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In Senate Chamber Thursday February 13, 1986

Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by Reverend Bill Shackelford of the Kennebec Valley Baptist Church in Waterville.

REVEREND SHACKELFORD: Shall we pray. Our Father in Heaven we thank You for this opportunity be to here together today. We thank You heavenly Father for Your goodness and Your greatness toward each of us, for the life and health that You have provided us. We pray heavenly Father for wisdom today and the passing of these Bills that are coming up today. Bless each one, give them wisdom and give them discernment as to know what to do and how to react to each. Bless all that is said and done. May it be to Your honor and Your glory for it is in Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Yesterday.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Enable the Department of Transportation to Produce the State Map"

H.P. 1421 L.D. 2010

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.

S.P. 803

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they adjourn to Tuesday, February 18, 1986, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Which was READ and PASSED.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Resolve, to Protect Municipalities from Loss of Property Tax in the Event of Transfers under Provisions of Land Trust Transfers

H.P. 1422 L.D. 2011

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on TAXATION and ORDERED PRINTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Integrity and Impartiality of Undercover Police Activity"
H.P. 1423 L.D. 2012

Committee on LABOR suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY and ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook, Tabled until Later in Today's session, pending REFERENCE.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Implementing Act with Respect to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians"

H.P. 1418 L.D. 2007

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 Boards and Commissions" H.P. 1424 L.D. 2013

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.

Study Report

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Report of the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS to which was referred by the Legislative Council the Study Relative to Tuition Costs for "State Wards" and "State Agency Clients" have had the same under consideration and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Define Eligibility for School Purposes and to Determine Financial Responsibility for the Education, Care and Treatment of State Agency Clients"

H.P. 1425 L.D. 2014

Be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS for Public Hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 19.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED, and the Bill referred to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill referred to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Study Report

Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT

Report of the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT to which was referred by the Legislative Council the Study Relative to Recruitment and Retention of State Employees as Related to Compensation Problems and Job Pay Ranges have had the same under consideration and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Resolve, Creating a Study Commission on Emotionally Stressful Job Classifications in State Government (Emergency)

H.P. 1426 L.D. 2016

Be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT for Public Hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 19. $\,$

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED, and the Resolve referred to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

The Resolve referred to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

February 12, 1986

The Honorable Charles P. Pray President of the Senate of Maine State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 38 of the 112th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education has had under consideration the nomination of Stewart Smith of Dexter, as a member of the University of Maine, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS: Senators 2 Representatives 6

NAYS:

3

ABSENT: 2 (Rep. Bost of Orono, Sen. Hichens of York)

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and three in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Stewart Smith of Dexter, as a member of the University of Maine, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Sincerely,

S/Larry M. Brown Senate Chair

S/Ada K. Brown House Chair

Which was READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Joint Standing Committee on EDUCATION has recommended that the nomination of Stewart Smith of Dexter be confirmed.

The pending question before the Senate is: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on EDUCATION be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151 and with Joint Rule 38 of the 112th Legislature the vote will be taken by the yeas and nays.

A vote of Yes will be in favor of overriding the recommendation of the Committee.

A vote of No will be in favor of sustaining the recommendation of the Committee.

Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers will secure the Chamber.

The Secretary will call the Roll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:

Senators, MAYBURY, WEBSTER

NAYS:

Senators, BERUBE, BLACK, BROWN, BUSTIN, CLARK, DIAMOND, DOW, DUTREMBLE, ERWIN, GAUVREAU, GILL, HICHENS, KERRY, MCBREAIRTY, NAJARIAN, PERKINS, SEWALL, SHUTE, STOVER, TRAFTON, TUTTLE, TWITCHELL, USHER, VIOLETTE, THE PRESIDENT -

CHARLES P. PRAY

ABSENT:

Senators, ANDREWS, BALDACCI, CARPENTER, CHALMERS, EMERSON, KANY, MATTHEWS, PEARSON

2 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 25 Senators having voted in the negative, with 8 Senators being absent and No Senators being excused and 2 being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be ACCEPTED and the nomination of Stewart Smith was CONFIRMED.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

The Following Communication:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

February 12, 1986

The Honorable Charles P. Pray President of the Senate of Maine State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 38 of the 112th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education has had under consideration the nomination of Robert J. Dunfey of Cape Elizabeth, as a member of the University of Maine, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS: Senators 2 Representatives 6

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 (Rep. Bost of Orono)

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and four in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Robert J. Dunfey, as a member of the University of Maine, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Sincerely,

S/Larry M. Brown Senate Chair

S/Ada K. Brown House Chair

Which was READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Joint Standing Committee on EDUCATION has recommended that the nomination of Robert J. Dunfey of Cape Elizabeth be confirmed.

