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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

One Hundred And Fourteenth Legislature

OF THE

State Of Maine

VOLUME I

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

December 7, 1988 to May 10, 1989

Senator GAUVREAU: Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President, men and women of the Maine Senate: As you may be aware over the course of the past few weeks, the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, which I serve as Senate Chair, has involved itself rather extensively into hearings pertaining to problems which beset the Augusta Mental Health Institute. Institute. We have completed, as of today, six full days of legislative hearings which comprise nearly fifty hours of Committee time. As a result of the hearings, we have ascertained that there indeed do exist severe and grave problems dealing with psychiatric and medical care for patients at the AMHI facility. We have also today, in concert with Legislative Leadership and the Governor, worked torward establishing a framework for bringing about an orderly resolution of the problems at the Augusta Mental Health Institute.

At this point, I would like to express my appreciation to members of the Committee who have worked long and diligently over the course of the last two weeks. Truly, I think these members do deserve praise, they put in long and very difficult hours. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to all members who came before the Committee from the Executive branch of government as well as the families and relatives of individuals who are currently receiving or have received treatment at AMHI. I think perhaps in the course of the past few days, as a logical consequence of the emotion which the hearings engendered, there have been some comments perhaps which were stated by some in a moment of extreme emotion that they upon reflection might offer different comments and that is understandable. I think there have been some questions raised at various times as to the method by which Representative Manning and I chaired the proceedings. I am pleased to report that I have had an opportunity to meet with members of the Committee and I think any questions which might have arisen have been more than satisfactorily addressed. fact, the Committee has worked very well in unveiling the very serious problems which do exist at the AMHI facility. I think it was in large part due to the work product of the Committee as well as the sincerity from all individuals involved, not only from our branch of government, but also from the Executive branch of government, that we have been able to reach the conceptual framework as far as devising a long-term strategy to reorganize and improve conditions at AMHI.

I rise this afternoon to express my appreciation to all who have been involved in this process, although I am mindful of the obstacles which might lie ahead of us, I do think we have an opportunity during this Legislative year to truly embark upon historic progress in providing a decent and appropriate level of care for those patients who are residing at our Acute Care Mental Health Hospitals in our State. Thank you very much.

> Senate at Ease Senate called to order by the President.

The ADJOURNMENT ORDER having been returned from the House READ and PASSED, in concurrence, on motion by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, ADJOURNED until Tuesday, February 14, 1989, at 10:00 in the morning.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION 14th Legislative Day Tuesday, February 14, 1989

The House met according to adjournment and was

called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rabbi Raymond Krinsky, Beth Israel Congregation, Waterville.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, February 9, 1989, was read and approved.

Quorum call was held.

PAPERS FROM THE SENATE

The following Communication: Maine State Senate Augusta, Maine 04333

February 9, 1989

The Honorable John L. Martin Speaker of the House 114th Legislature Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear Speaker Martin:

In accordance with Joint Rule 38, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed, upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, the Governor's nomination of M. Kelly Matzen of Auburn for reappointment as a member of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Sincerely, S/Joy J. Ó'Brien Secretary of the Senate

Was read and ordered placed on file.

The following Communication: Maine State Senate Augusta, Maine 04333 February 9, 1989

The Honorable John L. Martin Speaker of the House 114th Legislature Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear Speaker Martin:

In accordance with Joint Rule 38, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed, upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, the Governor's nomination of the Honorable Harland Bragg of Waterville for appointment to the Natural Resources Financing and Marketing Board.

The Honorable Harland Bragg is replacing William J. Ginn.

Sincerely, S/Joy J. O'Brien Secretary of the Senate

Was read and ordered placed on file.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Concerning Insurance Cancellation Control" (S.P. 99) (L.D. 118) Concerning Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance Was referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Functions of Subregistrars" (S.P. 98) (L.D. 117)
Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on 1028 Business Legislation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the State Forest Nursery" (Emergency) (S.P. 97) (L.D. 116)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Changes to the Human Resource Development Council in Order to Conform with the United States Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance Act of 1988" (Emergency) (S.P. 101) (L.D. 120)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Labor and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on Labor concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Administration" (S.P. 100) (L.D. 119) State Personnel

Bill "An Act to Establish a Portion of the Boundary Between the Town of Lincoln and the Town of Enfield in the County of Penobscot from the Penobscot River to the Westerly Shore of Cold Stream Pond" (S.P. 102) (L.D. 121)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on State and Local Government in concurrence.

Reported Pursuant to Resolve

Report of the Special Commission on Boating, pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 111 ask leave to report that the submit its findings and to accompanying Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Operation of a Watercraft While Under the Influence" (S.P. 84) (L.D. 84) be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 18.

Came from the Senate with the report read and accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed.

Report was read and accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to Convey by Deed the Interest of the State in Certain Parcels of Real Property (S.P. 78) (L.D. 68) which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in the House on February 7, 1989.

Came from the Senate with that Body having Insisted on its former action whereby the Bill was referred to the Committee on State and Local Government in non-concurrence.

