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

In Senate Chamber Tuesday January 11, 1994

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

Prayer by Reverend David Sparks of the First Church of the Nazarene in Augusta.

mighty God you have given us this great State as our heritage. We humbly pray that we might always remember your generosity and faithfully do your will. Bless our State and our leaders with your gracious presence. Give them courage to face the truth, prudence to make sound judgments and the willingness to work for a strong State. Lead them to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Help them to appreciate the opportunities that are theirs, and to bring harmony, mercy, security and worthwhile change for the good of all of the people. Guide them, Father, by your providence and grant wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. May we ever be mindful of our calling to serve. The Good Master said, "You are the light of the world, now in all your deliberations, actions and reactions, may the light of the love and the mercy of God be seen." Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 6, 1994.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Redefine the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council"

H.P. 1227 L.D. 1646

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on ${\bf EDUCATION}$ and ${\bf ORDERED\ PRINTED.}$

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

Resolve, to Simplify the Schedule of Fees for Licenses Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

H.P. 1224 L.D. 1643

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on FISHERIES & WILDLIFE and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on FISHERIES & WILDLIFE and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Application of Nursing Facility Admissions Criteria" (Emergency) H.P. 1230 L.D. 1650

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on ${\bf HUMAN\ RESOURCES}$ and ${\bf ORDERED\ PRINTED.}$

On motion by Senator **ESTY** of Cumberland, referred to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Support for a Transitional Living Program in Cumberland County" (Emergency)

H.P. 1225 L.D. 1644

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS & FINANCIAL AFFAIRS suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on $\mbox{\bf HUMAN RESOURCES.}$

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

Bill "An Act to Have Mandatory HIV Testing for Assailants of Law Enforcement Officers"

H.P. 1228 L.D. 1647

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

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

H.P. 1226 L.D. 1645

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

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

Bill "An Act to Establish a Financial Assistance Program for Utilities Burdened as a Result of State Highway Construction"

H.P. 1223 L.D. 1642

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

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

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

MARGARET CHASE SMITH CENTER UNIVERSITY OF MAINE 5715 COBURN HALL ORONO, ME 04469-5715

The Honorable Dennis L. Dutremble President of the Senate State House Station #3 Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Dutremble:

In accordance with 1967 Public Law, Chapter 493, I am pleased to enclose copies of the report for the 1993 Maine State Government Internship Program.

The 1993 Internship Program placed twenty-seven Maine College Students in six State Agencies for a 12-week paid work experience. Evaluations from both Interns and Supervisors again affirmed the value of this experience for both students and State Government.

We are pleased to be associated with the Program and would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

S/Steven Ballard Director Which was **READ** and with Accompanying Papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT STATE HOUSE STATION 66 AUGUSTA, ME 04333

January 5, 1994

Senator Dennis L. Dutremble President of the Senate State House Station #3 Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Dutremble:

I submit herewith the Eighty-Fifth Annual Report of the State Auditor as required by Title 5, Section 244 of the Maine Revised Statutes.

I would like to express my special appreciation to the managers and staff of the Department of Audit for their continued support of quality audits and to the officials and employees of the various state departments, courts, counties and municipalities for their cooperation with this department.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Rodney L. Scribner, CPA State Auditor

Which was **READ** and with Accompanying Papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

SENATE PAPERS

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Schedule for Paying Off the Unfunded Liability of the Maine State Retirement System

S.P. 607 L.D. 1705

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec Cosponsored by Senators: MCCORMICK of Kennebec, TITCOMB of Cumberland, Representatives: CARROLL of Gray, DAGGETT of Augusta Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Which was referred to the Committee on AGING, RETIREMENT & VETERANS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote Flexibility in Health Care Delivery Systems" S.P. 592 L.D. 1651

Presented by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland Cosponsored by Senator: **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, Representatives: CARLETON of Wells, ERWIN of Rumford, GWADOSKY of Fairfield, KUTASI of Bridgton, PINEAU of Jay Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Payment of Medical Expenses in Controverted Workers' Compensation Cases" S.P. 605 L.D. 1703

Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec Cosponsored by Senator: **CONLEY** of Cumberland, Representatives: CHASE of China, DAGGETT of Augusta, MELENDY of Rockland, PINEAU of Jay, TRACY of Rome Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Bill "An Act to Protect Consumers in Loan Broker Transactions"

S.P. 610 L.D. 1708

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of York Cosponsored by Senator: **BRANNIGAN** of Cumberland, Representatives: CARLETON of Wells, REED of Falmouth Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Which were referred to the Committee on BANKING & INSURANCE and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Petroleum Market Share Act"

S.P. 596 L.D. 1655

Presented by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Agency Relationships in Real Estate Transactions" S.P. 616 L.D. 1714

Presented by Senator **CARPENTER** of York Cosponsored by Senator: SUPMERS of Cumberland, Representative: LIBBY of Kennebunk Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Which were referred to the Committee on BUSINESS LEGISLATION and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Method for Calculating Inmate Good Time" S.P. 597 L.D. 1656

Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec Cosponsored by Senator: **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, Representative: CLUKEY of Houlton Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Bill "An Act to Revise the Execution of Certain Mandatory Consecutive Sentences"

S.P. 608 L.D. 1706

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Which were referred to the Joint Select Committee on CORRECTIONS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Maine State Prison and the Maine Correctional Institution - Warren to Combine Accounts"

S.P. 593 L.D. 1652

Presented by Senator FOSTER of Hancock Cosponsored by Representative: **CROSS** of Dover-Foxcroft Submitted by the Department Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Joint Select Committee on CORRECTIONS suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

On motion by Senator **ESTY** of Cumberland, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending REFERENCE.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Maine School Building Authority" S.P. 600 L.D. 1698

