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Off Record Remarks

In Senate Chamber  
 Thursday  
 March 23, 1989

Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by Second Reader Gridley Barrows of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Auburn.

GRIDLEY BARROWS: Good morning. It is good to be here to support this governing Body.

As you come together today you will be thoughtfully reviewing and enacting laws. Laws which will preserve the rights of your fellow citizens. Laws which will meet the widely differing needs of the several communities in our state. That is not an easy assignment. It is well to watch and pray.

What is prayer? I suggest that it is a decision. A decision to see your work as an opportunity, an opportunity to "love your neighbor as yourself" as Jesus, the master Christian taught. Then it is to quietly listen for divine guidance, guidance which must result in unprejudiced right answers. So, let us now have a moment of silent prayer.

Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Yesterday.

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

S.P. 347

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Monday, March 27, 1989, at 12 o'clock in the afternoon.

Which was READ.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

Which was PASSED.

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

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE  
 Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Department of Corrections to Establish a Solid Waste Recycling Program"

H.P. 603 L.D. 827

Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

In House, March 20, 1989, referred to the Joint Select Committee on CORRECTIONS and ORDERED PRINTED.

In Senate, March 21, 1989, referred to the Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body INSISTED.

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

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of Teacher in the Laws Relating to the Maine State Retirement System" (Emergency)

H.P. 656 L.D. 890

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Penalties against Those Who Intentionally Mislabeled Foods as Natural or Organic"

H.P. 644 L.D. 878

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

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

Bill "An Act to Prevent Improper Delegation of Eminent Domain Powers and Unjust Taking of Property"

H.P. 635 L.D. 869

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Fund the Maine Hospice Council"

H.P. 646 L.D. 880

Bill "An Act to Ensure that the Department of Environmental Protection Receives Adequate Technical Assistance from Natural Resource Review Agencies"

H.P. 649 L.D. 883

Bill "An Act to Increase Staffing of Child Development Workers"

H.P. 650 L.D. 884

Bill "An Act Making Allocations Relating to Federal Block Grants for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1990, and June 30, 1991" (Emergency)

H.P. 657 L.D. 891

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Insurance Laws to Encourage Safety in the Workplace"

H.P. 654 L.D. 888

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Traveling Barbers"

H.P. 639 L.D. 873

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

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

Bill "An Act Concerning the Permitted Uses of Funds Received by Counties as Reimbursement for Housing Certain Prisoners"

H.P. 641 L.D. 875

Comes from the House referred to the Joint Select Committee on CORRECTIONS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Joint Select Committee on CORRECTIONS and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Voluntary Return to Service by Teachers"

H.P. 636 L.D. 870

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

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

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Materials Recovery Facility

H.P. 652 L.D. 886

Bill "An Act to Improve Indoor Air Quality Through Accurate Testing and Effective Reduction of Radon Levels in Buildings"

H.P. 655 L.D. 889

Bill "An Act to Provide for Solid Waste Management"

H.P. 658 L.D. 892

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

Which were referred to the Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Reporting of Alleged Child Abuse"

H.P. 638 L.D. 872

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Human Services to Share Information with Support Teams for Foster Parents"

H.P. 642 L.D. 876

Bill "An Act to Allow Recovery of Costs Incurred in Cooperating with Length-of-stay Reviews, Utilization Reviews and Related Activities by Managed Care Organizations, 3rd Party Payors and Governmental Entities"

H.P. 643 L.D. 877

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Disposal of Fetal Remains"

H.P. 647 L.D. 881

Bill "An Act Concerning The Passamaquoddy Tribal Court"

H.P. 651 L.D. 885

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

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

Bill "An Act to Create a Standard for Respiratory Rescue Personnel Who Are State Employees"

H.P. 645 L.D. 879

Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

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

Resolve, Authorizing Christine R. Tufts, formerly Christine Willey, to Maintain an Action Against the State, York County and Town of Kennebunk

H.P. 648 L.D. 882

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Public Financing of State Elections

H.P. 653 L.D. 887

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

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Legislation of an Emergency Nature Introduced in the 2nd Regular Session or any Special Session"

