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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
February 27, 1986

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

Senate called to Order by the President.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent forthwith.

Prayer by the Honorable Henry W. Black of Cumberland.

SENATOR BLACK: Dear Lord, grant me the courage to change what can be changed. The serenity to accept what cannot be changed and the wisdom to know one from the other. Amen

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Prohibit a Doe Permit System until June 1, 1987"

H.P. 1470 L.D. 2073

Reading of the Journal of Yesterday.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE and ORDERED PRINTED.

Off Record Remarks

Which was referred to the Committee on FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook, the Senate considered the following:

Bill "An Act to Reform High-speed Pursuit Policies for Law Enforcement Personnel"

H.P. 1471 L.D. 2074

ENACTORS

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

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

Emergency

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

An Act to Authorize the Remains of Specialist 4th Class Richard D. Rimiller to be Buried in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

H.P. 1451 L.D. 2048

Bill "An Act Concerning Additional Administrative Changes in Maine Tax Laws" H.P. 1472 L.D. 2075

Sincerely,
S/Edgar E. Erwin
Senate Chair

S/John M. Michael
House Chair

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

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

Which was READ.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

February 26, 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 Agriculture has had under consideration the nomination of Barbara Gottschalk of Brunswick, as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

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 4

NAYS: 7

ABSENT: NONE

Six members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and seven in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Barbara Gottschalk of Brunswick, as The Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources be denied.

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Lease Lands and Buildings in West Boothbay Harbor

S.P. 821 L.D. 2076

Presented by Senator CHALMERS of Knox
Cosponsored by: Representative MANNING of Portland, Representative HOLLOWAY of Edgecomb, Representative VOSE of Eastport
Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24

Committee on MARINE RESOURCES suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Off Record Remarks

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 Retesting of Emergency Medical Technicians"

H.P. 876 L.D. 1233

Bill "An Act Concerning Courses for License Renewal of Emergency Medical Personnel"

H.P. 877 L.D. 1234

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Potato Variety Breeding and Development"

H.P. 1332 L.D. 1869

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on EDUCATION on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Portland School of Art to Confer Associate Degrees"

H.P. 1296 L.D. 1812

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-533).

Comes from the House, with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-533).

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-533) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Ought to Pass in New Draft under New Title

The Committee on MARINE RESOURCES on Bill "An Act Relating to Lease Fees Under the Bureau of Public Lands"

H.P. 1207 L.D. 1714

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under New Title Bill "An Act Requiring Study of the Leasing of Submerged Public Lands for Aquaculture Operations"

H.P. 1465 L.D. 2067

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

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill in NEW DRAFT under NEW TITLE READ ONCE.

The Bill in NEW DRAFT under NEW TITLE TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on LABOR on Bill "An Act to Equalize the State Tipping Minimum Wage and the Federal Tipping Minimum Wage"

H.P. 1376 L.D. 1939

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-531).

Signed:

Senators: BLACK of Cumberland
DUTREMBLE of York
TUTTLE of York

Representatives: RUHLIN of Brewer
BEAULIEU of Portland
TAMMARO of Baileyville
HALE of Sanford
WILLEY of Hampden
BEGLEY of Waldo
JOSEPH of Waterville

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

Signed:

Representatives: BONNEY of Falmouth
HEPBURN of Skowhegan
LANDER of Greenville

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-531) Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-531).

Which Reports were READ.

The Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report was ACCEPTED in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-531) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill As Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on BUSINESS AND COMMERCE on Bill "An Act to Permit Mobile Banking in Rural Maine"

H.P. 1219 L.D. 1727

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title.

H.P. 1458 L.D. 2055

Signed:

Senators: KERRY of York
BUSTIN of Kennebec

Representatives: ALIBERTI of Lewiston
MARTIN of Van Buren
TELOW of Lewiston
RYDELL of Brunswick
STEVENS of Bangor
ARMSTRONG of Wilton
BRANNIGAN of Portland
MURRAY of Bangor

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

Signed:

Senator: SEWALL of Lincoln

Representatives: BAKER of Orrington
HILLOCK of Gorham

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS IN NEW DRAFT Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill in NEW DRAFT PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Which Reports were READ.

