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OF THE

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OF THE

State Of Maine

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH MAINE LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
46th Legislative Day
Wednesday, April 19, 1989**

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Trueman Bray, Penney Memorial United Baptist Church, Augusta.

The Journal of Tuesday, April 18, 1989, was read and approved.

Quorum call was held.

PAPERS FROM THE SENATE

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 451)

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF AROOSTOOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Maine's northernmost county, the County of Aroostook, has long been nationally recognized for its unique character and for the perseverance and fortitude of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this largest county of the eastern United States, incorporated by an Act of the Legislature on March 16, 1839, covering an area of 6,450 square miles, has become known as the "Crown of Maine" because of its location, size and its prominence in the history and affairs of our State; and

WHEREAS, "The County" is the ancestral home of the Maliseet and Micmac Indians, was first explored by French and English traders and frontiersmen in the 1600's; was permanently settled in the north by 200 Acadian pioneers at Madawaska in 1785 and in the south by Joseph Houlton, Aaron Putnam and Oliver Taylor at Houlton in 1804; and ever since those first colonizations, has required a special spirit of independence from those who have come to live within its bounds, including other settlers from southern Maine, New Brunswick and the Kingdom of Sweden, and has in return given generously of its spectacular natural beauty and abundant natural resources; and

WHEREAS, this vast expanse of woodlands, farms and communities not only serves the material needs of New England for lumber, paper, wood products and potatoes, but also refreshes the spirits of countless hunters, hikers, anglers and outdoor sports enthusiasts who come to Aroostook each year for a respite from crowded urban lives; and

WHEREAS, the "Last Frontier" is an important part of Maine's heritage and mystique which epitomizes the self-reliance and self-sufficiency of the people of Maine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Aroostook County, and to commend the inhabitants and officials of this area for the success which they have achieved together for 150 years, and to extend to each our sincere hopes and best wishes for continued achievement over the next century and a half; 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 county in honor of the occasion.

Came from the Senate, read and adopted.

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Maintain Legal Services for Low-income Citizens" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 449) (L.D. 1211)

Resolve, to Ensure Accessible Mental Health Services To Deaf Children and Adults (S.P. 452) (L.D. 1224)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Educational Opportunities for Economically and Educationally Disadvantaged Residents" (S.P. 450) (L.D. 1212)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend Laws Regulating the Sardine Industry" (S.P. 453) (L.D. 1225)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Marine Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Inform Taxpayers about State Aid to Municipalities" (S.P. 447) (L.D. 1209)

Bill "An Act to Alleviate the Tax Burden when Property is Destroyed by Fire" (S.P. 448) (L.D. 1210)

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

Were referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES
REQUIRING REFERENCE**

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Increase Funding of Legal Services for the Elderly" (H.P. 888) (L.D. 1232) (Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle, Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth and Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Provide Support for Community-based Residential Hospice Services" (H.P. 893) (L.D. 1237) (Presented by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland, Representative DORE of Auburn and Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act to Assure Access to Nutrition Programs for Kindergarten and Part-day Students" (H.P. 882) (L.D. 1226) (Presented by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset) (Cosponsored by Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln, Representative HANDY of Lewiston and Senator ESTES of York)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Energy and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Clarify Those Waters of the State That Constitute Outstanding National Resources" (H.P. 892) (L.D. 1236) (Presented by Representative COLES of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket, Senator ERWIN of Oxford and Representative ADAMS of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Establish Requirements for Monitoring the State's Waters" (H.P. 890) (L.D. 1234) (Presented by Representative NUTTING of Leeds) (Cosponsored by Senator KANY of Kennebec, Representative AULT of Wayne and Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Ordered Printed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act Relating to the Issuance of Any-deer Permits" (H.P. 887) (L.D. 1231) (Presented by Representative GRAHAM of Houlton)

Bill "An Act to Amend and Update Laws Pertaining to Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 895) (L.D. 1239) (Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Representative GREENLAW of Standish, Senator ERWIN of Oxford and Representative FARREN of Cherryfield) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Ordered Printed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Human Resources

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of Personal Care Assistants under the Supervision of Persons in a Consumer-directed Services Program" (H.P. 884) (L.D. 1228) (Presented by Representative MELENDY of Rockland) (Cosponsored by Representative BURKE of Vassalboro, Representative RAND of Portland and Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act to Require Licensure of Clinics" (H.P. 891) (L.D. 1235) (Presented by Representative MANNING of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough)

