

of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by: Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec)

Which was referred to the Committee on **UTILITIES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House

Ought Not To Pass

The following **Ought Not to Pass** report shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

Bill "An Act Concerning the Fee Charged for Agents Selling Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses" (H.P. 393) (L.D. 542)

Leave to Withdraw

The following **Leave to Withdraw** reports shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

Bill "An Act to Increase the Fee for Issuance of Tax Receipts in Unorganized Places" (H.P. 71) (L.D. 92)

Bill "An Act Concerning Taxpayer Information" (H.P. 53) (L.D. 66)

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Concerning Recordation of Interment" (H.P. 130) (L.D. 155)

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill **READ ONCE**.

The Bill **TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING**.

The Committee on **LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Concerning Deliveries of Annual Estimates for County Taxes" (H.P. 190) (L.D. 224)

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill **READ ONCE**.

The Bill **TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING**.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Revise the License Suspension Penalties Relating to Marine Resources" (H.P. 47) (L.D. 53)

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-16)

Comes from the House, with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** (H-16.)

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-16) was **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill as Amended **TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING**.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Weir Licensing Laws" (H.P. 23) (L.D. 21)

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass in New Draft** under same title (Emergency) (H.P. 677) (L.D. 939)

Comes from the House, the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill in **NEW DRAFT PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**

in concurrence.

The Bill in **NEW DRAFT READ ONCE**.
The Bill in **NEW DRAFT TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING**.

Senate Ought Not To Pass

The following **Ought Not To Pass** report shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

Bill "An Act to Provide for Equitable Treatment to Certain State Employees who did not Receive the Benefits of the Retroactive Pay Raises made to State Employees under the Collective Bargaining Agreements" (S.P. 105) (L.D. 320)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Concerning the Holidays on which Courts must Close" (S.P. 48) (L.D. 64)

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook
CHAMLERS of Knox
SEWALL of Lincoln

Representatives:

ALLEN of Washington
DRINKWATER of Belfast
COOPER of Windham
KANE of S. Portland
PARADIS of Augusta
CARRIER of Westbrook
LEBOWITZ of Bangor
MacBRIDE of Presque Isle
PRIEST of Brunswick

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative: STETSON of Damariscotta
Which Reports were **READ**.
The Majority **UGHT TO PASS AS AMENDMENT** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-15) was **READ AND ADOPTED**.

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 Clarify the Maine Administrative Procedure Act" (H.P. 303) (L.D. 392)

Bill "An Act to Establish Alcohol Awareness Week" (H.P. 676) (L.D. 936)

Which were **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:
An Act to Clarify the Enforcement of Private Septage Disposal Sites (S.P. 16) (L.D. 9)

An Act to Allow Transmittal of Certificates of Illegitimate Births to Other Municipalities (H.P. 169) (L.D. 203)

An Act to Make Administrative Changes in Truck Weight Tolerances (H.P. 224) (L.D. 258)

An Act to Allow Municipal Officers to Appoint Deputy Treasurers and Deputy Tax Collectors (H.P. 8) (L.D. 6)

An Act to Designate the 3rd Week in October as Maine Business Women's Week (H.P. 201) (L.D. 235) (C "A" H-10)

An Act to Clarify the Procedure for Preparing Ballots for Municipal Elections (H.P. 64) (L.D. 82)

Which were **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and

having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

An Act to Establish a Uniform Fee for Whitewater Guides Licenses (H.P. 91) (L.D. 111)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate with No Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the Senate was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

ENACTOR

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:
An Act to Deny Certain State Funds to Any Person Who Refuses to Register Under the United States Military Selective Services Act (H.P. 643) (L.D. 897)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Trafton.

Senator **TRATON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move the Indefinite Postponement of L.D. 897 and all accompanying papers.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Trafton moves that L.D. 897 be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Brown.

Senator **BROWN:** I request a Division.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Washington, Senator Brown requests a division.

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

Senator **HICHENS:** I request a Roll Call.

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 the members present.

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 the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Trafton to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** L.D. 897 and accompanying papers.

A yes vote will be in favor of **INDEFINITE POSTPONE**.

A No vote will be opposed.

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

Senator **TWITCHELL** of Oxford, who would have voted nay, requested and received permission to pari his vote with Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, who would have voted Yea.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:—Senators, Andrews, Baldacci, Bustin, Chalmers, Clark, Danton, Dow, Gill, Kany Najarian, Pearson, Trafton, Usher, Violette, The President — Charles P. Pray.