The Majority OUGHT TO PASS IN NEW DRAFT Report 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 Reports shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

Resolve, Authorizing a Study Relating to Bioptics and Drivers' Licenses

S.P. 766 L.D. 1943

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Public Money for the Construction or Maintenance of Private Ways" (Emergency)

S.P. 714 L.D. 1839

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 Equalize the Right to Military Leave Credits under the Maine State Retirement System for Vietnam Veterans"

S.P. 692 L.D. 1778

Bill "An Act Concerning the Sale Price of Public Utility Property"

S.P. 752 L.D. 1916

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act to Conserve Striped Bass"

H.P. 1448 L.D. 2041

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act Regarding Utility Assessments"
H.P. 1205 L.D. 1712
(C "A" H-529)

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Local Registration of
Watercraft"
H.P. 1216 L.D. 1724
(C "A" H-522)

Bill "An Act to Amend the School Construction
Law"
H.P. 1246 L.D. 1756
(C "A" H-528)

Bill "An Act to Improve Whitewater Rafting"
H.P. 1292 L.D. 1809
(C "A" H-526)

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Medical Examiner Act
and Related Provisions"
H.P. 859 L.D. 1218
(C "A" H-530)

Which was READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator TRAFTON of Androscoggin,
Tabled 2 Legislative Days, pending PASSAGE TO BE
ENGROSSED, as Amended.

Senate As Amended

Resolve, Amending the Reporting Date of the Joint
Select Committee for Learning Disabled Children
(Emergency)
S.P. 741 L.D. 1894
(C "A" S-382)

Which was 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 to Allow the Maine Maritime Academy to
Participate in the New England Regional Student
Program
S.P. 755 L.D. 1919

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

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

Resolve

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

Which was FINALLY PASSED and having been signed
by the President, was presented by the Secretary to
the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

An Act to Continue Protection and Advocacy
Services at the Current Level
S.P. 663 L.D. 1700

On motion by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot,
placed on SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE, pending
ENACTMENT.

Emergency

An Act to Amend the Protection from Abuse Law
H.P. 1334 L.D. 1871
(H "A" H-516)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with No Senators having voted in negative, and 29 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

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

Bill "An Act to Validate Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Remodel the Waldo County Court Building" (Emergency)

H.P. 1461 L.D. 2058

Tabled - February 25, 1986, by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook.

Pending - REFERENCE

(In House, February 24, 1985, referred to the Committee on LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT and ORDERED PRINTED.)

Which was, under suspension of the Rules, READ TWICE and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, without reference to a Committee, and ORDERED PRINTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Validate Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds for a Cooperative Extension Service Facility in Waldo County" (Emergency)

H.P. 1462 L.D. 2059

Tabled - February 25, 1986, by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook.

Pending - REFERENCE

(In House, February 24, 1985, referred to the Committee on LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT and ORDERED PRINTED.)

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

Senator TUTTLE: Mr. President and Members of the Senate. In reference to these last two items, as a point of clarification to the Body. In a general election held in November, 1985, the voters of Waldo County authorized the County Commissioners to issue bonds in the amount of \$80,000 to construct buildings to house the County Extension Services. In the absence of ramification of action of the proper language in there, this Bill was necessary. It is a housekeeping measure. It is something that I received a petition from all of the members of Waldo, recommending this, so this is the reason we are giving it first and second reading today, without reference to Committee.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

Which was, under suspension of the Rules, READ TWICE and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, without reference to a Committee, and ORDERED PRINTED, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate Off the Record.

Senator PERKINS of Hancock was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate Off the Record.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland,
RECESSED until sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the Tabled and
Later Today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Reform High-speed Pursuit
Policies for Law Enforcement Personnel"
H.P. 1471 L.D. 2074

Tabled - February 27, 1986 by Senator VIOLETTE
of Aroostook.

Pending REFERENCE

(In House, February 26, 1986, referred to the
Committee on JUDICIARY and ORDERED PRINTED).

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the Tabled and
Later Today assigned matter:

Communication from the Committee on AGRICULTURE
denying the nomination of Barbara Gottschalk of
Brunswick, as the Commissioner of the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Tabled - February 27, 1986 by Senator VIOLETTE
of Aroostook.

Pending - CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, February 27, 1986, Communication
READ.)