Ordered Printed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act to Require the Maine Labor Relations Board to Render a Decision on Prohibited Practice Complaints within 30 Days after Hearing" (H.P. 885) (L.D. 1229) (Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville) (Cosponsored by Representative LUTHER of Mexico, Senator ESTY of Cumberland and Representative RAND of Portland)

Ordered Printed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Increase the Enforcement Powers of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy" (H.P. 894) (L.D. 1238) (Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville and Senator DUTREMBLE of York)

Ordered Printed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Administrative Procedure Act" (H.P. 883) (L.D. 1227) (Presented by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick)
Ordered Printed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Allow Volunteer Firefighters to Use Sirens Enroute to Fires" (H.P. 886) (L.D. 1230) (Presented by Representative ROLDE of York)

Resolve, to Provide for the Installation of a Traffic Light in the Town of Readfield (H.P. 889) (L.D. 1233) (Presented by Representative NORTON of Winthrop) (Cosponsored by Senator WEYMOUTH of Kennebec)

Ordered Printed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Unanimous Leave to Withdraw

Representative HUSSEY from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Concerning Agricultural Land and Adjacent Development" (H.P. 194) (L.D. 257) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Representative CLARK from the Committee on Utilities on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Sanitary District Enabling Act and the Sewer District Laws" (H.P. 478) (L.D. 658) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Were placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 15 and sent up for concurrence.

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary

Tabled and Assigned

Representative MICHAUD from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Bill "An Act Regarding Damage from Industrial Fallout" (H.P. 673) (L.D. 922) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Report was read.

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 20, 1989.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 49, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 153) (L.D. 205) Bill "An Act to Prohibit and Provide a Penalty for Trespass by Animals" Committee on Agriculture reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-79)

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, was removed from the Consent Calendar, First Day.

Subsequently, the Committee Report was read and accepted, the Bill read once.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-79) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill assigned for second reading Thursday, April 20, 1989.

(H.P. 135) (L.D. 179) Bill "An Act Concerning the Regulation of General Use Pesticides" Committee on Agriculture reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-77)

(H.P. 200) (L.D. 280) Bill "An Act to Allow Raffling of Livestock by Charitable Organizations for Charitable Purposes" Committee on Agriculture reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-78)

(H.P. 501) (L.D. 681) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Motor Vehicle Law Concerning the Operation of Motorcycles" Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)

(H.P. 429) (L.D. 594) Bill "An Act Concerning Antique Automobiles and Horseless Carriages" Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-81)

(H.P. 642) (L.D. 876) Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Human Services to Share Information with Support Teams for Foster Parents" Committee on Human Resources reporting "Ought to Pass"

(H.P. 537) (L.D. 734) Bill "An Act to Amend the Northern Maine General Hospital Charter to Operate Programs for Disadvantaged Individuals" Committee on Human Resources reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-83)

(H.P. 494) (L.D. 674) Bill "An Act to Provide Consumers Notice of Restaurant Foods Containing Monosodium Glutamate" Committee on Human Resources reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-82)

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of Thursday, April 20, 1989, under the listing of Second Day.

(H.P. 271) (L.D. 383) Bill "An Act to Clarify Maintenance of Private Roads and Ways by Municipalities" Committee on State and Local Government reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-84)

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, was removed from the Consent Calendar, First Day.

Subsequently, the Committee Report was read and accepted, the Bill read once.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-84) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill assigned for second reading Thursday, April 20, 1989.

(H.P. 568) (L.D. 772) Bill "An Act to Provide a Penalty on Delinquent Public Utilities" Committee on Utilities reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-85)

There being no objections, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of Thursday, April 20, 1989, under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 49, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(S.P. 323) (L.D. 860) Bill "An Act Establishing the Rights of Tenants when the Landlord Fails to Pay Utility Bills"

(S.P. 210) (L.D. 488) Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (C. "A" S-39)

(S.P. 252) (L.D. 642) Bill "An Act to Amend the Lake Watershed Association Enabling Laws" (C. "A" S-41)

(S.P. 269) (L.D. 697) Bill "An Act to Require Municipalities to Permit the Circulation of Petitions on Local Issues" (C. "A" S-40)

(H.P. 541) (L.D. 738) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Relationship Between Woodcutters and Landowners" (C. "A" H-67)

(S.P. 204) (L.D. 482) Bill "An Act Relating to Benefits for Members of the Maine State Retirement System Who Transfer from Positions Under Special Plans to Positions Not Under Special Plans" (C. "A" S-42)

(S.P. 181) (L.D. 338) Bill "An Act to Clarify Costs Associated with the Purchase of Land by School Administrative Units" (C. "A" S-43)

