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OF THE  
**One Hundred And Thirteenth Legislature**  
OF THE  
**State Of Maine**

**VOLUME III**

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I would like to offer a very special thank you to Ken Allen, who helped us at the hospital, the Speaker in terms of helping coordinate the efforts in search for Madeline and family members and in terms of Maggie Sherburne and Mrs. Cheryl Anderson for their help at the hospital. A very special thank you to Carrie Sienkiewicz -- because she knew the family and knew the area, we were operating blind in terms of trying to find where Madeline was and Carrie got on the phone and pursued all the avenues and we were able to find Madeline over at the VTI and bring her to the hospital. Carrie was there as well. I hope Carrie is listening because she is a very special woman.

At this point, there was a moment of silence in memory of Dana P. Stevenson, the members rising.

On motion of Representative Murphy of Kennebunk, Adjourned until Tuesday, February 16, 1988, at ten o'clock in the morning pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 871, in memory of Dana P. Stevenson.

STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

In Senate Chamber  
Friday  
February 12, 1988  
Senate called to Order by the Secretary, Joy J. O'Brien.

The Secretary requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from York, Senator DUTREMBLE to the Rostrum where he assumed the duties as President Pro Tem.

Senate called to order by the President Pro Tem.

Prayer by Reverend Cynthia Lepley of the Congregational Church in Winslow.

REVEREND LEPLEY: Let us pray. God of infinite love and wisdom, we give You thanks for the beauty and bounty of the earth and especially for the heritage, resources and people of this beautiful state. Guide these, Your servants, by Your wisdom. Grant them carefully discerning minds and warm compassionate spirits that they may be open to hearing one another and the needs of Your people. Strengthen them and give them courage to stand for policies which will foster peace and justice. Help them always put the well-being of the people they were elected to serve and the well-being of the environment before any personal ambition, Bless each one of them that they may find joy in their work, nurturing support within their homes, and moments of peace and rest to refresh and renew them. We ask Your comfort and loving support for the family and friends of Representative Dana Stevenson. We thank You for this dedicated man who so lovingly served the people of this state. May he be an inspiration for all of us. Help us loving and faithful God to live according to Your vision where sharing by all will mean scarcity for none and where love will tear down the walls that divide us and build bridges of understanding and compassion among all Your people. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Yesterday.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 871

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 16, 1988, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Which was READ and PASSED.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Replacement of Real Estate Tax Validation Machines in County Registries of Deeds"

H.P. 1638 L.D. 2237

Bill "An Act to Protect the Well-Being of Young Children and to Help Prevent Emotional and Behavioral Disorders"

H.P. 1639 L.D. 2238

Bill "An Act to Establish a University-Based Training Program for Substance Abuse Counseling and Employee Assistance"

H.P. 1641 L.D. 2240

Bill "An Act to Assure Appropriate Statewide Treatment Services to Children with Special Needs"

H.P. 1642 L.D. 2241

Bill "An Act to Make Health Care More Accessible to Low-Income Elderly and Disabled Individuals, Children and Pregnant Women" (Emergency)

H.P. 1643 L.D. 2242

Bill "An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the State Compensation Commission"

H.P. 1646 L.D. 2245

Come from the House referred to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Operation of Roller-Skating Rinks"

H.P. 1645 L.D. 2244

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on BUSINESS LEGISLATION and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Resolve, to Establish a Joint Select Committee and an Advisory Board on Long-Term Care Staffing Issues (Emergency)

H.P. 1637 L.D. 2236

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on HUMAN RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Bill "An Act to Revise the Charter Commission Law"

H.P. 1636 L.D. 2235

Bill "An Act to Require Municipal Approval of Public Land Acquired by the State"

H.P. 1640 L.D. 2239

Come from the House referred to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Packaging Tax to Minimize the Use of Nonbiodegradable Packaging Materials"

H.P. 1644 L.D. 2243

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.

