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OF THE

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OF THE

State Of Maine

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

House of Representatives December 5, 1990 to May 16, 1991

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH MAINE LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION 24th Legislative Day Wednesday, February 27, 1991

The House met according to adjournment and was

called to order by the Speaker.
Prayer by Reverend James O'Brien, South Parish
Congregational Church, Augusta.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 26, 1991, was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

- Bill "An Act to Amend the Revised Maine Securities Act" (S.P. 297) (L.D. 795)
- Bill "An Act Concerning Insurance Cancellation Hearings" (S.P. 304) (L.D. 813)

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

Were referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance in concurrence.

- Bill "An Act Concerning School Psychological Service Providers" (S.P. 293) (L.D. 791)
- Bill "An Act to Encourage the Return of Students to School" (S.P. 294) (L.D. 792)
- Bill "An Act to Improve Special Education Services to State Wards" (S.P. 295) (L.D. 793)
- Bill "An Act Pertaining to School Budgets" (S.P. 306) (L.D. 815)

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

Were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Strategic Petroleum Products Reserve System for the State" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 296) (L.D. 794)

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 Promote Safety in Hunting" (S.P. 307) (L.D. 816)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expedite Repairs of Equipment Needed by Supplemental Security Income Recipients" (S.P. 308) (L.D. 817)

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

referred to the Committee on Human Was Resources in concurrence.

- Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Relating to Gross Sexual Assault" (S.P. 305) (L.D. 814)
- Bill "An Act to Provide an Expedited Process for the Commencement of Paternity Actions" (S.P. 310) (L.D. 819)

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

Were referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Employer Contribution Collection Process under the Employment Security Law" (S.P. 298) (L.D. 796)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Average Weekly Salary of a Seasonal Worker" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 309) (L.D. 818)

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

Were referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Modify the Provision Regarding Compensation for Partial Incapacity under the Workers' Compensation Act" (S.P. 302) (L.D. 811)

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

(The Committee on Reference of Bills had suggested reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.)

Was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Regulate Conflict of Interest within the Maine Science and Technology Commission" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 299) (L.D. 797)

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

(The Committee on Reference of Bills had

suggested reference to the Committee on Education.)

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

Bill "An Act to Allow for a Trailer Transit License" (S.P. 303) (L.D. 812) $\,$

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on ${\bf Transportation}$ and ${\bf Ordered\ Printed.}$

Was referred to the Committee on $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Transportation}}$ in concurrence.

Unanimous Ought Not To Pass

Report of the Committee on **Taxation** reporting **"Ought Not to Pass"** on Bill "An Act Concerning Sales Tax on Camper Bodies and Camper Trailers" (S.P. 61) (L.D. 113)

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act to Require That Income Losses Be Taken into Consideration in Determining Eligibility for the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Program" (S.P. 129) (L.D. 231)

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

Unanimous Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on **Taxation** reporting **"Leave to Withdraw"** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans" (S.P. 29) (L.D. 39)

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Leave to Withdraw" on Bill "An Act to Amend the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans" (S.P. 33) (L.D. 47)

Report of the Committee on **Transportation** reporting **MLeave to Withdraw** on Resolve, to Construct an Additional Exit on Interstate 95 near the Bangor Mall (S.P. 110) (L.D. 207)

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication: (S.P. 311)

115TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 25, 1991

Senator Donald E. Esty, Jr. Rep. Edward A. McHenry

Chairpersons Joint Standing Committee on Labor 115th Legislature Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Chairs:

Please be advised that Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. has nominated Howard Reiche, Jr. of Falmouth, Eben B. Marsh of Denmark, James D. Libby of Gorham for appointments and Jimmy McGregor of Coopers Mills for reappointment as members of the Maine Labor Relations Board.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA Section 968, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Charles P. Pray President of the Senate

S/John L. Martin Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, Read and Referred to the Committee on ${f Labor}$.

Was Read and Referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
PO BOX 4820 DOWNTOWN STATION
PORTLAND, MAINE 04112

February 22, 1991

Dear Speaker Martin:

It is my honor and personal pleasure to transmit to you and each of the other Representatives of the 115th Legislature a copy of the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Judicial Department, pursuant to the provisions of 4 MRSA section 17.10.