(H.P. 611) (L.D. 834) Resolve, to Provide for a Commemorative Motor Vehicle License Plate to Celebrate the Bicentennial of Hancock County (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 179) (L.D. 244) Bill "An Act to Amend How Municipalities Designate Court Officers" (C. "A" H-69)

(H.P. 267) (L.D. 379) Bill "An Act to Amend the Small Claims Laws" (C. "A" H-70)

(H.P. 109) (L.D. 146) Bill "An Act to Provide Greater Power to the Maine District Court in Emancipation Proceedings" (C. "A" H-71)

(H.P. 360) (L.D. 491) Bill "An Act to Amend the Litter Laws" (C. "A" H-72)

(H.P. 31) (L.D. 31) Bill "An Act to Amend the Real Estate Licensure Laws" (C. "A" H-73)

(H.P. 471) (L.D. 636) Bill "An Act to Amend the Truck Laws" (C. "A" H-74)

(H.P. 357) (L.D. 477) Bill "An Act to Publicize the Identities of Environmental Law Violators" (C. "A" H-75)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Papers were Passed to be Engrossed or Passed to be Engrossed as Amended in concurrence and the House Papers were Passed to be Engrossed or Passed to be Engrossed as Amended and sent up for concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED
As Amended

Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Franklin County for the Year 1989 (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 872) (L.D. 1215)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading and read the second time.

Representative Tracy of Rome offered House Amendment "A" (H-86) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-86) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and sent up for concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED
As Amended

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Conversion of the Maine State Retirement System Records to an Automated System" (H.P. 394) (L.D. 525) (H. "A" H-68 to C "A" H-64)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, read the second time, Passed to be Engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED
Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend and Unify the Residential Energy Efficiency Building Standards (H.P. 396) (L.D. 527) (H. "A" H-60 and C. "A" H-45)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 125 voted in favor of the same and none against and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED
Emergency Measure**

An Act to Incorporate Certain Bond Statutes into the Recodification of County and Municipal Laws (H.P. 777) (L.D. 1089)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 131 voted in favor of the same and none against and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED

An Act Relating to Credit Services Organizations (H.P. 87) (L.D. 122) (C. "A" H-58)

An Act to Adjust the Metes and Bounds Between the Towns of Osborn, Mariaville and Waltham in Hancock County (H.P. 227) (L.D. 311)

An Act to Expand the Types of Medication Included in the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program (H.P. 229) (L.D. 313) (H. "A" H-61)

An Act to Provide that Certain Interest and Income Earned May Be Credited to the Maine State Retirement System for Administration (H.P. 496) (L.D. 676) (C. "A" H-55)

An Act to Amend the Laws on Interest on Delinquent County Taxes (H.P. 252) (L.D. 364)

An Act to Make Technical Corrections in the Laws Concerning Gasoline Stations (H.P. 567) (L.D. 771) (C. "A" H-54)

An Act Concerning Seafood Market Development (S.P. 140) (L.D. 260) (C. "A" S-34)

An Act to Ensure Coordinated Investigations of Complaints Regarding Special Education (S.P. 117) (L.D. 183) (C. "A" S-36)

An Act to Amend an Act Incorporating the Trustees of Bridgton Academy (H.P. 327) (L.D. 446)

An Act to Make Records of Quasi-judicial Proceedings Confidential (H.P. 561) (L.D. 759) (C. "A" H-57)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

TABLED AND TODAY ASSIGNED

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (9) "Ought Not to Pass" - Minority (4) - "Ought to Pass" - Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on Bill "An Act to Amend the Framework Dates During which the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife May Establish a Deer Hunting Season" (H.P. 364) (L.D. 495)

TABLED - April 18, 1989 by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

PENDING - Acceptance of Either Report.

On motion of Representative Jacques of Waterville, the Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (10) "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-65) - Minority (3) - "Ought Not to Pass" - Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Moose Permits Issued to Residents" (H.P. 197) (L.D. 277)

TABLED - April 18, 1989 by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

PENDING - Acceptance of Either Report.

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, retabled pending acceptance of either report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 20, 1989.

The Chair laid before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (9) "Ought Not to Pass" - Minority (3) - "Ought to Pass" - Committee on State and Local Government on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Requiring Successful Gubernatorial Candidates to Receive More than 50 Percent of the Votes Duly Cast (H.P. 233) (L.D. 317)

TABLED - April 18, 1989 by Representative MAYO of Thomaston.

PENDING - Acceptance of Either Report.

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, retabled pending acceptance of either report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 20, 1989.