The pending question before the Senate is: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on EDUCATION be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, section 151 and with Joint Rule 38 of the 112th Legislature the vote will be taken by the yeas and nays.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hickens.

Senator HICHENS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Before the vote is taken on this nomination I think there are some words of explanation that are needed. The Committee on Education received these nomination requests from the Governor over a week ago. They discussed it in Committee prior to the hearing and the majority decided that they would ask the Governor to recall the nominations, both of them, so the Visiting Committee Report could be further analyzed. You are all aware of the Visiting Committee Report, as far as the Trustees are concerned, and many of us felt that the Governor was sort of jumping the gun by making these nominations. Especially, when Mr. Dunfey's term expired last May and he was not reappointed until January 29th. He has been serving on the Board all of this time as a member, even though he has not been reappointed, and we felt that he should continue to do so until the air has cleared over the reports, rather than put him back on the Board along with Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith has been appointed due to the resignation of one of the former Trustees and we could not see that that was such an issue, or at least I didn't, the other Members of the Committee did. On this nomination, we felt that if we rejected the nomination, the Governor could reappoint him later on and in the mean time Mr. Dunfey could continue to serve as an unappointed member. So, with that in mind, I ask you to vote against the nomination.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator BROWN.

Senator BROWN: Thank you Mr. President and

Members of the Senate. I would like to respond to what the good Senator from York, Senator Hichens, has said concerning the event that happened surrounding these two nominees for the Board of Trustees. First, I am not sure the good Senator remembers correctly what the vote was in Committee. There was some concern expressed in Committee about whether or not the Governor should adopt a recommendation that was in the Visiting Committee's report. I think, if I remember, recommendation 17, which said that the Governor should have an Advisory Committee to help him or her select the Trustees for the University System, much like he does with the Judicial System, when Judges are selected. That Visiting Committee report came out as all of you know, in December. It is being examined, at this time, by the Trustees and the Governor has already said that he is going to address a Joint Session of the House and Senate to deal with higher education in the State of Maine, sometime in the near future. That would have been impossible, number one, to have gone ahead and set up a Committee and have charged that Committee with looking over candidates for the Trustees in that short amount of time. That would have been impossible. That is one point. Another point was, that these two names were posted sometime ago. They were asked, a couple of months before, about whether or not they would like to be a Trustee of the University System, by the Governor. The Governor had made a commitment to them that he was going to post their name after the Visiting Committee report came out it would have been improper on his part to have gone back and taken their name away.

Those are the events that surrounded these two nominees. The Chairs of the Education Committee were, it was suggested and again not a majority of the Committee, but it was suggested by some of Members of the Committee that the Governor should be made aware of the concern that exists among certain Members on that Committee. That is: will you please retract and take back those two names until the time the Visiting Committee's report has had a chance to be examined by the Trustees. Those are the events that surround it, these two people that you are voting on today, you could not find any better people to serve on the Board Trustees than the two that have been nominated. I don't know where the good Senator from York was a moment ago when he conveyed the exact same remarks concerning Commissioner Smith. When he was appointed, the exact same votes were taken, at that time, that were taken concerning this one, so the remarks should have been made concerning the other appointee also.

We have two excellent people. During four hours of confirmation hearings we ask questions like have never been asked before concerning Trustees to the University System. They were grilled, they were talked to, they had excellent answers, and I would urge the Senate to today confirm the appointment of these two Gentlemen to be Trustees of the University System. Thank you Mr. President.

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

Senator HICHENS: Mr. President, I feel I must respond to the good Senator from Washington County, when he asked where I was on the previous nomination. I think I explained that, and he could see that I voted for that nomination. I was absent when that vote was taken, I am not saying which way I would have voted at that time, but I did vote for that nomination this morning.

The pending question before the THE PRESIDENT: Senate is: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on EDUCATION be overridden?"

A vote of Yes will be in favor of overriding the recommendation of the Committee.

A vote of No will be in favor of sustaining the recommendation of the Committee.

Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers will secure the Chamber.

The Secretary will call the Roll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:

Senators, HICHENS, MAYBURY, PERKINS, SEWALL, SHUTE, WEBSTER

NAYS:

Senators, BERUBE, BLACK, BROWN, BUSTIN, CLARK, DIAMOND, DOW, DUTREMBLE, ERWIN, GAUVREAU, GILL, KERRY, MCBREAIRTY, NAJARIAN, STOVER, TRAFTON, TUTTLE, TWITCHELL, USHER, VIOLETTE, THE PRESIDENT -CHARLES P. PRAY

ABSENT:

Senators, ANDREWS, BALDACCI, CARPENTER, CHALMERS, EMERSON, KANY, MATTHEWS, PEARSON,

6 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 21 Senators having voted in the negative, with 8 Senators being absent and No Senators being excused and 6 being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be ACCEPTED and nomination of Robert J. Dunfey was CONFIRMED.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Implement the International Registration Plan to Apportion Fees for Certain Commercial Vehicles" (Emergency)

S.P. 804 L.D. 2019

Presented by Senator DOW of Kennebec Cosponsored by: Representative Representative CALLAHAN Mechanic Falls Approved for Introduction by a Majority of Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26

was referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House

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 Relating to Taking of Land Under the Coastal Island Registry Law" H.P. 1321 L.D. 1856

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Scallop Dragging from Sunset to Sunrise During the Entire Scallop Season" H.P. 1286 L.D. 1803

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on BUSINESS AND COMMERCE on Bill "An Act Relating to Dividends on Insurance Policies" H.P. 1227 L.D. 1734

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-503).

Comes from the House, with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-503).

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-503) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

Nine Members on the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act to Change Martin Luther King Day from a Special Observance Day to a State Holiday" (Emergency)

H.P. 1335 L.D. 1872

Reported in Report A that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-500).

Signed:

Senators:

ANDREWS of Cumberland

KERRY of York

Representatives:

GWADOSKY of Fairfield

NADEAU of Saco

DESCOTEAUX of Biddeford LACROIX of Oakland BOUTILIER of Lewiston HICHBORN of LaGrange

COTE of Auburn

Three Members of the Same Committee on the same subject reported in Report B that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

HICHENS of York

Representatives:

DILLENBACK of Cumberland

WENTWORTH of Wells

One Member of the Same Committee on the same subject reported in Report C that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-501).

Signed:

Representative:

SPROUL of Augusta

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

Which Reports were READ.

On motion by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending ACCEPTANCE OF ANY REPORT.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator GAUVREAU for the Committee on EDUCATION on Bill "An Act to Allow the Maine Maritime Academy to Participate in the New England Regional Student Program"

S.P. 755 L.D. 1919

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

The Bill READ ONCE.

The Bill TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

SECOND READERS

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

Senate

Resolve, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Public Lands in Lewiston

S.P. 747 L.D. 1911

(See action Later Today)

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

S.P. 671 L.D. 1739

Bill "An Act to Make Certain Technical Changes in the Law Relating to Post-conviction Review" S.P. 801 L.D. 2008

Which were 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 Providing for Administrative Changes in Maine Tax Law

H.P. 861 L.D. 1220 (H "A" H-493)

An Act Concerning Employment of Certain Individuals in Contact with Children
H.P. 963 L.D. 1384
(H "B" H-498)

An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws S.P. 664 L.D. 1706

An Act to Amend the Postgraduate Training Requirement for Licensure of Physicians
H.P. 1209 L.D. 1716

An Act to Allow the Disclosure of Certain Employment Security Adjudicatory Records
H.P. 1390 L.D. 1961

An Act Concerning Lobster Trap Identification Tags S.P. 785 L.D. 1970

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 to Amend the Access Roads to Public Ski Areas

S.P. 652 L.D. 1684

On motion by Senator DOW of Kennebec, placed on SPECIAL HIGHWAY APPROPRIATION Table, pending ENACTMENT.

On motion by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook, the Senate RECONSIDERED its action whereby it PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED:

Resolve, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Public Lands in Lewiston S.P. 747 L.D. 1911 (In Senate , February 13, 1986, READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.)

On further motion by same Senator, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED.

Emergency

An Act to Revise the Maine Apiary Laws H.P. 1223 L.D. 1730 (C "A" H-492)

On motion by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin, placed on SPECIAL APPROPRIATION Table, pending ENACTMENT.