Pursuant to the Statutes

The Legislative Task Force on Railroads

The Legislative Task Force on Railroads, pursuant to Public Law 1987, Chapter 5, ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Concerning Sanitary Conditions on Railroad Property" (Emergency)

H.P. 1647 L.D. 2253

Be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS for Public Hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 18.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and under suspension of the Rules, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED without reference to a Committee.

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, READ TWICE and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
February 10, 1988

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 113th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture has had under consideration the nomination of Lawrence J. Keddy of South Windham, for reappointment to the Animal Welfare Board.

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 10

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Sen. Twitchell of Oxford

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Lawrence J. Keddy of South Windham, for reappointment to the Animal Welfare Board be confirmed.

Sincerely,  
S/Zachary Matthews  
Senate Chair  
S/Robert J. Tardy  
House Chair

Which was READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Joint Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE has recommended the nomination of Lawrence J. Keddy of South Windham, for reappointment to the Animal Welfare Board, be confirmed.

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 113th 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.

At this time, the Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator PRAY and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers will secure the Chamber.

The Secretary will call the Roll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Senators None

NAYS: Senators BERUBE, BRAWN, BUSTIN,  
CAHILL, CLARK, DILLENBACK, EMERSON,

ERWIN, ESTES, GAUVREAU, GOULD, KANY,  
LUDWIG, MAYBURY, PEARSON, PERKINS,  
SEWALL, THERIAULT, TUTTLE,  
TWITCHELL, WEBSTER, WHITMORE, THE  
PRESIDENT PRO TEM - DENNIS L.  
DUTREMBLE

ABSENT: Senators ANDREWS, BALDACCI, BLACK,  
BRANNIGAN, COLLINS, DOW, GILL,  
KERRY, MATTHEWS, RANDALL, USHER

EXCUSED: Senator PRAY

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 23 Senators having voted in the negative, with 11 Senators being absent and 1 Senator having been excused, and None being less than two-thirds of the Membership present, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be ACCEPTED and the nomination of Lawrence J. Keddy, for reappointment to the Animal Welfare Board, was CONFIRMED.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

The Following Communication:  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
February 10, 1988

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 113th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture has had under consideration the nomination of Raynor I. Crosman of Corinna, for reappointment to the Animal Welfare Board.

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 10

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Sen. Twitchell of Oxford

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Raynor I. Crosman of Corinna, for reappointment to the Animal Welfare Board be confirmed.

Sincerely,  
S/Zachary Matthews  
Senate Chair  
S/Robert J. Tardy  
House Chair

Which was READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Joint Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE has recommended the nomination of Raynor I. Crosman of Corinna, for reappointment to the Animal Welfare Board, be confirmed.

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 113th 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 None  
NAYS: Senators BALDACCI, BERUBE, BRAWN,  
BUSTIN, CAHILL, CLARK, DILLENBACK,  
EMERSON, ERWIN, ESTES, GAUVREAU,  
GOULD, KANY, LUDWIG, MAYBURY,  
PEARSON, PERKINS, SEWALL, THERIAULT,  
TUTTLE, TWITCHELL, WEBSTER,  
WHITMORE, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM -  
- DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE

ABSENT: Senators ANDREWS, BLACK, BRANNIGAN,  
COLLINS, DOW, GILL, KERRY, MATTHEWS,  
RANDALL, USHER

EXCUSED: Senator PRAY

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 24 Senators having voted in the negative, with 10 Senators being absent and 1 Senator having been excused, and None being less than two-thirds of the Membership present, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be ACCEPTED and the nomination of Raynor I. Crosman, for reappointment to the Animal Welfare Board, was CONFIRMED.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

The Following Communication:  
113TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 4, 1988  
Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to our authority under Chapter 56 of the Resolves of Maine, 1987, we have appointed Carroll J. Polyot of Bangor to the Maine Commission to Review Overcrowding at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute. He replaces Mr. Charles Denning as a public member of this Commission.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Charles P. Pray S/John L. Martin  
President of the Senate Speaker of the House  
Which was READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Establish a Position to Develop Quality Dependent Care Facilities and Sources for the Work Force"