The House voted to insist.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication: Executive Department DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES State House Station 73 Augusta, Maine 04333 February 1, 1989

The Honorable John L. Martin Speaker of the House Maine House of Representatives State House Station #2 Augusta, ME 04333 Dear Speaker Martin:

In accordance with Title 22 M.R.S.A. Section 5204(3), I am submitting to the 114th Legislature a report on Maine's Home Energy Assistance Program for the year 1987-88.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning this report.

Sincerely, s/Nicola C. Kobritz Director

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

> PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Ordered Printed and Committees. Sent up for Concurrence:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act Concerning the Regulation of General Use Pesticides" (H.P. 135) (L.D. 179) (Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra) (Cosponsored by Senator ERWIN of Oxford and Representative HUSSEY of Milo)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the State Compensation Commission" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 102) (L.D. 138) (Submitted by the State Compensation Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Title 3, section 2-A.)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Expand the Types of Mental Health Care Providers Eligible for Insurance Reimbursement" (H.P. 99) (L.D. 134) (Presented by Representative GARLAND of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Representative O'DEA of Orono)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Concerning Pilferage of Shopping Carts and Bakery and Milk Product Containers" (H.P. 106) (L.D. 143) (Presented by Representative COTE of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representative ALIBERTI of Lewiston, Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo and Senator WHITMORE of Androscoggin)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act to Provide Credit for Braille Courses" (H.P. 104) (L.D. 141) (Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator BOST of Penobscot, Representative KETOVER of Portland and Representative CLARK of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Approval of School Administrative District Budgets" (H.P. 133) (L.D. 177) (Presented by Representative RIDLEY of Shapleigh) (Cosponsored by Representative LORD of Waterboro, Representative MURPHY of Berwick and Representative GOULD of Greenville)

Resolve, Creating the Special Commission to Study Instructional Time in Schools (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 131) (L.D. 175) (Presented by Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs) (Cosponsored by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset, Representative O'GARA of Westbrook and Representative O'DEA of Orono)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Energy and Natural Resources
Bill "An Act to Expand the Eligibility for
Participation in the Maine Conservation Corps to Include More Low-income Maine People" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 100) (L.D. 135) (Presented by Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket) (Cosponsored by Representative CHONKO of Topsham, Senator ESTY of Cumberland and Representative BUTLAND of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Clarify Just Value as it Relates
Property Assessment" (H.P. 101) (L.D. 136)
esented by Representative JACKSON of Harrison) (Presented by (Cosponsored by Representative SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, Representative LIBBY of Kennebunk and Representative McCORMICK of Rockport)

(The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

had been suggested.)

On motion of Representative Michaud East Millinocket, was referred to the Committee on Taxation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Energy and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Concerning The Siting of Solid Waste Transfer Stations" (H.P. 107) (L.D. 144) (Presented by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Representative MICHAUD of East Mil Waterville. Millinocket Representative LORD of Waterboro)

Bill "An Act to Encourage Recycling of Lead-acid Batteries" (H.P. 108) (L.D. 145) (Presented by Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket) (Cosponsored by Representative CAHILL of Mattawamkeag, Representative DEXTER of Kingfield and Separator KANY of Konneboo)

Senator KANY of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Require the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to Return in a Timely Fashion Applications for the Approval of Permanent or Seasonal Structures That Have Been Destroyed by Act of God" (H.P. 111) (L.D. 148) (Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket) (Cosponsored by MICHAUD of East Millinocket, Representative Representative DEXTER of Kingfield and President PRAY of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of Freshwater Wetlands in the Natural Resources Protection Act" (H.P. 129) (L.D. 173) (Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville, Representative MARSH of West Gardiner and Representative COLES of

Harpswell)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Later Today Assigned

Bill "An Act Regulating Plastic Connectors for Containers" (H.P. 137) (L.D. 181) (Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Representative COLES of Harpswell, Representative JACQUES of Waterville and Representative ADAMS of Portland)

(The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

had been suggested.)

On motion of Representative Michaed of Millinocket, tabled pending reference and later today assigned.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1990 and June 30, 1991" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 115) (L.D. 152) (Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator GOULD of Waldo, Senator ERWIN of Oxford and Representative FARREN of Cherryfield)

Bill "An Act to Require a Permit to Hunt for Bear Prior to the Firearm Season on Deer" (H.P. 116) (L.D. 153) (Presented by Representative GREENLAW of Standish) (Cosponsored by Representative CARROLL of Southwest Harbor and Representative FARREN of Cherryfield) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Electronic Fishing Devices" (H.P. 118) (L.D. 155) (Presented by Representative SMITH of Island Falls) (Cosponsored by Representative GOULD of Greenville, Representative MARSH of West Gardiner and Representative AULT of Wayne)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Trapping of Beaver" (H.P. 120) (L.D. 157) (Presented by Representative SMITH of Island Falls)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Increase the Age Limit for Child Support" (H.P. 119) (L.D. 156) (Presented by Representative HOGLUND of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative MELENDY of Rockland, Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs and Representative BURKE of Vassalboro)

(The Committee on Human Resources had

suggested.)

