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OF THE
One Hundred And Seventeenth Legislature
OF THE
State Of Maine

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

House of Representatives
December 7, 1994 to May 23, 1995

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MAINE LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
4th Legislative Day
Thursday, January 5, 1995

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

Prayer by Reverend John William Zehring, South Parish Congregational Church, Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

COMMUNICATION (H.C. 17)

STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State

January 4, 1995

To the Speaker of the House in the One Hundred and Seventeenth Legislature:

I, BILL DIAMOND, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for Governor at the General Election held on the eighth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that Angus King, having received a plurality of the votes cast, appears to have been elected Governor of the State of Maine:

GENERAL ELECTION - November 8, 1994

GOVERNOR

COUNTY	BRENNAN, JOSEPH E., Portland Democrat	CARTER, JONATHAN K., Lexington Township Independent Maine Greens
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ANDROSCOGGIN	14232	35.4%	1739	4.3%
AROOSTOOK	10020	34.4%	861	3.0%
CUMBERLAND	39229	36.1%	7606	7.0%
FRANKLIN	4204	33.7%	979	7.8%
HANCOCK	5073	22.7%	2328	10.4%
KENNEBEC	18882	38.6%	2955	6.0%
KNOX	4027	25.1%	1460	9.1%
LINCOLN	4167	26.7%	1282	8.2%
OXFORD	7857	36.2%	1327	6.1%
PENOBSCOT	17403	29.4%	3618	6.1%
PISCATAQUIS	2206	28.9%	514	6.7%
SAGadahOC	4208	29.3%	1002	7.0%
SOMERSET	7023	36.4%	1411	7.3%
WALDO	3557	24.8%	1576	11.0%
WASHINGTON	3840	29.6%	721	5.6%
YORK	27023	39.5%	3316	4.8%
TOTAL:	172951	33.8%	32695	6.4%

COUNTY	COLLINS, SUSAN M., Standish Republican	KING, ANGUS, Brunswick Independent for Maine
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ANDROSCOGGIN	5426	13.5%	18265	45.4%
AROOSTOOK	10669	36.6%	7155	24.5%
CUMBERLAND	19469	17.9%	41139	37.9%
FRANKLIN	2039	16.3%	5163	41.4%
HANCOCK	8246	36.9%	6514	29.1%
KENNEBEC	8441	17.3%	18087	37.0%
KNOX	4122	25.7%	6152	38.4%
LINCOLN	3428	22.0%	6477	41.5%
OXFORD	4137	19.1%	8138	37.5%
PENOBSCOT	19905	33.6%	16955	28.7%
PISCATAQUIS	2649	34.7%	2131	27.9%

SAGadahOC	2244	15.6%	6710	46.7%
SOMERSET	4085	21.2%	6487	33.7%
WALDO	4279	29.9%	4720	32.9%
WASHINGTON	4742	36.5%	3427	26.4%
YORK	14109	20.6%	23309	34.0%
TOTAL:	117990	23.1%	180829	35.4%

COUNTY	FINKS, MARK S., Falmouth (Write-in)	OTHER
ANDROSCOGGIN	532	1.3%
AROOSTOOK	445	1.5%
CUMBERLAND	1182	1.1%
FRANKLIN	90	0.7%
HANCOCK	191	0.9%
KENNEBEC	522	1.1%
KNOX	270	1.7%
LINCOLN	240	1.5%
OXFORD	237	1.1%
PENOBSCOT	1199	2.0%
PISCATAQUIS	105	1.4%
SAGadahOC	189	1.3%
SOMERSET	259	1.3%
WALDO	192	1.3%
WASHINGTON	257	2.0%
YORK	666	1.0%
TOTAL:	6576	1.3%

I, BILL DIAMOND, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for Governor at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns and plantations of the State.

S/BILL DIAMOND

Secretary of State

Was read and ordered placed on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, has preference in the Orders of the Day and continues with such preference until disposed of as provided by Rule 24.