H.P. 637 L.D. 871

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

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

Bill "An Act to Give Deaf, Hearing Impaired and Speech Impaired Persons the Same Rights of Communication by Telephone as Those Given to Persons Without Such Impairments"

H.P. 640 L.D. 874

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

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

Joint Resolution

The Following Joint Resolution: H.P. 633

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS

OF THE UNITED STATES TO GRANT COMPENSATION TO

ATOMIC VETERANS WITHOUT REGARD TO LATENCY PERIODS  
WE, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the First Regular Session of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature, now assembled, most respectfully present and petition the United States Congress, as follows:

WHEREAS, many Maine Atomic Veterans have died of cancer, leukemia and other radiation-induced illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 100-321 provides compensation to Atomic Veterans for certain illness but invokes a latency period of 40 years for certain cancers and 30 years for certain leukemias; and

WHEREAS, Atomic Veterans who have either been diagnosed as having, or are deceased as a result of, colon cancer or cancer of the parotid gland are denied benefits by Public Law 100-321; and

WHEREAS, colon cancer and cancer of the parotid gland are internationally recognized as being caused by radiation exposure; and

WHEREAS, no concrete scientific evidence of the type that would be supported by application of the Reasonable Man Doctrine exists to substantiate latency periods; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to grant presumptive compensation to Atomic Veterans for cancer of the colon and the parotid gland and to delete latency period

requirements for radiation compensation from the law; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a duly authenticated copy of this Memorial be immediately submitted by the Secretary of State to the Honorable George H.W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of the Congress of the United States, to each Member of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States from this State and to the Governors of the 50 United States.

Comes from the House READ and ADOPTED.  
Which was READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:  
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES  
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
March 21, 1989

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 38 of the 114th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources has had under consideration the nomination of Brian P. Tarbox of Cumberland Center, for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

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

YEAS:	Senators	2
	Representatives	8
NAYS:		0
ABSENT:	3	Sen. Brawn of Knox, Rep. Holt of Bath, Rep. Marsh of Gardiner

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative, and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Brian P. Tarbox of Cumberland Center for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council be confirmed.

Sincerely,

S/Joseph Brannigan	S/James Mitchell
Senate Chair	House Chair

Which was READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Joint Standing Committee on MARINE RESOURCES has recommended the nomination of Brian P. Tarbox of Cumberland Center, for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council, be confirmed.

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151 and with Joint Rule 38 of the 114th Legislature, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays.

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

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

Is the Senate ready for the question?  
The Doorkeepers will secure the Chamber.  
The Secretary will call the Roll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	Senators None
NAYS:	Senators ANDREWS, BERUBE, BOST, BRANNIGAN, BRAWN, BUSTIN, CAHILL, CARPENTER, CLARK, COLLINS,

DILLENBACK, DUTREMBLE, EMERSON,  
ERWIN, ESTES, GAUVREAU, GILL, GOULD,  
HOBBINS, HOLLOWAY, KANY, LUDWIG,  
MATTHEWS, PEARSON, PERKINS, RANDALL,  
THERIAULT, TITCOMB, TWITCHELL,  
WEYMOUTH, WHITMORE, THE PRESIDENT -  
CHARLES P. PRAY

ABSENT: Senators BALDACCI, ESTY, WEBSTER

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being absent, and None being less than two-thirds of the Membership present, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be ACCEPTED and the nomination of Brian P. Tarbox, for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council, was CONFIRMED.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Increase the Aggregate Area Allowed for 5-acre and 10-acre Lots in the Site Location of Development Laws' Subdivision Provisions"  
S.P. 341 L.D. 911

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot (BY REQUEST)  
Which was referred to the Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Nursing Facilities to File Notice of Intent to Withdraw from the Medicaid Program and to Ensure the Continuing Provision of Services to all Residents in the Facility at the Time of Withdrawal"  
S.P. 342 L.D. 912

