

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**

OF THE

**One Hundred And Sixteenth Legislature**

OF THE

**State Of Maine**

**VOLUME III**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**Senate**

December 2, 1992 to May 18, 1993

STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

In Senate Chamber  
Wednesday  
February 10, 1993

Senate called to Order by the President, Dennis L. Dutremble of York.

There is a true yearning to respond to  
The singing River and the wise Rock.  
So say the Asian, the Hispanic, the Jew,  
The African and Native American, the Sioux,  
The Catholic, the Muslim, the French, the Greek,  
The Irish, the Rabbi, the Priest, the Sheik,  
The Gay, the Straight, the Preacher,  
The privileged, the homeless, the Teacher.  
They hear. They all hear  
The speaking of the Tree.

They hear the first and last of every Tree  
Speak to humankind today. Come to me, here beside  
the River.  
Plant yourself beside me, here beside the River.

Amen.

Prayer by the Honorable Dale McCormick of Kennebec.

**SENATOR DALE MCCORMICK:** Thank you. Today I will read as the prayer half of Maya Angelou's poem and tomorrow I will read the other half.

A Rock, A River, A Tree  
Hosts to species long since departed,  
Marked the mastodon.  
The dinosaur, who left dry tokens  
Of their sojourn here  
On our planet floor,  
Any broad alarm of their hastening doom  
Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages.

But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly,  
forcefully,  
Come, you may stand upon my  
Back and face your distant destiny,  
But seek no haven in my shadow.  
I will give you no more hiding place down here.

You, created only a little lower than  
The angels, have crouched too long in  
The bruising darkness,  
Have lain too long  
Face down in ignorance.  
Your mouths spilling words

Armed for slaughter.  
The Rock cries out today, you may stand on me,  
But do not hide your face.

Across the wall of the world,  
A River sings a beautiful song,  
It says, come, rest here by my side.

Each of you a bordered country,  
Delicate and strangely made proud,  
Yet thrusting perpetually under seige.  
Your armed struggles for profit  
Have left collars of waste upon  
My shore, currents of debris upon my breast.  
Yet, today I call you to my riverside,  
If you will study war no more. Come,  
Clad in peace and I will sing the songs  
The Creator gave to me when I and the  
Tree and the stone were one.  
Before cynicism was a bloody sear across your  
Brow and when you yet knew you still  
Knew nothing.  
The River sings and sings on.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 9, 1993.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

February 9, 1993

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
State House Station #3  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Please be advised that I have made the following appointments:

Education Commission of the States; Pursuant to  
M.R.S.A. 20-A, Section 603:  
Sen. John J. O'Dea of Penobscot

Commission on Interstate Cooperation; Pursuant to  
M.R.S.A. 3, Section 201:  
Sen. Georgette B. Berube of Androscoggin  
(reappointed)  
Sen. Dennis L. Dutremble of York  
Sen. Pamela L. Cahill of Sagadahoc  
Sen. Mark W. Lawrence of York.

New England and Eastern Canada Legislative  
Commission; Pursuant to M.R.S.A. 3, Section 227:  
Sen. Georgette B. Berube of Androscoggin  
(reappointed)  
Sen. Dennis L. Dutremble of York (reappointed)  
Sen. Judy A. Paradis of Aroostook.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Sincerely,

S/Dennis L. Dutremble  
President of the Senate

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Off Record Remarks  
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Which was **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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**SECOND READERS**

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

**House**

Bill "An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the South Berwick Sewer District" (Emergency)  
H.P. 8 L.D. 15

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

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**Senate**

Bill "An Act to Legalize Blue-dot Taillights"  
S.P. 18 L.D. 8

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

Bill "An Act Related to the Restoration of Drivers' Licenses"  
H.P. 305 L.D. 393

Tabled - February 9, 1993, by Senator **ESTY** of Cumberland.

**PENDING - REFERENCE**

(In House, February 9, 1993, referred to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.)

Which was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.