Which was ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the
Senator from Oxford, Senator Erwin.

Senator ERWIN: Mr. President, Ladies and
Gentlemen of the Senate. Yesterday we had a hearing
on this matter which lasted for over two hours.
There was one individual who came to the podium under
neither for nor against. He did not say one word
against the nomination. There was not a person who
came forward to speak against the nomination.

This hearing was properly advertised and I am
sure that it was known throughout the State. If
anyone was opposed to the nomination, they certainly
had a chance to come forward and have their day in
court. There were many people who spoke in glowing
terms in favor of the nomination. There were two
people who are distinguished Members of the
Legislature. One, a Member of our own, the
distinguished Senator Jim McBreairty, of Aroostook,
the other Representative Neil Rolde.

I don't think there is anyone that can cast any
doubt on what a fighter Senator McBreairty is for our
farmers and for the people that live in the rural
area. Representative Rolde, I need not tell you, is
a man of integrity and his principles; you know
them. These two individuals have worked with Barbara
over the years, and different people in different
positions, like in the Audit and Program Review
Committee, and they have had the opportunity to see
her capabilities. They spoke in glowing terms of
them.

We had Members there that were diary farmers,
some were sheep farmers, some were small vegetable
farmers, many were Members of State organizations.
They all had a chance at one time or another to
either work with Barbara or to observe her
capabilities. I have never seen a confirmation
hearing where there were so many compliments given to
one individual. And I repeat, there was no one that
rose to oppose her.

When the Committee was questioning Barbara, she
responded to every one of their questions. She did
not try to evade any one of their questions. There
was one Member of the Committee who was quite
knowledgeable on both the State and Nation
Agriculture. That individual asked many, many
questions, getting down into the nitty gritty about
what other States and what the Nation was doing. You
would have been very pleased to see how capable and
how readily Barbara responded to those questions.
Ladies and Gentlemen, Agriculture is at a very
critical point, not only in the Nation, but in this
State. Agriculture will survive in the State of
Maine. It is not only sufficient for a man or woman
to be a good farmer, to produce a good product at a
reasonable cost. There are many other things that I
won't try to go into today with you, but there are
many other aspects that we now must face if
agriculture is going to survive. This appointment
would be for ten months, or so. We must keep trying
to improve Maine agriculture, to give it a better
chance to survive, to help it all we can. We cannot
let it flounder around until the next Governor
assumes office. Ladies and Gentlemen, I request your
help and support on this nomination. Thank you.

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

Senator MCBREAIRTY: Mr. President and Honorable Members of the Senate. I am a retired farmer from Aroostook County. There is no way I could have succeeded as a farmer without the help from that lady from Perham, that you see around the State House from time to time. My district includes in large portions of the farming community of Aroostook County. During my twelve years in the Maine Legislature, one of my top priorities has been to support farmers to the best of my ability. Not only in Aroostook, but throughout the State of Maine. My desire to continue supporting farmers is why I am supporting the confirmation of Barbara Gottschalk as the next Commissioner of Agriculture.

Barbara has been a hard working, dedicated State employee for over seven years. Four of the seven years she has worked very closely with the Department of Agriculture. During 1979, Barbara as Senior Program Analyst, helped the Audit and Program Review Committee do a complete audit and review of the Department of Agriculture. During the audit, Barbara went through every program administered by the Department with a fine tooth comb. Because of her recommendations to the Audit Committee, they were able to eliminate enough outdated programs to make an annual savings to the State of Maine in excess of \$300,000 annually, without any ill effect on Agriculture. Barbara, in the past three years, has worked with the Department of Agriculture as Associate Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and is presently acting as Commissioner.

During the past few weeks, I have talked to many members of the farming industry, not just in my area, but others. I have found no one who has found any complaints on how Barbara has carried out her duties while working for the Maine Department of Agriculture. At yesterday's hearing before the Agriculture Committee, many good people, from broad sections of the farming community, testified in favor of Barbara's confirmation.

No one, not one person, spoke in opposition. I have talked with all the Committee Members who voted against Barbara. Not one has given me sound reason why Barbara shouldn't be confirmed as Commissioner of Agriculture. Most of the reasons they gave me are too ridiculous to repeat on the Legislative Record. This morning, the Maine Senate has a perfect chance to prove that Maine strongly supports women in Government, and at the same time, make history, by confirming the first woman as Commissioner of Agriculture in the State of Maine, and possibly in the United States. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Black.