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, tabled pending reference and specially assigned for Wednesday, February 15, 1989.

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to More Effectively Recover Money Fraudulently Obtained from Public Assistance" (H.P. 98) (L.D. 133) (Presented by Representative TELOW of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin and Senator DUTREMBLE of York) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule

(The Committee on Judiciary had been suggested.) On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, tabled pending reference and specially assigned for February 15, 1989.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Provide Greater Power to the Maine District Court in Emancipation Proceedings" (H.P. 109) (L.D. 146) (Presented by Representative MARSANO of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Hallowell and Representative RICHARDS of Hampden)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

At this point, a message came from the Senate, borne by Senator CLARK of that body, proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Robert L. Woodbury, Chancellor of the University of Maine System, an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communication as he may be pleased to make.

Thereupon, the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention to be held at 11:00 a.m. and the Speaker appointed Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield to convey this message to the Senate.

Subsequently, **GWADOSKY** Representative Fairfield reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Further Competition with New Hampshire in the Liquor Trade" (H.P. 112) (L.D. 149) (Presented by Representative ROLDE of York)

Bill "An Act to Promote Community Involvement in Law Enforcement Activities" (H.P. 117) (L.D. 154) (Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Augusta, Senator ESTES of York and Representative COTE of Auburn)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Absentee Ballot Application Procedure" (H.P. 127) (L.D. 171) (Presented by Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec and

Representative LAPOINTE of Auburn)
Bill "An Act to Extend Seasonal Liquor Licenses Under Certain Circumstances" (H.P. 130) (L.D. 174) (Presented by Representative LORD of Waterboro) (Cosponsored by Representative JALBERT of Lisbon and Representative MARTIN of Van Buren)

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Withdrawal Candidates from General Elections" (H.P. 132) (L.D. 176) (Presented by Representative LAPOINTE of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representative KETOVER of Portland, Representative HANDY of Lewiston and Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Establish Rules for the Use of Dynamite and Explosives" (H.P. 134) (L.D. 178) (Presented by Representative McPHERSON of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln and Representative PRIEST of Brunswick) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Advisory Council to the Department of Marine Resources" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 105) (L.D. 142) (Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Representative LOOK of Jonesboro and Senator BRAWN of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Utilities

Bill "An Act to Increase the Membership of the Emergency Enhanced 9-1-1 Telephone Advisory Committee" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 122) (L.D. 159) (Presented by Representative KETOVER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BOST of Penobscot, Pennsontative HANDY of Lowistance Departments and Departm Representative HANDY of Lewiston and Representative CLARK of Millinocket)

(The Committee on State and Local Government had

been suggested.)

On motion of Representative Clark of Millinocket, was referred to the Committee on Utilities, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Dates Relating to the County Budget Procedure" (H.P. 125) (L.D. 169) (Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle, Senator COLLINS of Aroostook and Representative GRAHAM of Houlton)

Resolve, to Establish an Independent Task Force to Study the Legislative Process, the Legislative Council, Term of Office and the Feasibility of a Full-time Legislature (H.P. 110) (L.D. 147) (Presented by Representative CARROLL of Gray) (Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative ROTONDI of Athens and Representative O'GARA of Westbrook)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Income Tax Laws" (H.P. 124) (L.D. 161) (Presented by Representative MAYO of Thomaston) (Cosponsored by Representative CASHMAN of Old Town, Representative NADEAU of Saco and Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Tree Growth Tax Law to Ensure a Steady Supply of Wood for Maine's Forest Products Industry" (H.P. 136) (L.D. 180) (Presented by Representative SMITH of Island Falls) (Cosponsored Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative MAYO Thomaston and Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act Authorizing Local Control of the Posting of Speed Limits" (H.P. 113) (L.D. 150) (Presented by Representative GREENLAW of Standish)

Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Highway Funds Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1990 and June 30, 1991" (H.P. 151) (Presented by Representative MACOMBER of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford, Senator GOULD of Waldo and Representative McPHERSON of Eliot)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Use of Farm Vehicles" (H.P. 121) (L.D. 158) (Presented by Representative

SMITH of Island Falls)
Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1990 and June 30, 1991" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 123) (L.D. 160) (Presented by Representative MACOMBER

of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford, Senator GOULD of Waldo and Representative McPHERSON of Eliot)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Registration Process for Trailers" (H.P. 126) (L.D. 170) (Presented by Representative NORTON of Winthrop) (Cosponsored by Representative AULT of Wayne, Representative GOULD of Greenville and Senator WEYMOUTH of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Require Driver's License Examinations for Persons 80 Years or Older" (H.P. 128) (L.D. 172) (Presented by Representative HUSSEY

of Milo) (BY REQUEST) Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Study Report-Commission to Study Municipal Solid Waste Management

Representative CARTER from the Commission Study Municipal Solid Waste Management to which was referred by the Legislative Council the Study Relative to Municipal Solid Waste Management have had the same under consideration and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Promote Recycling and Improved Solid Waste Management" (H.P. 103) (L.D. 139) be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 19.