NAYS:—Senators, Berube, Black, Brown, Diamond, Dutremble, Emerson, Erwin, Hichens, Matthews, Maybury, McBreairty, Sewall, Shute, Stover, Tuttle, Webster.

ABSENT:—Senators, Gauvreau, Perkins, Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec was granted permission to change vote from Nay to Yea.

Senator **MATTHEWS** of Kennebec requested and received permission to be recorded as having voted Nay.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pearson.

Senator **PEARSON:** Is an inquiry in order?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may state his inquiry.

Senator **PEARSON:** Mr. President does this Bill need a Fiscal Note pursuant to Joint Rule 21?

At this point the President announced the vote:

15 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative with 2 Senators having paired their vote the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and accompanying papers, **FAILED**.

THE PRESIDENT: In response to the inquiring by the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pearson, the Secretary is in possession of the Fiscal Note for the Bill which states that the Fiscal Impact of this Bill will only affect the county and municipal levels. That report came from the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pearson.

Senator **PEARSON:** Mr. President, I wonder if that Fiscal Note is the one that is attached to that Bill, because it seems to me that the fiscal impact would be on the universities who would have to do the checking and not on municipalities?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would respond that the Fiscal Note came from the Finance Office and refers to L.D. 897, which is the Bill that is presently before the Senate.

The Senator has the floor.

Senator **PEARSON:** Mr. President, may we have the Fiscal Note read, please.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pearson has requested the reading of the Fiscal Note. The Secretary will read the Fiscal Note.

The Fiscal Note was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Najarian has requested a Roll Call on **ENACTMENT**.

On motion by Senator **TRAFTON** of Androscoggin, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending **ENACTMENT**. (A Roll Call having been requested.)

(Off Record Remarks)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Bill "An Act to Provide Signs on the Maine Turnpike Indicating Exit for Oxford Plains Speedway" (H.P. 674) (L.D. 957)

Tabled—March 12, 1985, by Senator **VIOLETTE** of Aroostook.

Pending—**REFERENCE**

(In House March 7, 1985, referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.)

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

Senator **VIOLETTE:** Mr. President, before making my motion, this L.D. which has been sponsored, is already covered by another statute which is already in law which says: "any such request for signs which were handled by the Legislature will now be handled by the Turnpike Authority." As such, I would move the Indefinite Postponement of the Bill and accompanying papers.

On motion by Senator **VIOLETTE** of Aroostook the Bill and accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Establish Signs on Interstate 95 in Kittery to Indicate directions to the State Discount Liquor Store" (H.P. 690) (L.D. 976)

Tabled—March 12, 1985, by Senator **VIOLETTE** of Aroostook.

Pending—**REFERENCE**

(In House March 8, 1985, referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.)

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED.**)

On motion by Senator **VIOLETTE** of Aroostook the Bill and accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Making Appropriations From the General Fund and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary for the Proper Operation of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1985, and June 30, 1986" (Emergency) (S.P. 349) (L.D. 937)

Tabled—March 12, 1985, by Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot.

Pending—**PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-13)**

(In Senate March 12, 1985, **READ A SECOND TIME** and Senate Amendment "B" (S-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**)

On motion by Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot **RECOMMITTED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Audiology and Speech Pathology" (Emergency) (S.P. 351)

Tabled—March 12, 1985, by Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot.

Pending—**REFERENCE**

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease

The Senate called to order by the President.

The President laid before the Senate the tabled and unassigned matter:

Emergency

An Act to Eliminate Volume Determined Delivery Prices of Milk (H.P. 320) (L.D. 431) (H "A" H-7)

Tabled—March 12, 1985, by President **PRAY** of Penobscot.

Pending—**RULING OF THE CHAIR** (In House, March 6, 1985, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

(In Senate, March 5, 1985, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would respond that Joint Rule 21 states: "Committee Fiscal Impact Statements. Every Bill or Resolve affecting revenue or appropriations which has a committee recommendation other than 'Ought Not to Pass' shall include a fiscal impact statement. This statement shall be incorporated in the bill before it is reported out of committee. The Office of the Legislative Finance shall have sole responsibility for preparing those fiscal notes."

