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In Senate Chamber

Wednesday

March 27, 1985

Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by The Honorable G. William Diamond of Cumberland.

SENATOR DIAMOND: Good morning. Let us bow our heads in prayer, please. Dear God will You bless this Body and all of us who serve here. Give us humility and strength and most of all guide us in Your ways and when we falter from Your guidance help us to quickly recede and concur to Your path.

When we recess this morning may we leave and do our work and return with even more knowledge than we did today. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Yesterday.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Discretionary Authority of the Harness Racing Commission to License Pari-mutuel meets and Assign Racing Dates" (H.P. 790) (L.D. 1120)

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend Municipal General Assistance" (H.P. 791) (L.D. 1121)

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 Establish a Competitive State Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund" (H.P. 792) (L.D. 1122)

Bill "An Act to Require Full Disclosure by Financial Planners" (H.P. 793) (L.D. 1123)

Bill "An Act Concerning Business Brokers" (H.P. 794) (L.D. 1124)

Bill "An Act to Require Full Disclosure by Real Estate Brokers" (H.P. 795) (L.D. 1125)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND COMMERCE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND COMMERCE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Education Laws" (H.P. 796) (L.D. 1126)

Bill "An Act to Update and Improve the Education Laws of Maine" (H.P. 801) (L.D. 1135)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **EDUCATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Nomination Petitions for Independent Candidates" (H.P. 797) (L.D. 1127)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Purgings of Voter Lists" (H.P. 798) (L.D. 1128)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **LEGAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on **LEGAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations" (Emergen-

cy) (H.P. 802) (L.D. 1136)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on **LEGAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

On motion by Senator **VIOLETTE** of Aroostook referred to the Committee on **LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Authorizing the Exchange by the Department of Defense and Veterans' Services of a Certain Parcel of Land in Belfast Fronting on Congress Street and Being Part of the Belfast Armory Lot for Another Parcel of Land to the Rear of Land Adjacent to the Armory with the City of Belfast (Emergency) (H.P. 799) (L.D. 1129)

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **STATE GOVERNMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Permit Limited Operation of Woods Vehicles on State Highways" (H.P. 800) (L.D. 1130)

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.

Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate On the Record.

SENATOR BUSTIN: I just want to say a few words about Sharon Taylor and the tragic death that we have all read about in the papers. I do not want this resolution to go by without us making some note of the bright star that we have lost on our horizon.

I would ask that we have a moment of silence when I finish my comments and just would like to reflect on how fragile life is, and how important that what we do in life is contributory to humanity as a whole as Taylor's was in the short fifteen years that she was with us. So if you would, with me, bow your heads for a moment of silence.

The Senate stood for a moment of silence in respect for Sharon Taylor.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.P. 407)
112th MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 26, 1985

Senator Judy C. Kany
Representative Dan A. Gwadosky
Chairpersons
Committee on State Government
112th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Chairs:

Please be advised that Governor Joseph E. Brennan has nominated M. Kelly Matzen of Auburn for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30 MRSA Section 4602, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on State Government and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/ CHARLES P. PRAY

President of the Senate

S/ JOHN L. MARTIN

Speaker of the House

Which was **READ** and referred to the Committee on **STATE GOVERNMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Improve the State of Maine's Safety Programs for Maine State Employees" (S.P. 408) (Presented by Senator **DOW** of

Kennebec)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDER
Joint Order

On motion by Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot, the following Joint Order: (S.P. 410)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Bill, "An Act to Assess the Impact of Agricultural Chemicals and Practices on Ground Water," H.P. 294, L.D. 383, be recalled from the Governor's desk to the Senate.

Which was **READ** and **PASSED**.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House

Ought Not To Pass

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Severance Pay Law in Regard to Medical Insurance" (H.P. 327) (L.D. 443)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Nonnegotiability of Educational Policies" (H.P. 596) (L.D. 866)

Leave to Withdraw

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Issuance of License Plates under the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H.P. 401) (L.D. 550)

Change of Reference

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Control Motorcycle Noise" (H.P. 431) (L.D. 611)

Reported that the same be **Referred to the Committee on LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**.

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

The Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Status of Newspaper Carriers under the Unemployment Compensation Act" (H.P. 593) (L.D. 863)

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 **ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING LATER IN TODAY'S SESSION**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **BUSINESS AND COMMERCE** on Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Sunday Closing Law" (H.P. 328) (L.D. 444)

Reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BUSTIN of Kennebec

DANTON of York

SEWALL of Lincoln

Representatives:

BAKER of Orrington

ALIBERTI of Lewiston

HILLOCK of Gorham

MARTIN of Van Buren

BRANNIGAN of Portland
RYDELL of Brunswick

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

ARMSTRONG of Wilton
MURRAY of Bangor
TELOW of Lewiston
STEVENS of Bangor

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Which Reports were **READ**.

The Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Redefine Deadly Force" (H.P. 172) (L.D. 206)

Reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook
CHALMERS of Knox
SEWALL of Lincoln

Representatives:

COOPER of Windham
PRIEST of Augusta
MacBRIDE of Presque Isle
KANE of South Portland
PARADIS of Augusta
ALLEN of Washington

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass In New Draft** under same title (H.P. 772) (L.D. 1074)

Signed:

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Belfast
LEBOWITZ of Bangor
STETSON of Damariscotta
CARRIER of Westbrook

Comes from the House with the Bill and Accompanying Papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Which Reports were **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: Is it the pleasure of the Senate to Accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Shute.

Senator **SHUTE:** Mr. President, I would ask for a division.

THE PRESIDENT: A division has been requested.

The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee.

Will all those Senators in favor of Accepting the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report, please rise and remain standing in their place until counted.

Will all those Senators opposed, please rise and remain standing in their place until counted.

27 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 4 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Exempt Clergy from Jury Duty" (H.P. 360) (L.D. 480)

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook
CHALMERS of Knox
SEWALL of Lincoln

Representatives:

ALLEN of Washington
COOPER of Windham
PRIEST of Brunswick
LEBOWITZ of Bangor

MacBRIDE of Presque Isle

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass As Amended By Committee Amendment 'A'** (H-28)

Signed:

Representatives:

KANE of South Portland
CARRIER of Westbrook
PARADIS of Augusta
DRINKWATER of Belfast
STETSON of Damariscotta

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Which Reports were **READ**.

The Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Regulate Harvesting Methods on Aquaculture Leases" (H.P. 385) (L.D. 529)

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHALMERS of Knox
SHUTE of Waldo
BROWN of Washington

Representatives:

CROWLEY of Stockton Springs
RUHLIN of Brewer
RICE of Stonington
COLES of Harpswell
VOSE of Eastport
SALSBURY of Bar Harbor
MITCHELL of Freeport
CONNERS of Franklin
MANNING of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

SCARPINO of St. George

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Which Reports were **READ**.

The Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Require that All Aquaculture Seed Stock be Cultured Stock" (H.P. 490) (L.D. 693)

Reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHALMERS of Knox
SHUTE of Waldo
BROWN of Washington

Representatives:

CROWLEY of Stockton Springs
RUHLIN of Brewer
COLES of Harpswell
RICE of Stonington
SALSBURY of Bar Harbor
MITCHELL of Freeport
CONNERS of Franklin
MANNING of Portland
VOSE of Eastport

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

SCARPINO of St. George

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Which Reports were **READ**.

The Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Regulate the Area of Aquaculture Leases" (H.P. 491) (L.D. 694)

Reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHALMERS of Knox
SHUTE of Waldo
BROWN of Washington

Representatives:

CROWLEY of Stockton Springs
RICE of Stonington
RUHLIN of Brewer
COLES of Harpswell
VOSE of Eastport
SALSBURY of Bar Harbor
MITCHELL of Freeport
CONNERS of Franklin
MANNING of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

SCARPINO of St. George

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Which Reports were **READ**.

The Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Senate

Leave to Withdraw

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

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Status of Workfare Recipients under the Workers' Compensation Act" (S.P. 128) (L.D. 368)

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **BALDACCI** for the Committee on **UTILITIES** on Bill "An Act to Protect Tenants when Landlords Fail to Pay Utility Bills" (S.P. 120) (L.D. 335)

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'** (S-30)

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

The Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-30) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

The Bill as Amended **ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING LATER IN TODAY'S SESSION**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Social Services Planning and Expenditures Act" (S.P. 34) (L.D. 42)

Reported that the same **Ought To Pass in New Draft** under same title (S.P. 409) (L.D. 1132).

Signed:

Senators:

BUSTIN of Kennebec
BERUBE of Androscoggin
GILL of Cumberland

Representatives:

TAYLOR of Camden
PINES of Limestone
NELSON of Portland
CARROLL of Gray
MELENDY of Rockland
BRODEUR of Auburn
ROLDE of York
SEAVEY of Kennebunkport
MANNING of Portland

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

Signed:

Representative:

KIMBALL of Buxton

Which Reports were **READ**.
The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** in **NEW DRAFT** Report was **ACCEPTED**.
The Bill in **NEW DRAFT READ ONCE**.
The Bill in **NEW DRAFT ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING LATER IN TODAY'S SESSION**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Remove the Small Business Exception Regarding Medical Benefits because of Pregnancy under the Maine Human Rights Act" (S.P. 51) (L.D. 69) Reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook
CHALMERS of Knox

Representatives:

KANE of South Portland
COOPER of Windham
PARADIS of Augusta
PRIEST of Brunswick
ALLEN of Washington

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

Signed:

Senator:

SEWALL of Lincoln

Representatives:

LEBOWITZ of Bangor
STETSON of Damariscotta
MacBRIDE of Presque Isle
CARRIER of Westbrook
DRINKWATER of Belfast

Which Reports were **READ**.