Sincerely,

S/Dana R. Baggett State Court Administrator

The Honorable John L. Martin Speaker of the House The State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills 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:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act Concerning the Restraint of Dogs That Pose a Public Risk" (H.P. 604) (L.D. 864) (Presented by Representative NUTTING of Leeds) (Cosponsored by Representative TARDY of Palmyra, Representative LOOK of Jonesboro and Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Promote Health Insurance for Workers in Health Care Facilities and Hospitals" (H.P. 599) (L.D. 859) (Presented by Representative RAND of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative MCKEEN of Windham, Representative MCHENRY of Madawaska and Senator CONLEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Restriction on Investments in Loans Secured by First Mortgages on Real Estate by State-chartered Credit Unions" (H.P. 601) (L.D. 861) (Presented by Representative MAYO of Thomaston) (Cosponsored by Representative ERWIN of Rumford, Representative STEVENS of Sabattus and Senator CONLEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Establish a Competitive Workers' Compensation Fund" (H.P. 616) (L.D. 876) (Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland, Representative MCHENRY of Madawaska and Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act to Amend the Warranty and Disclosure Requirements Applicable to Certain Sellers of Repossessed Vehicles" (H.P. 600) (L.D. 860) (Presented by Representative MAYO of Thomaston) (Cosponsored by Representative STEVENS of Sabattus, Senator CONLEY of Cumberland and Representative ERWIN of Rumford)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Energy and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Develop Integrated, Long-range, Ecologically Sound State Energy and Transportation Policies" (H.P. 606) (L.D. 866) (Presented by Representative SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Representative HEESCHEN of Wilton,

Representative MARSH of West Gardiner and Representative MITCHELL of Freeport)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Definition of Subdivision in the Site Location of Development Laws" (H.P. 609) (L.D. 869) (Presented by Representative LORD of Waterboro) (Cosponsored by Representative CASHMAN of Old Town and Representative GOULD of Greenville)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act Regarding Deer Hunting" (H.P. 608) (L.D. 868) (Presented by Representative BENNETT of Norway) (Cosponsored by Representative GARLAND of Bangor)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Housing Authorities Act and the Affordable Housing Partnership Act of 1989" (H.P. 612) (L.D. 872) (Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Representative LEBOWITZ of Bangor, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representative SALISBURY of Ellsworth)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Human Resources

Bill "An Act to Increase Availability of Family Preservation Services to Vulnerable Families" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 610) (L.D. 870) (Presented by Representative CATHCART of Orono) (Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Brunswick, Representative RYDELL of Brunswick and Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Establish Coordination Services for People Who have Sustained Traumatic Brain Injury" (H.P. 613) (L.D. 873) (Presented by Representative CARROLL of Gray) (Cosponsored by Representative PINES of Limestone, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

<u>Judiciary</u>

Bill "An Act Concerning the Judicial Review of Children in Custody of the Department of Human Services" (H.P. 614) (L.D. 874) (Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn) (Cosponsored by

Representative CATHCART of Orono, Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and Representative ANTHONY of South Portland)

(The Committee on Reference of Bills had suggested the Committee on **Human Resources**.)

On motion of Representative Manning of Portland, was referred to the Committee on **Judiciary**, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Prelitigation Screening Panels" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 605) (L.D. 865) (Presented by Representative MacBRIDE of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Augusta, Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin and Representative RICHARDS of Hampden)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act Relating to Notice of Injury for Purposes of Workers' Compensation and Occupational Disease Claims" (H.P. 611) (L.D. 871) (Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket) (Cosponsored by Representative McHENRY of Madawaska, Representative TRACY of Rome and Senator CONLEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Striking Workers from Being Permanently Replaced by Strikebreakers" (H.P. 615) (L.D. 875) (Presented by Representative LUTHER of Mexico) (Cosponsored by Representative PINEAU of Jay, Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Senator MILLS of Oxford, Representative CLARK of Millinocket and Representative MCHENRY of Madawaska)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Require Interest on Tenant Security Deposits and to Provide Funds for Affordable Housing" (H.P. 607) (L.D. 867) (Presented by Representative NADEAU of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representative LAWRENCE of Kittery, Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Encourage the Development of Air Transportation Service to Small Communities" (H.P. 602) (L.D. 862) (Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook,

Representative PARADIS of Frenchville and Representative McHENRY of Madawaska)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Members of the Maine Turnpike Authority" (H.P. 603) (L.D. 863) (Presented by Representative GURNEY of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Oxford and Representative JACQUES of Waterville)

Ordered Printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Unanimous Ought Not to Pass

Representative BOUTILIER from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act to Reduce Roadway Debris Hazards" (H.P. 31) (L.D. 41) reporting "Ought Not to Pass"

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

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary

Representative MITCHELL from the Committee on Banking and Insurance on Bill "An Act Concerning Consent to Dental Care" (H.P. 60) (L.D. 88) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Report was read and accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on **Judiciary** and sent up for concurrence.