The Chair laid before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter:

An Act Relating to the Dig-safe Law (Emergency) (H.P. 432) (L.D. 597) (C. "A" H-37)

TABLED - April 18, 1989 by Representative MAYO of Thomaston.

PENDING - Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Thursday, April 20, 1989.

The Chair laid before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Further Define the Responsibilities of the Maine Milk Commission to Ensure a Supply of Milk to the Consumers of Maine" (H.P. 452) (L.D. 617)

TABLED - April 18, 1989 by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

PENDING - Motion of Representative TARDY of Palmyra to indefinitely postpone House Amendment "A" (H-66) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-59).

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, retabled pending the motion of Representative Tardy of Palmyra to indefinitely postpone House Amendment "A" (H-66) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-59) and specially assigned for Thursday, April 20, 1989.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 56 and Joint Rule 34, the following item:
Recognizing:

(Representative Tony Tamaro, of Woodland, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award given by the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Directors Association for his many years of contributions to high school athletics; (HLS 377) by Representative MOHOLLAND of Princeton. (Cosponsors: Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative TOWNSEND of Eastport, Senator RANDALL of Washington)

Was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Princeton, Representative Moholland.

Representative MOHOLLAND: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would just like to say a few words about my good old buddy, Mr. Tamaro. He claims his age is either 52 or 90, I don't know which one it is, but Tony and I grew up together, refereed together, played baseball together and knocked each other out with the gloves a few times. I just want to say that the award he got last Friday night was more than well-deserved and he is still the best referee in the State of Maine. (applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Jacques.

Representative JACQUES: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: Besides the honor of being elected to the Maine Legislature and representing my people back home, the second biggest honor was getting to meet the people that I have been able to meet in my tenure in the legislature, both outside of these halls in the form of (believe it or not) lobbyists, dedicated bureaucrats and state employees, but for the most part, by the people that I have come to know and love in these halls. Tony Tamaro is one of those people.

I have watched Tony from the time he first came here and how he responds and treats the young people that visit us every day. He makes a point to go out of his way to pay attention to them, to find out about them, and if you ask him about a kid that played ball 25 years ago and that he refereed, chances are, if that person went on, he can tell you where he went to school and probably what he is doing right now and even how many children he has. That is the kind of man he is. That is the kind of interest he shows in young people and, for that alone, above and beyond everything else, I think he truly deserves this honor. The honor is for distinguished service and I think if you look at the word "distinguished" Tony indeed exemplifies everything that that award stands for.

Tony has been to me a person I have come to respect much like Representative Hichborn. I have come to respect them every time I hear them speak and I see them in action because, I believe, they truly exemplify the best of the best of the people we have living in this state.

Tony has always been a gentleman, I have never heard him raise his voice (with very few exceptions) and he doesn't swear. If you listen carefully once in awhile, he will let a word out that sounds a little bit like a swear word but it isn't. I have never heard him say anything off color or out of line. I know how he treats the ladies of the House and that is with the utmost of respect all the time. He may call you "dear" and "sweetheart" but he means nothing derogatory by that, I can assure you. There is no harassment there, it is a true respect, dedication and love for every single one of you.

I am very happy today to join with the House in extending our congratulations to Tony Tamaro. He has been a positive influence on the young people of this state. He has been a positive influence on me

and because of meeting, knowing, and loving a guy like Tony Tamaro, I am a better person today.

Tony, I don't think they could have made a better choice — you truly deserve it and, after 50 years of refereeing, the fact that you are still alive goes to show that you have done one heck of a job.

Last year he said, "I am going to retire. My wife Mum says I am working too hard, I am going to retire." Even in retirement, he officiated at 59 games and a lot of them were across the border. I think Tony Tamaro alone has done more to promote good relations between us and our good neighbor up north than all the money we could spend and all the people we could hire. Congratulations Tony. (applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Jonesboro, Representative Look.

Representative LOOK: Men and Women of the House: I am very happy to have an opportunity to congratulate Tony on these accomplishments. One thing I don't understand is — Tony refereed basketball games when I was one of the players but I've got the gray hair and he hasn't.

Tony, it is a very great honor to know you these many years and it is a great honor to serve with you in this House representing the State of Maine. Good luck to you in your retirement and I know that you will never "really" retire. Tony is a great guy and we in Washington County appreciate him very much. Thank you. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Aliberti.

Representative ALIBERTI: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: In 1942 and 1943, I was initiated in the fraternity of basketball officials. And if you want to know or get some idea of how old Tony is, he and I worked several games while I was in the profession then at Sterns High School in Millinocket, Maine. On behalf of your compadre and the community that we love so much, congratulations Tony. (applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cherryfield, Representative Farren.