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland Cosponsored by Senator: KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representative: PFEIFFER of Brunswick Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Debt Service Limit for Fiscal Year 1997 and Fiscal Year 1998" S.P. 601 L.D. 1699

Presented by Senator **AMERO** of Cumberland Cosponsored by Senator: **O'DEA** of Penobscot, Representatives: FOSS of Yarmouth, MITCHELL of Vassalboro Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Implementation of the Provisions of the Higher Education Act of $1965\,$ as Amended" (Emergency)

S.P. 606 L.D. 1704

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland Cosponsored by Senator: O'DEA of Penobscot, Representatives: PINETTE of Fort Kent, SMALL of Bath, STEVENS of Orono Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Which were referred to the Committee on EDUCATION and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Stage II Vapor Recovery" (Emergency)

S.P. 595 L.D. 1654

Presented by Senator **CIANCHETTE** of Somerset Cosponsored by Senator: **LUDWIG** of Aroostook, Representatives: GOULD of Greenville, JACQUES of Waterville, LORD of Waterboro, REED of Dexter Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Which was referred to the Committee on ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Probate Code with Respect to Powers of Fiduciaries"

S.P. 598 L.D. 1657

Presented by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland Cosponsored by Representative: COTE of Auburn Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Bill "An Act to Maintain Confidentiality of Certain Information Received by the Board Counseling Professionals Licensure and the State Board of Substance Abuse Counselors"

S.P. 602 L.D. 1700

Presented by Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook Cosponsored by Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BERUBE of Androscoggin, CARPENTER of York, CONLEY of Cumberland, HALL of Piscataquis, HANLEY of Oxford, Representatives: CLUKEY of Houlton, COTE of Auburn, GOULD of Greenville Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

"An Act to Provide Better Information Concerning Tort Reform"

S.P. 609 L.D. 1707

Presented by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland Cosponsored by Representatives: COTE of Auburn, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Assignment of Hotel Revenues as Rent under Maine Law"

S.P. 611 L.D. 1709

Presented by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Maine Corporate Laws" S.P. 615 L.D. 1713

Presented by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland Cosponsored by Representatives: Jonesboro, ROWE of Portland Submitted by the Department of the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Which were referred to the Committee JUDICIARY and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Private Security Guards Act"

S.P. 599 L.D. 1658

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis Cosponsored by Representatives: BOWERS of Washington, CLUKEY of Houlton, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, STEVENS of Sabattus
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Bill "An Act to Simplify the State's Liquor Tax" S.P. 612 L.D. 1710

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Liquor Licensing Authority"

S.P. 614 L.D. 1712

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis Cosponsored by Senator: SUMBERS of Cumberland, Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, STEVENS of Sabattus, TRUE of Fryeburg Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Assess Excise Tax on a Pro Rata Basis on Automobiles Utilized for Rental" S.P. 603 L.D. 1701

Presented by Senator **CAHILL** of Sagadahoc Cosponsored by Senator: **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, Representative: SIMONEAU of Thomaston Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Bill "An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 1993 With the United States Internal Revenue Code" (Emergency)

S.P. 604 L.D. 1702

Presented by Senator **SUPPLERS** of Cumberland Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Bill "An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws" (Emergency)

S.P. 613 L.D. 1711

Presented by Senator **SUPPERS** of Cumberland Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Which were referred to the Committee on TAXATION and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enable the Use of Former Exit 5 on the Maine Turnpike for Access to an Adjacent Liquor Store and Hotel and Conference Center Facility" S.P. 594 L.D. 1653

Presented by President **DUTREMBLE** of York Cosponsored by Senator **SUMERS** of Cumberland, Representative NADEAU of Saco and Representatives: KERR of Old Orchard Beach, PENDLETON of Scarborough Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Which was referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE

January 10, 1994

The Honorable Dennis L. Dutremble President of the Senate of Maine 116th Maine Legislature 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 116th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources has had under consideration the nomination of Sue W. Davenport of Marstons Mills, MA, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

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: Sen. 2 Paradis of Aroostook, Harriman of Cumberland

> Treat of Gardiner, Gean of Rep. 10 Alfred, Beam of Lewiston, Brennan of Portland. Fitzpatrick of Durham, Johnson of South Portland, Townsend of Portland, Pendleton Scarborough, of Pendexter of Scarborough, Bruno of Raymond

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Sen. Baldacci of Penobscot

Twelve 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 Sue W. Davenport of Marstons Mills, MA, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation be confirmed.

Signed:

S/Judy A. Paradis Senate Chair S/Sharon Anglin Treat House Chair

Which was READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources has recommended the nomination of Sue W. Davenport of Marstons Mills, MA be confirmed.

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151 and with Joint Rule 38 of the 116th 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 AMERO, BALDACCI, BEGLEY, BERUBE, BRANNIGAN, BUSTIN, BUTLAND, CAHILL, CARPENTER, CIANCHETTE, CLEVELAND, ESTY, GOULD, HALL, HANDY, HANLEY, HARRIMAN, KIEFFER, LAWRENCE, LUDWIG, LUTHER, MARDEN, MCCORMICK, O'DEA, PARADIS, PEARSON, PINGREE, SUMMERS, TITCOMB, VOSE, THE PRESIDENT — DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE

ABSENT: Senators CAREY, CONLEY, FOSTER, WEBSTER

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 Sue W. Davenport, was CONFIRMED.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

Senator **CARPENTER** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator ${f MCCORMICK}$ of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator $\pmb{\mathsf{ESTY}}$ of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator ${\it MARDEN}$ of Kennebec, ${\it ADJOURNED}$ until Thursday, January 13, 1994, at 4:00 in the afternoon.