(At Ease)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 301)

JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING DAVID S. SILSBY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM STATE SERVICE

WHEREAS, David Shorey Silsby will retire on February 28, 1991 after more than a quarter century of service to the people of Maine and to this Legislature; and

WHEREAS, David Silsby has given this institution the benefit of his wisdom, grace and unfailing courtesy in 23 years of dedicated service as Revisor of Statutes and Director of Legislative Research and in 3 years of exceptional work as Director of the State House and Capitol Park Commission and as a member of the Supreme Judicial Court Plan and Design Commission and the Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, he has been a friend and trusted colleague through all the tempests and calms of legislative life and we have always enjoyed the pleasure of his company here in his beloved State House; and

WHEREAS, he most recently provided us with his expertise and advice as a member of the Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan and the initial recommendations of that committee are due in no small part to David's vision of this historic edifice and the surrounding Capitol Area as a civic and cultural center for Maine's citizens: and

WHEREAS, David's work has created a new awareness of one of the crowning jewels of this State's emerald necklace, Capitol Park, and he has led us to recognize the potential of this park and the importance of rehabilitating and maintaining this inheritance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to recognize David Silsby on the occasion of his retirement from State Government; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to David S. Silsby as a token of our appreciation and respect and in recognition of his singular efforts and contributions to this Legislature, to the laws of the State of Maine and to the preservation and enhancement of the State House and its environs.

Came from the Senate, read and adopted.

Was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Gwadosky.

Representative GWADOSKY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I can't think of a more appropriate way to honor David Silsby — those of us who have known David Silsby for a number of years and, for most of us, that includes anyone who has been around here — obviously, David has been here as long as most of us have been here.

I'm taken back by the words in the Resolution that indicated that "David Silsby has given this institution the benefit of his wisdom, grace and unfailing courtesy." When you think of the 23 years that he served us as the Revisor of Statutes and, in the last three years, as the Director of the State House and Capitol Park Commission, particularly at a time when finances are tight and it is very difficult to spend money on Capitol buildings and Capitol

grounds, David has just been a shining star, I think, in his interest, his expertise, his background, his ability to develop a new sense of awareness on the importance of our Capitol and what the Capitol can mean to our state.

He will forever leave his mark on us all and on the State of Maine for his accomplishments in that area. I know it is not the end of David, I know he is going to be around and we are still trying to lure him back to do some additional work for us, particularly in the area of the Capitol area planning and the Master Plan and I hope that we will be able to do that successfully. We need his expertise.

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While this is a good-bye of sorts from his official capacity, my hope is that we will be able to benefit from David for years to come in some other capacities. His dedicated service as a public servant has just been absolute. Beyond that, I can't think of anybody I have enjoyed knowing more. He always has had a friendly smile, was always willing to spend time and talk about things. He always knew about everyone's family, I never quite knew how he knew that stuff, but he is just an absolute gentleman and somebody who will be greatly missed and it is certainly fitting of our support for this Resolution.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waldo. Representative Whitcomb.

Representative WHITCOMB: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: It seems to me that the gentleman that we are honoring this morning (and who is standing at the rear of the House) is an outstanding combination of both creative talent and public service. In the minds of many of us who have worked with David down through the years, he is perhaps the model of a public servant.

David's creative talent is expressed in many ways. When he served in the capacity as Revisor of Statutes, it was he who crafted these sorts of Resolutions for all of us. He did it with flair and with honest sincerity. I think those of us who have attempted to write things at times envy the ability that David has with words

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I remember full-well David sitting down there with his half worn off pencil scribbling away revisions to the statutes. In a moment while we were idly talking, he would be doing a line sketch of his next creation.

Another example of David's creativity is his artistic contributions. I am not sure how many of you have seen some of David's paintings, they are in various offices in this building and other buildings, but they are cherished items. They most frequently are of this building and of the grounds around this building. I remember the former Representative who had this position had a painting that he cherished of the old Augusta House, something David did perhaps from memory, a landmark of this city.

I guess it has always amazed me that David continued to express these talents at times even when it caused him some pain to use his hands. David's creativity matches his sense of fairness. I don't think there is a person who has worked with him who wouldn't argue that he has helped all of us (of both political parties) to put our thoughts on paper in terms of what we were trying to do for the various needs of our constituents. There never was a question that David used each one of us as individuals, no matter what our perspective.

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David's first thoughts have always been toward others, the people of Maine and the people who will

view his paintings.

Again, I think that it is appropriate that we honor David at this time and recognize that his influence is all around us. The cover of our Register this year is one of David's many outstanding photographs, again of this institution. This photograph looks out over Capitol Park and across the river encompassing the area that David's vision is trying to put together a plan for the future use of this area, long after all of us are gone.

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Today, we pause briefly to say "Thank you David" and to recognize your contributions thus far, to anticipate your continued effort on our behalf and on behalf of the people of Maine, to wish you well but certainly not wish that you leave us. Thank you

David.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eliot, Representative Hichens.

Representative HICHENS: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I probably have known David Silsby longer than anyone else outside of the Speaker, having come into this House back in 1967. One of my first experiences was to go down to the Legislative Research Office and meet Sam Slosberg, who would in turn, turn me over to Dave Silsby, his assistant. I have a lot of memories in those 24 years, many pleasant memories of, not only the service which Dave rendered to me as Revisor of Statutes, but also as a close friend.