Report was read and accepted.

Representative Carter of Winslow moved that L.D. 139 be tabled for one legislative day.

Subsequently, Representative Carter of Winslow withdrew his motion to table.

Thereupon, the bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY TABLED AND TODAY ASSIGNED

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled

and today assigned matter:
Bill "An Act to Provide Reimbursement t.o Municipalities with State-owned Properties" (H.P. 94) (L.D. 129)

(Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested)

TABLED - February 9, 1989 by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

PENDING - Reference.

On motion of Representative Cashman of Old Town, was referred to the Committee on Taxation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled

and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Provide for State Payment of Excessive Costs of Out-of-district Special Education Placements" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 86) (L.D. 115)

(Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

TABLED - February 9, 1989 by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

PENDING - Reference.

On motion of Representative Gwadoskv Fairfield, retabled pending reference and specially assigned for February 15, 1989.

(At Ease)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following Order was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

ORDERS

On motion of Representative McSWEENEY of Old Orchard Beach, the following Order:

ORDERED, that Representative James Reed Coles of Harpswell be excused February 7 for the duration of his illness.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Charles R. Priest of Brunswick be excused February 7 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Anne M. Larrivee of Gorham be excused February 9 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Patrick E. Paradis of Augusta be excused February 14. 15 and 16 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative

Cushman D. Anthony of South Portland be excused February 14 through 21 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative

John H. Richards of Hampden be excused February 16 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Margaret Pruitt Clark of Brunswick be excused February 16 for personal reasons.

Was read and passed.

The following item appearing on Supplement No. 1 was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPER

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 114) JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TOWN OF FREEPORT ON THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION

WHEREAS, the area today known as the Town of Freeport reflects the strength and courage of its people, from its original settlers, whose names will never be known, to its present inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the charter for ancient North Yarmouth, which included present-day Freeport, was granted in 1680 and the first permanent settlement at Freeport was made in 1720 in the "northeastern division" of ancient North Yarmouth; and

WHEREAS, after the American Revolution, in 1789. Freeport broke away from ancient North Yarmouth and was established as a town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of which Maine was then a part; and

WHEREAS, Freeport entered a period of growth and became one of the centers of coastal Maine's economic "Golden Age" due to its renowned shipyards and shipbuilders who launched wooden ships that sailed the 7 seas; and

WHEREAS, Freeport continues to flourish as a community to this day, attracting thousands tourists and Maine residents to its stores and to its shores, trying to maintain the ever fragile balance between commerce and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the 114th Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this special opportunity on the 200th anniversary of the Town of Freeport to commend its officials and citizens, past and present, for the success which they have achieved together in forging a dynamic community and to extend to each our sincere hopes and best wishes for continued achievement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the citizens and officials of this proud community in honor of the occasion.

Came from the Senate, read and adopted. Was read and adopted in concurrence.

The following item appearing on Supplement No. 2 was taken up out of order by unanimous consent: SENATE PAPER

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 115)
JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF DURHAM, MAINE

WHEREAS, one of the chain of historically important towns that is located along the banks of the rivers of this State is Durham, known for its excellence in husbandry, agriculture and forestry; and

WHEREAS, within the vast territory of the Province of Massachusetts a permanent settlement, first called Royalston, was established along the banks of the Androscoggin River in 1761; and

that settlement became known WHEREAS. Royalsborough and was subsequently incorporated on

February 17, 1789 as the Town of Durham; and
WHEREAS, Durham, also called Southwest Bend, is
not only historically important as an early source of materials and expertise for Maine's shipbuilding industry, but also has since 1789 been a farming center known for the quality of its products and natural beauty; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the 114th

Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this special opportunity on the eve of the 200th anniversary of the Town of Durham to commend the officials and citizens of this great town for the success which they have achieved together for 2 centuries and to extend to each our sincere hopes and best wishes for continued achievement over the next 200 years; and be

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the citizens and officials of this proud community in honor of the occasion.

Came from the Senate, read and adopted. Was read and adopted in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon requiring Senate concurrence, were ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

(At Ease)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter: Bill "An Act Regulating Plastic Connectors for Containers" (H.P. 137) (L.D. 181) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending reference.

On motion of Representative Michaud of Millinocket. was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

At this point, the Senate entered the Hall of the House and a Joint Convention was formed. In Convention

The President of the Senate, Charles P. Pray, in the Chair.

On motion of Senator DUTREMBLE of York, it was ORDERED, that a committee be appointed to wait upon the members of the University of Maine Board of Trustees and Campus Presidents to extend an invitation to them to attend the Joint Convention. The Chairman appointed: BERUBE of Androscoggin Senators:

Representatives:

ESTY of Cumberland CARPENTER of York JOSEPH of Waterville ROTONDI of Athens DAGGETT of Augusta CAHILL of Mattawamkeag HEESCHEN of Wilton LARRIVEE of Gorham WENTWORTH of Wells BEGLEY of Waldoboro HANLEY of Paris MCCORMICK of Rockport

Senator BERUBE, for the Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty with which it was charged and the University of Maine Board of Trustees and Campus Presidents would attend forthwith.