The Chair would rule that the inquiry by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Najarian is correct that the Bill does not have a Fiscal Note and would be improperly before this Body.

On motion by Senator **ERWIN** of Oxford the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED**, whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.**

On further motion by the same Senator the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby it **ADOPTED** House Amendment "A" (H-7).

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator has the floor.

Senator **ERWIN:** Mr. President, I now offer Senate Amendment "A" (S-14) to House Amendment "A" (H-7) and move its Adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Oxford, Senator Erwin offers Senate Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" thereto and moves its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-14) to House Amendment "A" (H 7) was **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

House Amendment "A" (H-7) as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-14) thereto was **ADOPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

The Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, as amended** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **TUTTLE** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate Off the Record.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate On the Record.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Mr. President and Members of the Senate, with regards to this Milk Study Bill, which I was going to get up and address but I understand we'll have another opportunity because it has gone back to the House in non-concurrence, I feel that it is a very opportune time for me to get off my chest a concern that I have had about this particular issue.

I am not adverse to spending money to study issues, as you know we have been involved in a utilities investigation and we are studying that and that is time consuming and expensive. What bothers me about this Milk Study is the comments that I have read in the newspaper when the Bill was taken up for discussion. It really did disturb me. It was an article in the *Bangor Daily News*. It was a comment by a Member of the Committee that one of the reasons the study was needed was that the Committee lacked the necessary expertise, and then observed that about half of its Members were directly tied to the dairy industry. Lending a less than objective taint to any study that it might conduct. Realizing that the Committee has four or five members of the dairy industry that sit on the Committee and realizing that the Committee had voted on a bill that would have increased the prices to the consumers by two and a half million dollars in an eight month period; and realizing that the Committee was requesting \$30,000 because of the special interest on the Committee and not lending itself to an impartial review.

I am quite concerned about this, Members of the Senate, because I don't hear anything from the House Minority Leadership that was so adamant about the color televisions, used color televisions, that the welfare recipients were getting. I don't hear anything coming from the House Leadership about the two and a half million dollars that they were going to milk from people in the State of Maine and the \$30,000 that they are proposing that we spend because they can't have an impartial review here, because of the interest on the Committee.

So, I would recommend to the House Leadership and the minority that they either revamp their Membership or they are going to find stern opposition in the Senate from this individual Senator on this \$30,000 appropriation.

Mr. President, that you can send that along with the Bill.

Senator **ERWIN** of Oxford was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate, On the Record.

Senator **ERWIN:** Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the Members of the Agricultural Committee are very proud and pleased with the confidence that the Members of this Chamber have placed in us, that we

have the ability to properly handle this study.

It had gotten to where this is just a little bigger than our capability and this is why after many, many hours we have come up with this study.

As far as the integrity of the Members of our Committee, I would like the Record to show that I have complete confidence that these people are gentlemen, that they are honest, and I am sure that they would not be persuaded to be bias in the way in which they would vote. Thank you.

(Off Record Remarks)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would also like to make a couple announcements On the Record. The Chair was remiss yesterday in not acknowledging in his absence last week the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Clark for carrying out the duties of the Chair. The Chair would like to extend to the both of them its gratitude. The Chair would, also, note that Senator Clark presiding over the Session was the first time in several years that a woman has carried out those duties, I believe since the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Trafton presided in the 110th Legislature.

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

Senator **DANTON:** Mr. President and Members of the Senate, since the presiding officer did bring up about parking and parking fees, and Mr. President, I know that there is a Committee that is supposed to study parking facilities, I would like to suggest, Mr. President, that as a Legislator I find it somewhat annoying sometimes when I come to the State House and I can't find a place to park. I know that State employees have to find a place to park also, but I think that somewhere along the line that we, as Legislators, for 100 days one year and 50 days another year could have a parking space given to us that we can have at our disposal for those 100 days and those 50 days.

There are days when we can't leave the State House Complex to run errands for our constituencies because we know when we come back that we aren't going to find a parking space.

So they can take and increase the fines and the fees and what-have-you, but I think that it is up to leadership, Mr. President, that they take and assign us parking spaces. On a pick your number if you will, even if I'm down in the third parking lot, at least, I'll know for those 100 days one year and 50 days the next year that when I come to the State House I'll have a parking space available to me. Thank you.

Senator **BROWN** of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate, Off the Record.

On motion by Senator **BERUBE** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.