When I walked over to the Senate this morning to hear the Resolution read there, I sat beside him and he nudged me and said, "I'm glad you are not up there to say anything." He didn't realize that he was going to be brought over here so I would have that

opportunity.

Many things have been mentioned already and I am not going to relate them again but Dave was one of those who was taken in, somehow, by some of my trait verse which I used to write over in the Senate honoring many of the Senators' birthdays or other occasions. He just told me this morning that he has those stored away some place, I don't know why, but he has them and reads them once in awhile. It didn't give me much time this morning to come up with anything and maybe later before they have a regular reception for him, or whatever they plan, I may come up with something better but I would like to share these few lines with you this morning dedicated to Dave Silsby. "God gives us friends along life's way to help make it worth living and among our many blessings, we give Him thanks for giving friends who have come into our lives and left distinct impressions that mold our way of thinking without thought of regressions; friends who with inspiring words can leave us with a feeling, that here is one who really cares and with new hope revealing, one who with a friendly smile can send your thoughts a soaring; and in times of disappointment have ways of restoring new hope within and send you on your way to new ambitions, to conquer every thought of doubt with a new found attrition. So as you retire here today, we wish God's richest blessings on you our friend

Dave Silsby, in every way progressing."

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lisbon, Representative Jalbert.

Representative JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemem of the House: I met David over 25 years ago, the first day he came to work for the state. The first impression I got was that he was one heck of a great gentleman. He is tops in my book.

It just reminded me of the first job that we were given together and that was to go to Aroostook County because the state was buying property for I-95 up in Smyrna Mills. When we got to Houlton, we found out there were some bees missing so they sent David down to Smyrna Mills to see if they could get them from the people. He came back and said, "My gosh, they are keeping the bees in a jar in the backyard." He took it very philosophically.

He is a good, determined worker. I consider it

quite an honor to have known David.

The SPEAKER: I would like to take a moment to add a couple of words in recognition of David. A couple of people who are still in this body might remember Sam Slosberg, who retired about 15 or so years ago now, — Dave got his training under Sam. Some of you might still see Sam around the city of Augusta from time to time, happily retired, but Sam is one of those individuals who liked to delegate work and the person who got all the work was the man behind the glass. There were only two lawyers in that office at that time and when I came here, as I remember, there were four secretaries beyond that.

The bill drafting was all done by the lobbyists so if you wanted a bill drafted, you went to the lobby, an attorney, and then you brought it in to Sam and Sam gave it to the guy in the back who ended up doing the work in terms of the final drafting. So very few, maybe about 8 people, remember what it was like prior to the legislative staffing we have now.

Dave came through the transition when we started adding the staff in 1972 and then eventually changed to a Legislative Council structure in 1974. At that point, five votes were controlled by the Republicans and five votes were controlled by the Democrats because the Senate was controlled by the other party. Everything had to be done very well in order to get through this process, especially with the new so-called Legislative Council structure. As we moved ahead and as the number of pieces of legislation increased, I am not sure how he was able to handle some of you, quite frankly, in terms of the demands that you imposed upon the office, as well as some of the emotions that all of us go through in terms of a legislative session — also the late nights and hours. In terms of dedicated state employees, I think

In terms of dedicated state employees, I think David certainly stands at the top of the list of what a state employee ought to be and as a legislative

employee as well.

The second part of my comment deals (as was pointed out by the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Gwadosky) with the Capitol Commission and I will always remember the day that he convinced me, less than a year ago, to go to the Augusta City Council to talk about Capitol Park. If you think that that was a pleasant experience for someone from the legislative structure, where some people really feel that the Capitol ought not to be where it is and where they feel that the Capitol is abusing them, is taking advantage of their city, etcetera, — then you should have been there that night. Dave said to me, "Here's the mike", so it was my role to represent the legislature and Dave on the question of the park down below us. Both the public and the City Council were very nice to us. The Council was extremely receptive to protecting the Capitol Park for the future of this state and for the future of this city. Dave, I think, certainly deserves the credit for having made the issue in this city and for this state (Capitol Park) as something which has a long history and, if

you don't know it, you ought to find the time sometime to find Dave and get him to tell you about it because it would be well worth the few minutes

that you would spend.

On behalf of myself and all of you who have not spoken, I do congratulate him for the work that he has done for the state and for the legislative structure as well as for the city of Augusta. He is not leaving us, he will continue as the Director of the Commission but he is leaving us as a legislative employee per se. I guess tomorrow is his final day, the 28th of February, and so we really wish him well.

At this point, David Silsby was escorted to the rostrum, amid prolonged applause, the members rising.

Subsequently, was adopted in concurrence.

(At Ease to Gong)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Representative Cote of Auburn, Adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until Thursday, February 28, 1991, at ten o'clock in the morning.