At this point, the Chairman welcomed members of the University of Maine Board of Trustees and Campus Presidents.

On motion of Senator CLARK of Cumberland, it was ORDERED, that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Honorable Robert L. Woodbury, Chancellor of the University of Maine, to inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are assembled in Convention, ready to receive such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Chairman appointed:

Senators:

Representatives:

ESTES of York BOST of Penobscot GILL of Cumberland CROWLEY of Stockton Springs HANDY of Lewiston O'GARA of Westbrook KILKELLY of Wiscasset PARADIS of Frenchville OLIVER of Portland O'DEA of Orono SMALL of Bath NORTON of Winthrop

AULT of Wayne Senator ESTES, for the Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and the Chancellor of the University of Maine was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend the Convention.

Whereupon, Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury entered the Convention Hall amid prolonged applause, the audience rising.

Chancellor Woodbury then addressed the Convention as follows:

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, distinguished members and

guests of the 114th Maine State Legislature:

Before I begin, I would like to thank the President for suggesting that we make this University Day here in Augusta. The weather got in our way a little bit but I think the idea was a good one and I appreciate that suggestion. I might also say that it was fun to wake up this morning and hear the news and have the weather the lead story.

I want to talk with you this morning about an institution of substance and momentum. After all, the seven campuses of our University System now

enroll more students, employ more faculty, offer more courses and degrees, attract more outside money, perform more valuable research, and contribute more to the State and people of Maine than ever before. The state of the University System is good and aettina better.

To attempt to capture the details of this complex enterprise and report it to you, however, would be both daunting and foolhardy. Instead, let me offer what the poet called "a momentary stay against confusion"—I like that phrase, "a momentary stay against confusion"—selective, and, I hope, illuminating, views of where we are as a University

System and where we are going.

As a reference point, let me remind you of our origins. In 1966, the Academy of Educational Development concluded in a report to the State: "Today, the State of Maine has the beginnings of a system of public higher education—but only the beginnings...(We) suspect, however, that few people in the State of Maine fully appreciate the time, money, stress, initiative and imagination required to build a strong institution, let alone a cohesive and comprehensive system of public higher education." That was 1966. Now let me jump ahead about two decades.

October, only two weeks presidential election, the Republican Governor of Maine, the Democratic Speaker of this House, our seven campus presidents and I shared a podium in Washington, D.C., before representatives of national associations of higher education. We were there because of Maine's response to the report of a national commission chaired by former Secretary of Education Terrell Bell.

The Bell Commission called for dramatically expanded access to American higher education, significantly improved quality in our public institutions, and more active and more effective university attention to the quality of public schools, to economic development, and to the demands of citizenship in an international community. "For the sake of our futures and in the interest of our humanity and civility," the Commission argued in 1986, "we must reorder our priorities to make a full and unequivocal commitment to learning." Its report was titled, "To Secure the Blessings of Liberty."

So, on election eve 1988, we were being honored Washington by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities on behalf of all of you, for "enlightened academic, fiscal, governance, and management policies developed cooperatively by political and educational leaders committed to the concept that education represents a state's wisest investment in the future." The American Association of State Colleges and Universities concluded: "Two States--Maine and Virginia...emerged as clear examples of vision and action..."

We have traveled a long way in 22 years, but the pace has not always been swift or uniform. In fact, much of our vitality and the reason for our recognition in Washington, has come recently as this Legislature, two Governors, and Maine citizens at the poils have added greatly to the University System's capability. The down payment of \$15 million in 1986

infused substance and morale.

Faculty salaries have been raised significantly in the last two years so that we can begin to compete in the national marketplace. But doors of an academic success story have been opened—the Lewiston/Auburn College will begin via television to take educational programs to the most remote areas of our State.

Finally, the decisive passage of the bond issue referendum that the 113th Legislature sent to the voters last November provides almost \$37 million for high-priority facilities.

All this has made a world of difference, and clearly others in this nation have noticed what you

and we are doing.

Let me review the Bell Commission's balance sheet it applies here in Maine. How much progress have made toward fulfilling those three goals of quality and excellence; of access and opportunity; and of meeting our obligations to public education,

to economic development, to a public partnership?

What is our quality? Are we improving? How do we measure up against national standards? Well, those are not easy questions. But let me try one approach to a response.

One of the major priorities of the Bell Commission is America's need to become more conversant with other cultures, other countries, other languages. Technology has shrunk the world and international citizenship demands both knowledge and sophistication that now are so conspicuously lacking. Were we not all in this room struck by the recent survey of geographical knowledge that revealed our students' frightening ignorance? Seventy-five percent of 18-24 year olds could not find the Persian Gulf on a map, 45 percent couldn't locate Central America. Some people think the District of Columbia is somewhere in South America!