The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill **READ ONCE**.

The Bill **ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING LATER IN TODAY'S SESSION**.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act Designating the Maine Coon Cat as the State Cat" (H.P. 199) (L.D. 233)

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

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Conform Maine Committee on Aging Legislation with the 1981 Older Americans Act Amendments" (S.P. 198) (L.D. 532) (C "A" S-27)

Bill "An Act to Establish a Maine Wild Turkey Hunting Season" (S.P. 127) (L.D. 367) (C "A" S-28)

Which were **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, as Amended**. Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:
An Act Concerning the Shellfishing Industry (H.P. 301) (L.D. 390)

An Act to Restrict the Payment of Unemployment Compensation Benefits to Workers Who are on Strike (H.P. 751) (L.D. 1057)

Which were **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act Making Appropriations to the State Planning Office to Conduct Inventories of Natural Areas Worthy of Preservation for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1987 and to Authorize the State Planning Office to Charge for Publication (H.P. 739) (L.D. 997) (H "A" H-27)

On motion by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot placed on the **SPECIAL AP-**

PROPRIATION TABLE, pending **ENACTMENT**.

Emergency

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 (S.P. 386) (L.D. 1056)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with No Senators having voted in negative, and 31 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.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Waldo County for the Year 1985 (Emergency) (H.P. 781) (L.D. 1075)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with No Senators having voted in the negative was **FINALLY PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

There being no objections all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent forthwith.

Senator PEARSON of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate, Off the Record.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion by Senator USHER of Cumberland

RECESSED until 5 o'clock this afternoon.
After Recess

The Senate called to order by the President.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill, "An Act to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for Constructing and Equipping Centers for Advanced Technology that Service the Economic Development Needs of Maine". (S.P. 412) (Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot, Speaker J. MARTIN of Eagle Lake, and Representative BOST of Orono.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

(See Action Later Today.)

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Status of Newspaper Carriers under the Unemployment Compensation Act" (H.P. 593) (L.D. 863)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act to Remove the Small Business Exception Regarding Medical Benefits because of Pregnancy under the Maine Human Rights Act" (S.P. 51) (L.D. 69)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Social Services Planning and Expenditures Act" (S.P. 409) (L.D. 1132)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Protect Tenants when Landlords Fail to Pay Utility Bills" (S.P. 120) (L.D. 335) (C "A" S-30)

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, as Amended**. Sent down for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the Restoration and Preservation of Historic Buildings" (S.P. 417) (Presented by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by: Representative VOSE of Eastport, Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth, Senator DOW of Kennebec)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Blaine House Scholars Program" (S.P. 413) (Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by: Representative P. PARADIS of Augusta, Representative BRODEUR of Auburn, Representative HANDY of Lewiston)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Department of Environmental Protection Laws" (S.P. 414) (Presented by Senator USHER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by: Representative HOGGLUND of Portland, Representative DEXTER of Kingfield, Representative MICHAUD of Medway) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 24)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Works of Art" (S.P. 415) (Presented by Senator CHALMERS of Knox) (Cosponsored by: Representative NELSON of Portland, Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Representative MELENDY of Rockland)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Loitering on Public Sidewalks" (S.P. 416) (Presented by Senator DOW of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by: Representative DAVIS of Monmouth)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide an Exemption from the Gasoline Tax for Nonprofit Sheltered Workshops" (S.P. 418) (Presented by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook the Senate **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby it referred to the Committee on **STATE GOVERNMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**:

Bill An Act to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for Constructing and Equipping Centers for Advanced Technology that Service the Economic Development Needs of Maine. (S.P. 412)

On further motion by same Senator referred to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND**

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Senator **DUTREMBLE**: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Senate today the Joint Standing Committee on Labor finished its hearings on Workers' Compensation. We started on Monday, it has been a long week and we have heard a lot of testimony on the Workers' Compensation Bills. Right from the beginning of the discussion of this very important issue the Members of the Committee have agreed to keep partisan politics out of it and to make sure that the dealings with Workers' Compensation doesn't get involved in a battle between which package would be the one that we would work on.

Unfortunately this morning in reading the newspaper we found out that members from the Second Floor have reached their arm into the Committee and broken both of our rules. First by getting the Republican Party sided on the Governor's package. After talking with members of the opposing party about this, they said: "that it is not true." There is no reason for me to believe otherwise, because I know that every Member of that Committee, Democrats and Republicans, are concerned that the reform package is going to be fair to everybody.

I just want to put it On the Record that we resent the Governor of this State or representatives from the Governor of this State interfering with the committee process before we even start working on these bills. According to them the whole decision of the Workers' Compensation issue has already been predetermined. That taints the committee process and it makes us look like we don't want to carry on our own responsibilities. I resent it, other Members of my Committee resent it. I think the Governor should stay on the Second Floor with his staff.

(Off Record Remarks)

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

On motion by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED** until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.