Senator BLACK: Thank you Mr. President, fellow Senators. It has been my privilege to serve on the Committee of Agriculture in this Session. Sometimes you get into some interesting discussions. There are people in this State that would say Agriculture policies are decided here, but most of the basic policies are decided on a National level. Many technological changes.

I am one of the few commercial farmers in the Legislature, and I cannot say that this administration has been unresponsive to commercial agriculture. The person who has applied, has been in the Department, and I can't see but what the policies she was instructed to carry out, were carried out diligently.

There are many reasons given, why we shouldn't nominate her, but I think it probably best not to mention some of them. I can say many of the things that happen in this State, from the commercial stand point, is a result of over-production and until production is controlled, which has to be maintained at a National level, we are still going to have problems, regardless of who the Commissioner is. It is nice to be able to have a scapegoat of peoples' short comings. In the hearing that we held yesterday, there was not one single thing said against this person. Many people claim to be religious and humble and look at things objectively, and I think this is a very good chance to prove this point. Thank you.

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

Senator CARPENTER: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. For those of you who attended the Democratic Caucus, at least, I had made some remarks in there. I simply want to, again, compliment Senator Erwin on the way the hearing was conducted yesterday, and his reflection of the testimony is exactly accurate. I voted against this nomination for reasons which I think probably are clear to most of you, but I want to make just a couple of points.

I think that, at least, partially the vote that you see against this nomination, unfortunately, are a result of the absolute chaos that are present in certain sections of Maine Agriculture and certain sections of the national agricultural economy. I hasten to add that that is not the fault of Barbara Gottschalk. It is probably not something that Barbara Gottschalk or any other Commissioner of Agriculture is going to be able to change, but it is a reflection of the frustration. But, I want to make one thing very clear, as a person who did vote against this nomination, I had attempted earlier on to express my thoughts, if you will, to the Chief Executive of the State. My description of this particular nomination, I think, is still accurate and the words I used with the Governor was, "the right person at the wrong time". I think that is what I still feel. Obviously that had no impact, but because I was involved in the no vote side, if you will, of this particular discussion, I am somewhat privy to those discussions, and to those reasons, because some of those people aren't here today, I just wanted to make sure that the record was very, very clear on one issue, which has been alluded by the last two speakers. And that is the issue of gender. Because I have been privy to that, I am able to stand here today and say that had never, never, not in my vote, or in the vote, as far as I know, the vote of any other of the people that voted against this nomination, in any way entered into the discussion.

It is unfortunate that this has been raised as part of the issue and I am very sad to see that, and there may be somebody in this Chamber who has knowledge that I am not aware of. As somebody who is involved in the discussions in the other sides of this issue. That issue never, never was mentioned. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Joint Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE has recommended that the nomination of Barbara Gottschalk of Brunswick be denied.

The pending question before the Senate is: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on AGRICULTURE 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, ANDREWS, BALDACCI, BERUBE, BLACK, BROWN, CHALMERS, CLARK, DIAMOND, DOW, DUTREMBLE, EMERSON, ERWIN, GILL, KERRY, MATTHEWS, MAYBURY, MCBREAIRTY, NAJARIAN, PEARSON, PERKINS, SEWALL, SHUTE, STOVER, TRAFTON, TUTTLE, TWITCHELL, USHER, VIOLETTE, WEBSTER, THE PRESIDENT - CHARLES P. PRAY

NAYS: Senators, CARPENTER, HICHENS

ABSENT: Senators, BUSTIN, GAUVREAU, KANY

30 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 2 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being absent and 30 being more than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be OVERRIDDEN and the nomination of Barbara Gottschalk was CONFIRMED.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

The Chair laid before the Senate the Tabled and Later Today assigned matter:

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Lease Lands and Buildings in West Boothbay Harbor

S.P. 821 L.D. 2076

Tabled - February 27, 1986, by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook.

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on MARINE RESOURCES suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.)

Which was referred to the Committee on MARINE RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, ADJOURNED until 12 o'clock, Friday, February 28, 1986.