So let me take geography as an example of the pursuit of quality. Last summer, from proposals submitted by Harvard, MIT, the University of Wisconsin, and other distinguished institutions, the National Science Foundation selected a consortium of the University of Maine, State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of California, Santa Barbara, as its only National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis. This world-class center will use sophisticated computer systems, satellites, and other sensory technology to provide an enormous range of geographic information, including—listen to some of the things it will do—including population distributions, ocean currents, endangered plant and animal species, forest conditions, and the spread of pollutants and infectious disease. Transportation and communication networks can be made more rational, minerals can be more efficiently located and mined, and even municipal services such as school bus routes, for example, can be improved using an information base far beyond anything we have been able to assemble before. This is research and education on the cutting edge, and it will attract to Orono some of the most talented students and scholars in the country. The applications for industry and public policy are incalculable, and it makes Maine a key link to endeavors around the globe.

Last June, the National Science Foundation sent a team of reviewers to Orono to determine the University of Maine's capacity to take on this responsibility. During the visit, one of the reviewers took me aside and asked, Is Maine ready to host a world-class research center? Are there the vision and commitment here to make it work?

A few years ago, I would not have been able to say unequivocally 'yes'. To those of you here who may wonder from time to time whether budget votes really make a difference, let me say bluntly: despite many able people at the University of Maine, the establishment of this center would not have been possible without the direct infusion of resources made in the last three years by this body.

Another example—a fascinating combination of private gift and public resources involving a much

older geographical technology. In 1985, the late Mrs. Eleanor Smith gave to the University of Southern Maine a magnificent collection of original maps, atlases, geographies, and globes, spanning the years from 1513 to the late 18th century. The Smith collection, which focuses primarily on North America, New England, and Maine, eventually will be housed in the new USM library. Now on tour throughout Maine as part of the Maine Humanities Council project titled "The Land of Norumbega: Maine in the Age of Exploration and Settlement," the collection is an invaluable resource in this country for scholars, for academic programs such as the new New England Studies program and for teachers, students, public schools, and the general public.

To conclude the illustration of geography, let me briefly note other recent developments; an international studies council representing all seven campuses, so we can coordinate better, revised general education requirements for more attention to foreign cultures, work with the public schools focussing on geography, expanded language instruction, and Voice of America-sponsored programs for French-speaking news media professionals from Africa and Haiti. Coming up, in cooperation with the National Geographic Society and the National Park Service, the University of Maine's Center for the Study of the First Americans will host the first world conference on the peopling of the Americas.

It is worth noting, too, that we have today students from 65 countries on our campuses, including a young man from a small town in China who wanted a nursing education at a small college and therefore came to the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

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I have been discussing the field of geography, but many others could have been selected. It is this kind of investment in quality, targeted to priorities appropriate to Maine and its University System, that gives us a sense of confidence and pride that we are moving in the right direction.

Sometimes, of course, although we may be heading in the right direction, we are all too conscious of how painfully slow is our progress. We still have many problems to solve. Underprepared students need help, the quality of our teaching needs steadily to be improved, many of our departments need better financial support, our student body is less pluralistic than is educationally sound, the standards of student life need to be addressed and adapted to today's student body.

Here, too, however, I think we are looking forward. In two recent systemwide conferences that included students, faculty, and staff from all campuses, we focussed on four areas: how can we improve the writing skills of all our students across all of the disciplines; what more should we be doing do enhance the critical first year in an undergraduate's experience; how can we improve the quality of teaching; and, how can we and should we assess how well students are doing, how much they are learning?

After quality and excellence, a second major theme of the Bell Commission report relates to access and opportunity. If the "blessings of liberty" are to be real in the information society, then we must move, the Commission said, toward a goal of 35 percent of adults with a college education by the year 2001. In Maine, where only 15 percent of adults have a college degree, we have a special challenge.

Again, however, we are making progress. I am happy to report that enrollment across the System grew last year by more than seven percent to 31,500 students—the highest in our history. The long-deferred effort to establish a community college

that would extend our reach to underserved areas will become reality in September through the leadership of the University of Maine at Augusta and the Instructional Television System. The ITV system also will carry specialized high school instruction, some baccalaureate and graduate courses, workshops and other offerings by public and private institutions, but primarily it will bring college courses to those seeking an associate's degree who heretofore were excluded from such an endeavor by geography, by distance.

URSUS opens up another kind of access. URSUS, which is an acronym for University Resources Serving Users Statewide, is our library automation project. There is a terminal out here in the hall today and you can try it yourself. Last September, after years of planning across our seven campuses, this library information system went into operation. Simply by sitting at a terminal and pressing a few keys, you are linked to the vast library resources of all our campuses—more than a million books and periodicals. As the system expands to every corner of the state, including the State Library, more and more Mainers, will have access to this priceless collection built over decades.

And finally, how does one sum up the establishment of probably our most visible extension of access—Lewiston/Auburn College? I hesitate to chronicle the referenda defeats, contentious battles, and conventional wisdom that the last thing Maine needed was another campus. Given that history, who would have expected what has happened since September? The facts are that enrollments are exceeding all expectations—last month saw more than 800 registrations for courses—and that 55 percent of the new students are the first in their families to go to college. This coming September, they will be joined by the more than 1,200 students from University of Maine Augusta's Auburn Center. Lewiston/Auburn College is a tremendous success.