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland  
Cosponsored by Representative HICKEY of Augusta, Representative MANNING of Portland and Senator GILL of Cumberland  
Resolve, to Provide Certified Nursing Assistant Training at the Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute

S.P. 343 L.D. 913  
Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin  
Cosponsored by Representative LAPOINTE of Auburn, Senator WHITMORE of Androscoggin and Representative HANDY of Lewiston  
Which were referred to the Committee on HUMAN RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Family Allowance under the Unemployment Compensation Law"  
S.P. 344 L.D. 914

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec  
Cosponsored by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec, Representative OLIVER of Portland and Representative McKEEN of Windham  
Bill "An Act to Define the Burden of Proof in Workers' Compensation Claims"

S.P. 345 L.D. 915  
Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec  
Cosponsored by Representative PINEAU of Jay, Representative CLARK of Millinocket and Representative CONLEY of Portland  
Bill "An Act to Reduce Hardship for Injured Workers"

S.P. 346 L.D. 916  
Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin

Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Representative McKEEN of Windham and Representative TRACY of Rome Which were referred to the Committee on LABOR and ORDERED PRINTED.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease  
Senate called to order by the President.

COMMITTEE REPORTS  
House

Ought Not to Pass  
The following Ought Not to Pass Reports shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

The Committee on TRANSPORTATION on Bill "An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Design" H.P. 140 L.D. 192

The Committee on TRANSPORTATION on Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Route 1 in Southern Maine (Emergency) H.P. 169 L.D. 234

Leave to Withdraw

The following Leave to Withdraw Reports shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

The Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act Relating to the Knox County Budget Process" (Emergency) H.P. 214 L.D. 294

The Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act to Amend the Composition of House District 48 and House District 49" H.P. 226 L.D. 310

The Committee on TRANSPORTATION on Bill "An Act to Extend the Season in Which Studded Snow Tires Are Permitted" H.P. 151 L.D. 203

Senate  
Leave to Withdraw

The following Leave to Withdraw Report shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

Senator TITCOMB for the Committee on AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS on Bill "An Act to Allow Certain Former State Employees to be Eligible for State Health Insurance" S.P. 202 L.D. 480

SECOND READERS

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

House As Amended  
Bill "An Act to Clarify the Blueberry Tax Laws" H.P. 79 L.D. 110 (C "A" H-10)

Bill "An Act to Make Additional Allocations from the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1989" (Emergency) H.P. 81 L.D. 112 (C "A" H-12)

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

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

SECOND READERS

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Increase the Membership of the Emergency Enhanced 9-1-1 Telephone Advisory Committee" (Emergency) H.P. 122 L.D. 159 (C "A" H-11)

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

ENACTORS

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

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Name of the Division of Eye Care S.P. 95 L.D. 100

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the State Forest Nursery S.P. 97 L.D. 116 (S "B" S-13)

An Act to Relating to Destroyed Permanent or Seasonal Structures in the Unorganized Territories H.P. 111 L.D. 148 (C "A" H-8)

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline for the Study of Low-level Radioactive Waste in the Town of Greenbush H.P. 195 L.D. 258

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 26 Members of the Senate, with 1 Senator having voted in negative, and 26 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Bill "An Act to Provide for the 1989 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (Emergency) S.P. 336 L.D. 897

Tabled - March 22, 1989, by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Pending - REFERENCE (Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.)

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, referred to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and ORDERED PRINTED.  
Sent down for concurrence.

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

Emergency  
An Act Relating to Municipal Funding H.P. 557 L.D. 755

Tabled - March 22, 1989, by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Pending - ENACTMENT

(In Senate, March 20, 1989, RECONSIDERED ENACTMENT.)

(In House, March 15 1989, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

(In Senate, March 14, 1989, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, in concurrence.)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with No Senators having voted in negative, and 28 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Department of Corrections to Establish a Solid Waste Recycling Program"

H.P. 603 L.D. 827

Tabled - March 23, 1989, by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.)

(In House, March 20, 1989, referred to the Joint Select Committee on CORRECTIONS and ORDERED PRINTED.)

(In Senate, March 21, 1989, referred to the Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.)