Under suspension of the Rules, the Senate voted to consider the following matters inclusively:

Emergency

An Act Providing Conformity with the United States Internal Revenue Code under the Maine Income Tax Law

> H.P. 1235 L.D. 1744 (C "A" H-494)

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Relating to the Joint Select Committee on Economic Development $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,2,\ldots \right\}$

H.P. 1370 L.D. 1934

These being an Emergency Measures and having received the affirmative vote of 25 Members of the Senate, with No Senators having voted in negative, and 25 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, were PASSED TO BE ENACTED and FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Bill "An Act to Establish a Maine-New Hampshire Boundary Commission"

H.P. 1049 L.D. 1525 (C "B" H-499)

Tabled - February 12, 1986, by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook.

Pending - PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED

(In Senate, February 12, 1986, READ A SECOND TIME.)

(In House, February 10, 1986, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-499).)

Which was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, as Amended, in concurrence.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 in Support of Increasing Per Capita Funds for Public Libraries" S.P. 694 L.D. 1780

Ought to Pass

Senator PEARSON for the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act to Continue Protection and Advocacy Services at the Current Level" (Emergency)

\$.P. 663 L.D. 1700

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

The Bill READ ONCE.

The Bill TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator PEARSON for the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act Concerning the Conservation and Preservation of Unique State Historical and Library Research Material"

S.P. 696 L.D. 1782

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

The Bill READ ONCE.

The Bill TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 Impose Liability for Interference with Ground Water Use"

S.P. 273 L.D. 731

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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:

Resolve, to Name the New Bangor and Brewer Bridge the Veterans Remembrance Bridge

S.P. 648 L.D. 1673

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency

An Act to Extend the Deadline for the State Compensation Commission Interim Report to March 7, 1986

H.P. 1420 L.D. 2009

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 26 Members of the Senate, with No Senators having voted in negative, and 26 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook, the Senate removed from the Tabled and Later Today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Regarding the Integrity and Impartiality of Undercover Police Activity"
H.P. 1423 L.D. 2012

(Committee on LABOR suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.)

(In House, February 12, 1986, referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY and ORDERED PRINTED.)

On further motion by same Senator, referred to the Committee on LEGAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

TO SENATOR BROWN, THE SENATE SWEETHEART February 13, 1986

Just five years ago today, if memory serves me well, An event took place right here of which folk oft do tell. When the women's coalition made up of the Senate six embarrassed us poor guys no end -- and put us in a fix. By choosing from our number through elimination route, the so-called Senate Sweetheart no, it wasn't good old Shute, nor even handsome Carpenter, or Millinocket's Pray. In fact most of those Senators aren't here with us today, One for consideration was Jim McBreairty, but he fell by the wayside and in the ditch with me. Tom Perkins, that good Senator from the Hills of Blue, fared ill with friend Dutremble and that left but a few. Good old Ronnie Usher by the wayside fell, and that left Aroostook's Violette and he did pretty well in being second runner-up to Jerry Emerson. And then we all did realize who the title won, our dear friend from the sunrise county -- good old Larry Brown. And I can hear the girls so clear -- "Oh, Larry c'mon down! And Larry stood before us all decked in flowers and such, he looked as if he loved it all -in truthfulness — not much. The years have passed — the faces changed — and here we are today wondering if the vote took place - again they'd go his way. For last year in the Bangor news Dave Rawson prophesied that Henry Black would take the crown -- to tell the truth he lied. "Bald as an egg" - the paper said -- Black puts on a big front. "Unlikely as a candidate" -- Rawson was very blunt. Admittedly he gained respect as rookie of the year, but other attributes must count to be the Sweetheart here. And Larry Brown announcing that he does not choose to run, the Senate gals couldn't let this day pass by without some fun. So as the "Sweetheart Senator" there in his seat reposes, the gals all chose to shower him with nine lovely roses, and hope in days that lie ahead, be it June or September, his Senate days he'll oft recall as the Sweetheart member.

Off Record Remarks

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

Off Record Remarks

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

The ADJOURNMENT ORDER having been returned from the House READ and PASSED in concurrence, on motion by Senator BROWN of Washington, ADJOURNED until Tuesday, February 18, 1986, at 10 o'clock in the morning.