The challenge we face is an ever-increasing demand for new courses, new programs, more specialized training, and more accessible offerings. Not all Mainers will want to look to the University of Maine System to realize their aspirations, and indeed college is not on everyone's list of personal goals: other choices are equally valid. The pattern of recurring education throughout life, however, increasingly appears to be social and economic reality, and for the majority of Mainers, the campuses of the University of Maine System are the most likely place they will choose to further their education.

The third and final theme of the Bell Commission is that public institutions of higher education must reach out even more as partners—with government, with business, industry, and labor, and with our public schools. I say "even more" because partnership and public services is a time-honored mission for us. Examples are well known, the Cooperative Extension Service, the Small Business Development Centers, the Bureau of Labor Education, the Maine Public Broadcasting Network and many, many more. Yet, I believe the Bell Commission was right when it called for redoubled efforts on this front, and I am pleased again to report substantial progress during the past year.

Two examples come to mind in the area of economic development. Thanks to the foresight of several people, including members of the Appropriations Committee, there is now emerging a Research and Productivity Center on our campus in Presque Isle. And the Maine Science and Technology Commission has given preliminary approval to establish an Innovation

Center that will link University resources and the private sector in manufacturing and metal technology. Notably, as I look back to last year—notably, this is a joint effort by the University of Maine and the University of Southern

With regard to State Government, we finally are making progress on an agenda that began with Governor Brennan in 1981-to regularize some of the joint efforts that already exist or might be developed between State agencies and University faculty. We are now instituting a partnership program that has three major goals: education and training for state employees, a long-range research agenda for Maine to aid policy formation, and a mechanism for sharing information and expertise.

Our ties with the public schools are, of course, many and varied. We have the Centers of Excellence of the University of Maine that reach out, the Professional Development Centers on all our campuses that work with public school teachers on a day-to-day basis, USM's mobile graduate program at Presque Isle, or the hundreds of Washington County school children who participate in the Machias campus's

Education Leadership programs at Long Lake.

In fact, our programs aimed at the schools begin with preschoolers. To cite just one of several programs, the University of Maine at Farmington has received from the Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education a quarter of a million dollar grant to deliver training for child-care staff statewide. I am especially happy to report on this project because it underlines the many advantages of having a University System in which cooperation can be more than a word in a mission statement. This project combines the resources of three campuses: the expertise of Farmington's faculty in early childhood development, USM's Child and Family Institute, and the talents in instructional television at the University of Maine at Augusta.

Well, what lies ahead, what new direction should we pursue? It is clear that answers will not appear before us unsought, that we can't simply let the future happen. Accordingly, we have established a comprehensive planning process that takes careful measure of the economics, social, demographic and other trends and conditions the future will bring. Within that framework, within that context, that environment, we must capitalize on our special strengths and avoid the pitfalls of needless duplication, of spreading too thin. In particular, whenever a new program is proposed we consider whenever a new program is proposed, we consider whether we have first-rate faculty members who will contribute to its success, whether it is consistent with the campus mission, whether it fills a need or employs resources unique to Maine and whether it is capable of attaining distinction. As examples of the way this process works, let me cite the three programs approved last month by the Board of -a Ph.D in Surveying Engineering, the first in the United States and the backbone of the National Center for Geographic Information that I mentioned earlier; new programs in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Administration and Management at the University of Maine; and a bachelor's degree program in Early Childhood Special Education at the University of Maine at Farmington. I think if you reflect on each of those, you will see how they bring together strengths and appropriateness to Maine, using resources in a way that can bring distinction.

These programs, coupled with our progress in addressing the goals of the Bell Commission, illustrate what it takes to be one of the outstanding public university systems in this country-one that is quite different from, say, a Bowdoin or a John Hopkins in the independent sector or a California or Virginia system among public institutions. We should be excellent on our own terms, given our own mission and that will makes us excellent in national terms.

For the future we must replicate in selected areas where Maine can be distinguished the kind of quality and creativity illustrated by the National Center for Geographic Information. We must take the next steps, seizing the advantages we have as a family of human-sized institutions, to make our undergraduate education--our great strength--as sound and imaginative as any in the nation. We must nurture the collaboration that makes possible the URSUS library system and the recently published System honors journal, which I think you all got, the kind of joint initiative that makes our System, as a whole, far greater than the sum of its seven parts. We must nurture throughout our enterprise the aspiration that we can be first-rate.

These goals will be realizable only with vigorous continuation of productive partnership between the state and the University that was celebrated by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. For the lion's share of operating support, we will continue to look to you to assure that ongoing investment will not lag, but will continue to energize, not only our campuses, but the hundreds of thousands of Maine people whose lives they touch.

In this, we are not unrealistic: we know you have serious and compelling issues of solid waste and tax reform and a dozen others before you, but I submit that higher education is not just another claimant on the public purse. It is a foundation—a basic underpinning-of everything else to which our state aspires. And as the Audit and Program Review Committee concluded last year after extensive examination of University management: "...despite the significant positive impact of recent legislative increases, the University of Maine System remains underfunded when compared to other similarly sized institutions."