Representative FARREN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I want to join with all the rest of the House members in congratulating Tony on his achievement. I won't attempt to state what some of the other people have stated but I would say that I followed Tony around the floor in the refereeing arena and it is a hard act to follow. (applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Norton.

Representative NORTON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I hate to turn my back on one of my truly best friends but Tony, if I am going to speak into this thing (and today it is working), I must do so.

Tony and I go back to the middle 1940's. I was very young at the time. I was doing my traveling and fouling in Washington County in those days in Eastport. They converted me into a catcher. One of the things that was hard for me to do was find a place I could play in the field because I could hit then. I think I can still hit but maybe some of these challenges going around will even bring me back out.

Tony used to buy Wilson mitts, Wilson equipment, and he used to sell me one of those I think at cost or maybe below. I used to break that mitt in each summer. Finally one year he said, "Why don't you bring your mitt, leave Eastport, and come up to Woodland and play ball for me?" I talked it over

with my brother and we both went up, we both played ball in 1955 up there.

I know what Tony has meant to a lot of young people playing ball. I still don't think I fouled that night Tony -- over in Washington Academy nor do I think I traveled in Calais. However, he only called two or three fouls against me and he would always be quick with the words "don't do it." It is a relationship I can't put into words but I know that this award is richly deserved. I just want you to know Tony that I regard you as one of my very best friends and I am tickled to death that you got the recognition you so richly deserve. (applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Baileyville, Representative Tammaro.

Representative TAMMARO: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Well, I have got to say I am deeply honored to know each and every one of you as I do here. I am a friendly fellow and I have gained a lot of friends over the years, I really have. I had the pleasure of refereeing for John McSweeney, Bill O'Gara and Nat Crowley. Nat was the toughest to referee but it has been a pleasure.

Before I go any further, had I known or had an inkling that this was going to take place today, I would have definitely made my wife, broken ankle and all, come here to Augusta. I am not so sure I wouldn't have had the kids all come too. I am deeply honored with this great honor that was bestowed upon me by you people.

When the Maine Athletic Directors called me I said, there are so many other people that really warrant this honor, but I was the one selected. They said I was selected unanimously and I was very, very proud. I am proud of the statements you people have made about me and I am proud to be your friend and I am happy to be here with you. May God Bless each and every one of you. Thank you all very kindly. (applause, the audience rising)

At this point, the Sergeant-at-arms presented the Order to Representative Tammaro.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to extend congratulations as well and wish him the best. I have a feeling that he will still be referring, I agree with Representative Look.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Baileyville, Representative Tammaro.

Representative TAMMARO: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: May I add -- you know I tell my wife every spring but she doesn't believe me now -- I tell her, "this is going to be my last year, this is going to be my last year" but I keep working out the year round and she always says, "Why are you working out, why are you working so hard?" Well, I figure I am going to get one more good year, so I will be back next year, the Good Lord willing.

Subsequently, the Order was passed and sent up for concurrence.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Representative Swazey of Bucksport, Adjourned until Thursday, April 20, 1989, at nine o'clock in the morning.

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Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by Father Renald LaBarre of St. Philip's Catholic Church in Auburn.

FATHER LABARRE: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You alone work great wonders, pour down upon us and upon all those committed to our care, the spirit of Your saving grace, that we may truly please You and grow under the continual grace of Your blessing.

O Lord, may we be the recipients of Your choicest favor as we strive to use the time allocated to us for the growth and welfare of Your people. Look favorably, O Lord, on this day and the prayers we offer, for You are the giver of peace and the lover of charity. May no plan of our leaders ever go astray, nor dream of civic improvement not come to fruition, nor prayer be in vain.

May we be ever faithful in the execution of our duties and responsibilities and be an inspiration in improving the quality of life of our citizenry. Ever-loving Father, stretch forth Your hand and bless us that as one, we may glorify Your name and in justice and peace, build Your kingdom on earth. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Yesterday.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE
Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Financial Disclosure Laws and to Prohibit the Acceptance of Honoraria"
S.P. 437 L.D. 1154

In Senate, April 12, 1989, referred to the Committee on LEGAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ORDERED PRINTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Tabled until Later in Today's Session, pending FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Create a New Crop and Livestock Research and Development Program"

H.P. 869 L.D. 1208

Resolve, to Assess the Needs of the Equine Industry and to Establish a Commission to Study the Creation of a Statewide Horse Council

H.P. 878 L.D. 1221

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

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

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Long-term Care Services"

H.P. 864 L.D. 1203