S.P. 867 L.D. 2262

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec  
Cosponsored by: Representative BAKER of  
Portland, Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland,  
Representative HICKEY of Augusta

Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26  
Which was referred to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Resource Protection Law" (Emergency)

S.P. 870 L.D. 2265

Presented by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot

Cosponsored by: Representative OLIVER of Portland, Representative DEXTER of Kingfield, Representative LORD of Waterboro  
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26  
Which was referred to the Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Providing Conformity with the United States Revenue Code Under the Maine Income Tax Law for 1987" (Emergency)

S.P. 868 L.D. 2263

Presented by Senator SEWALL of Lincoln  
Cosponsored by: Representative JACKSON of Harrison  
Submitted by the Department of Finance pursuant to Joint Rule 24  
Which was referred to the Committee on TAXATION and ORDERED PRINTED.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to 6-Axle Vehicles Carrying General Commodities"

S.P. 869 L.D. 2264

Presented by Senator DOW of Kennebec  
Cosponsored by: Representative MCPHERSON of Eliot, Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc  
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 24  
Which was referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ORDERED PRINTED.  
Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act Concerning Elected Clerks Handling Absentee Ballots"

H.P. 1530 L.D. 2084

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-449).

Comes from the House, with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-449)

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-449) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, as Amended, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on BUSINESS LEGISLATION on Bill "An Act to Amend Reporting Deadlines under the Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Monitoring Panel" (Emergency)

H.P. 1491 L.D. 2041

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 HUMAN RESOURCES on Bill "An Act to Add the Commissioner of Public Safety to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee"

H.P. 1461 L.D. 1972

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 UTILITIES on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Voting Method of Expansion of the Harrison Water District" (Emergency)

H.P. 1496 L.D. 2046

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 UTILITIES on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Limestone Water and Sewer District"

H.P. 1547 L.D. 2107

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 BUSINESS LEGISLATION on Bill "An Act to Amend Laws Relating to Certain Licensing Boards"

H.P. 1255 L.D. 1713

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-443).

Comes from the House, with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-443)

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-443) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Hunting, Trapping, Molesting or Harassing of Bear near Dumps"

H.P. 1426 L.D. 1937

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

H.P. 1635 L.D. 2234

Comes from the House, with 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

Change of Reference

Senator GAUVREAU for the Committee on HUMAN RESOURCES on Bill "An Act Relating to Sentences with Intensive Supervision"

S.P. 728 L.D. 1987

Reported that the same be REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on CORRECTIONS.

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

The Bill REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on CORRECTIONS.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Senator BUSTIN for the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Bureau of Banking, Securities Division, to Adopt a Simplified Registration Statement for Limited Public Offerings"

S.P. 738 L.D. 1997

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

(Rep. Allen of Washington Abstained.)

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

The Bill READ ONCE.

The Bill TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator WHITMORE for the Committee on BUSINESS LEGISLATION on Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Disciplinary Authority of Various State Regulatory Boards"

S.P. 733 L.D. 1992

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-315).

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-315) READ and ADOPTED.

The Bill as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Senator KANY for the Committee on LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act Pertaining to Fire Permit Enforcement"

S.P. 769 L.D. 2026

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

S.P. 865 L.D. 2254

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

The Bill in NEW DRAFT READ ONCE.

The Bill in NEW DRAFT TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

SECOND READERS

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Make Substantive Corrections in the County and Municipal Laws" (Emergency)

H.P. 35 L.D. 36

(H "A" H-444, H "B" H-445 to C "B" H-442)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Home Rule Authority of Municipalities" (Emergency)

H.P. 384 L.D. 506

(C "B" H-441)

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

ENACTORS

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

An Act Clarifying the Authority of Superior Court Justices to Sit in District Court

S.P. 714 L.D. 1944

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

Off Record Remarks

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the Tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

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

H.P. 1481 L.D. 2016

(C "A" H-439)

Tabled - February 11, 1988, by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot.