We realize that the state, even with student tuition, cannot support alone the kind of program we all want. For our part, we are about to launch a major capital campaign, as have public universities across the nation, to build endowment funds for professorships, fellowships, special programs, library collections and to provide matching grants for the buildings approved in the November bond issue. These efforts will not provide operating funds or replace state funds or tuition. Rather, they make possible that margin of excellence unattainable in any other way. We consider that as

part of our partnership with you.

More than 70 years ago, Alfred North Whitehead wrote that, "The gift which the university has to offer is the old one of imagination, the lighted torch which passes from hand to hand. It is a dangerous gift, which has started many a conflagration. If we are timid as to that danger, the proper course is to shut down our universities. Imagination is a gift which has often been associated with great commercial peoples—with Greece, with Florence, with Venice, with the learning of Holland, and with the poetry of England. Commerce and imagination thrive together."

But education is not only a matter of learning and commerce. When the members of the Bell Commission entitled their report, "To Secure the Blessing of Liberty," and also used a lighted torch as their symbol, they were pointing to a larger vision. The American experiment, which we share in a

special way here in Maine, rests on what has been termed "the hope factor"—a consensus that the future holds promise and that dreams can be realized. The vitality of our educational system has endured, I believe, because ever-broader sectors of our society have been brought into the system, given a stake in democracy, made a part of a social experiment that gives us all a sense of possibility. In our time, perhaps even more than in the past, the quality of our educational system at all levels is the one essential investment in our political system that can turn the dreams of our people into reality.

I began with the establishment of a national center at the University of Maine. Let me close with a single individual—a man who dreamed dreams and is finding them coming true. Buck Janes is a fourth—year graduate student in planetary sciences at the University of Arizona, a candidate for a Ph.D and director of a project that is designing a remote—controlled vehicle to roll across the landscape of the planet Mars. Buck Janes, 20 years ago, was a college drop—out who ended up moving to York, Maine and finding employment as a medical technician at Portsmouth Hospital, where he worked for 10 years.

In 1982, at the age of 33, he decided to return to college and chose USM, where he could attend half-time and, in the company of so many other nontraditional students, not feel out of place. At 36, he graduated with highest honors and earned the Robert Woodward Award for excellence in science.

On Friday, March 10, three weeks from now, Mr. Janes will be honored by the National Space Club in Washington, D.C., as the 1989-1990 winner of the Robert H. Goddard Scholarship—one of the most prestigious awards in the field of space research and exploration.

Buck Janes's success story is unique, of course, but others like his are being written on every one of our campuses. Hope is what our students bring to us, whether they are 18 or 33, and opportunity is what we offer. The combination can be catalytic, and often is: lives are changed, horizons are extended, choices are multiplied, dreams are made real.

All colleges and universities can make this claim, but none can do so for a broader range of students than do the campuses of the University of Maine System. We are a people's university—the Maine people's University—and serving that role is both an honor and a privilege.

Thank you very much. (prolonged applause)
Subsequently, Chancellor Woodbury withdrew amid
the applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chairman declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to its Chamber amid applause of the House, the members rising.

In the House The House was called to order by the Speaker.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Representative Hickey of Augusta, Adjourned until Wednesday, February 15, 1989, at ten o'clock in the morning. STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

In Senate Chamber Tuesday February 14, 1989

Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by Pastor Peter Inchcombe of the First Baptist Church in Hallowell.

PASTOR INCHCOMBE: Our gracious heavenly father, gather in quietness in Your presence this morning to recognize the blessings that You do shower upon, not only us as individuals, but this, our United States of America. We thank You for the righteous place that the people rejoice. We are so grateful that we are part of a system, part of a country, that lives in the attitude of a faith towards a living God. Lord as we gather this morning, we recognize that we are individuals and that as individuals we have needs. We just ask that You would be gracious to meet in a very special way each need that is represented here in this Senate this morning. We just ask for Your wisdom that it might prevail as the affairs of this land and the affairs especially of this state our considered. We just ask for Your wisdom and Your blessing. We do again recognize that You are the God of our fathers and we do thank You for the privilege of gathering together this morning to pray to a God who we know not only hears, but answers our prayer. We do pray especially for those who are sick or laid aside, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, that You would reach down and touch and bless them in a very special way. We ask all of these things today, asking again that You might reign supreme in this Senate this morning. For we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 9, 1989.

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

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of both Branches in the Hall of the House at 11:00 in the morning, for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Robert L. Woodbury, Chancellor of the University of Maine, an invitation to attend the Joint Convention and make such communication as pleases him.

Which was READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Cumberland, Senator CLARK, to deliver the message. The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, Senator CLARK of Cumberland reported she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

At this point, a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield, informing the Senate that the House of Representatives Concurs with the proposition for a Joint Convention, to be held in the Hall of the House, at 11:00 in the morning, for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Robert L. Woodbury, Chancellor of the University of Maine, an invitation