(In House, March 22, 1989, that Body INSISTED.)

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, the Senate RECEDED and CONCURRED.

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

Bill "An Act to Prevent Improper Delegation of Eminent Domain Powers and Unjust Taking of Property"

H.P. 635 L.D. 869

Tabled - March 23, 1989, by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.)

(In House, March 22, 1989, referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE and ORDERED PRINTED.)

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY and ORDERED PRINTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

THE PRESIDENT: At this time, the Chair is pleased to interrupt the proceedings in recognition of Agriculture Day. In the rear of the Chamber, note that we have a number of young individuals representing the various activities in Agriculture.

The Chair would like to introduce the following individuals and their escorts:

The Maine State Grange Queen, Tammy Deham, escorted by Senator Emerson of Penobscot.

The Central Maine Egg Queen, Crystal-Lynn Brooks, escorted by Senator Matthews of Kennebec.

The Maine Sea Goddess, Karin Jo Beaster, escorted by Senator Brawn of Knox.

The Maine Potato Queen, Joelle Snider, escorted by Senator Collins of Aroostook.

The Maine Blueberry Queen, Melissa Knutson, escorted by Senator Twitchell of Oxford.

The Maine Farm Bureau Queen, Diane George, escorted by Senator Gould of Waldo.

The Future Farmers of America President, Linwood Winslow, escorted by Senator Kany of Kennebec.

The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins, will escort Joelle Snider, the Maine Potato Queen, to the Rostrum, so that she may address the Senate.

JOELLE SNIDER: Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. All of us would like to thank you for the invitation here and I would like to give a personal thank you for the honor to speak in the Senate today. We, as Agriculture Queens, consider ourselves as salesmen for Maine's agriculture. The reason for this is because no matter where we go or what functions we attend, we are always pushing for Maine sale. A sale which somebody is going to be happy with which has "Maine" on it. For example, right now the society of today is very health conscious and what we are trying to achieve right now, since the State of Maine has always been considered as a very healthy, natural state, is push Maine's products in that way. Saying that when you buy something with the stamp "Maine" on it, you are getting a high quality product which you are going to be satisfied with. It is not only what we are trying to achieve, but what our farmers and producers are trying to achieve. Maine's economy has increased because of Maine's agriculture. For example, blueberries bring in 23.6 million dollars, the fish industry brings in 30 million dollars, Maine potatoes bring in 110 million dollars per year.

Although maybe not all of our products are increasing money wise, the egg industry is becoming very modernized now and even though not all of the industries are increasing in certain ways we are trying our best and we consider ourselves as Maine ambassadors for agriculture. We are trying to push Maine products in any way possible and we hope that we can make a difference. Thank you.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The Following Joint Resolution: H.P. 659  
JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE MAINE FARMER AND MAINE AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, one fifth of our national work force are farmers in the business of food and fiber production for world markets, accounting for 18% of the gross national product; and

WHEREAS, the Maine farmer provides \$400,000,000 in total farm income and is credited with a \$1,000,000,000 contribution to Maine's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Maine agrarian society makes a pivotal contribution to the cultural and social foundations of our rural way of life and in turn to the very heartbeat of America; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundredth Fourteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the First Regular Session,

pause in our deliberations to honor Maine farmers and innovators who have contributed so much to the betterment of our State and to pledge its support and encouragement, and urge the youth of Maine to pursue the growing opportunities for careers in today's technologically advanced agricultural industry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in token of the esteem to which those in this vital field are held.

Comes from the House READ and ADOPTED.

Which was READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act Concerning the Authority of Municipal Officers to Refinance Certain Debts" (Emergency)

H.P. 671 L.D. 919

Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

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

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

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

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency

An Act Concerning the Authority of Municipal Officers to Refinance Certain Debts

H.P. 671 L.D. 919

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

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Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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The ADJOURNMENT ORDER having been returned from the House READ and PASSED, in concurrence, on motion by Senator ESTY of Cumberland, ADJOURNED until Monday, March 27, 1989, at 12:00 in the afternoon.