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE

(In Senate, February 5, 1988, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-439), in concurrence.)

(In House, February 10, 1988, FINALLY PASSED.)

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President Pro Tem.

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 Concerning Elected Clerks Handling Absentee Ballots

H.P. 1530 L.D. 2084

(C "A" H-449)

Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator CLARK of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator KANY of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator KANY: Mr. President and members of the Senate. Perhaps I had better give an explanation. This bill is actually going through all readings in both Houses today and we are asking you to finally enact it now as an emergency measure so that clerks whose names are listed on a ballot in uncontested elections can handle those ballots without committing a class D crime.

As you will recall, we extensively amended our absentee ballot laws last year by providing balloting and actual elections at nursing homes and removing candidates who are on a ballot or candidates for an election from the absentee balloting process. In so doing, those clerks who must run for election on a ballot were really prevented from handling ballots and since so many of the clerks throughout the state often run without opposition, it seemed appropriate for us to amend the law so that those clerks could then handle ballots and that is precisely what this does and in fact with the municipal elections coming up in many communities there are ballots literally waiting to be picked up and that is why we are passing this as an emergency measure. In those towns where there is a contested election for clerks a deputy must be appointed to handle the ballots.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 24 Members of the Senate, with No Senators having voted in the negative, and 24 being two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Senator ESTES of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator ESTES: Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I do not wish to take up much of your time. As were you, I was also saddened by the loss of Representative Dana Stevenson this week. I also wanted to make note of an historical loss to the Maine Legislature that took place on Tuesday and that was William Ellsworth Dennett, former Representative from Kittery and State Senator who served in the Legislature until 1970. Mr. Dennett had been praised upon his retirement as a giant in the Maine Legislature and there was an editorial in today's Portland Press Herald that I think captures the essence of Mr. Dennett. He is a man that I will long remember. He was an inspiration to me as a high school student and is a legend in his time, not only in the southern part of the state, but also throughout the state. I would like to read this into the record if you will bear with me. It is entitled Dennett, the Last Orator.

The death of William Ellsworth Dennett the other day attracted little attention around the state. No reason that it should. It has almost been two decades since Dennett retired after a distinguished career in the Maine Legislature. Yet his passing at age 80 marks the end of an era, for Dennett was the last great orator of the Maine House. There are no orators in the Maine Legislature today nor have their been for years. They speak but that is the best to be said of it. There are no men or women capable of rising to their feet and with the power of words alone, figuratively causing their colleagues to see with their ears - Dennett could. When he or his colleague, the late Sumner Pike of Lubec spoke, the House hushed and heads turned as members gave their attention to a master. Always delivered

extemporaneously, a Dennett speech had an unerring sense of rhythm, of cadence, of clarity, of humor. And so compelling were his words, so marvelously resilient and so eloquently reasonable that someone once remarked that if the gentlemen from Kittery ever proposed abolishing the Office of Governor, at least 30 fellow members would rise immediately to second the motion. Dennett was a self-taught man, though he had dropped out of school at age 15 to go to sea and seek his fortune. His search for knowledge became a life-long avocation. He could also summon up the appropriate quotation from the barred english and american history world and so catholic were his interests that he could discourse knowledgably on the history of the Passamaquoddy Indians, or the current balance in the State's Treasury. For all his gifts and talents he was, however, a courtly, honest and gentle man. He never harbored a grudge nor made a single enemy. He served his state with love and devotion and all Mainers whether they knew Bill Dennett or not, are all in his debt. Thank you.

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

Senator PERKINS: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I would ask today when we adjourn that we adjourn in memory of Dana Stevenson our friend, associate and colleague, our Uncle Sam. He died the way he lived, serving the people who elected him and his friends. Thank you.

The Joint Order having been returned from the House READ and PASSED in concurrence, on motion by Senator PERKINS of Hancock, ADJOURNED in memory of Representative Dana Stevenson until Tuesday, February 16, 1988, at 10:00 in the morning.