JOINT ORDER - Relative to the Joint Rules of the 117th Legislature (H.P. 6)

- In House, Read on December 7, 1994.

TABLED - January 4, 1995 (Till Later Today) by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

PENDING - Passage.

On motion of Representative JACQUES of Waterville, tabled pending passage and later today assigned.

At this point, a message came from the Senate, borne by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held at 6:30 o'clock in the evening at the Augusta Civic Center for the purpose of administering to the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., Governor-elect, the oath required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 11)
ORDERED, the House concurring, that the returns of votes for the Governor, given in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for political years 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998, be referred to a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.
Came from the Senate, read and passed.
Was read and passed in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 12)
ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider the Governor's Message and report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees.
Came from the Senate, read and passed.
Was read and passed in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 13)
ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 10, 1995, at 10 o'clock in the morning.
Came from the Senate, read and passed.
Was read and passed in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 14)
ORDERED, the House concurring, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Honorable Angus S. King, Jr., and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the political years 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998.
Came from the Senate, read and passed.
Was read and passed in concurrence.

At this point the Speaker appointed the following members to the Joint Select Committee on the Gubernatorial Vote on the part of the House:
Representative JOSEPH of Waterville
Representative O'GARA of Westbrook
Representative HATCH of Skowhegan
Representative CHARTRAND of Rockland
Representative LOOK of Jonesboro
Representative AIKMAN of Poland
Representative CAMERON of Rumford
Representative CAMPBELL of Holden

The Speaker also appointed to the Joint Select Committee to consider the Governor's message and report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees the following members on the part of the House:
Representative CLOUTIER of South Portland
Representative KEANE of Old Town
Representative LEMAIRE of Lewiston
Representative MITCHELL of Portland
Representative MURPHY of Berwick
Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle
Representative LINDAHL of Northport
Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro

At this point the Speaker appointed to the Committee to wait upon the Honorable ANGUS S. KING,

JR., and inform him he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the political years 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998, the following members on the part of the House:

Representative DORE of Auburn
Representative POULIOT of Lewiston
Representative ROTONDI of Madison
Representative TYLER of Windham
Representative STROUT of Corinth
Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro
Representative GIERINGER of Portland
Representative YACKOBITZ of Hermon

Thereupon, the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention to be held at 6:30 o'clock in the evening and the Speaker appointed Representative JACQUES of Waterville to convey this message to the Senate.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Communication: (H.C. 18)
Maine State Senate
State House Station 3
Augusta, Maine 04333

January 5, 1995
Mr. Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House
State House Station 2
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:
The President today appointed the following Senators on the part of the Senate to the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Vote:

Senators: Hall of Piscataquis
Harriman of Cumberland
Pendexter of Cumberland
Small of Sagadahoc
Carey of Kennebec
Esty of Cumberland
McCormick of Kennebec

Sincerely,
S/May M. Ross
Secretary of the Senate
Was read and ordered placed on file.

The following Communication: (H.C. 19)
Maine State Senate
State House Station 3
Augusta, Maine 04333

January 5, 1995
Mr. Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House
State House Station 2
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:
The President today appointed the following Senators on the part of the Senate to the Joint Select Committee to consider the Governor's Message and report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees.

Senators: Carpenter of York
Abromson of Cumberland
Berube of Androscoggin

Sincerely,
S/May M. Ross
Secretary of the Senate
Was read and ordered placed on file.

Subsequently, Representative JACQUES reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The following Communication: (H.C. 20)
Maine State Senate
State House Station 3
Augusta, Maine 04333

January 5, 1995
Mr. Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House
State House Station 2
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:
The President today appointed the following Senators on the part of the Senate to the Committee to inform the Honorable Angus S. King, Jr., that he has been duly elected Governor.

Senators: Ferguson of Oxford
Begley of Lincoln
Bustin of Kennebec

Sincerely,
S/May M. Ross
Secretary of the Senate
Was read and ordered placed on file.

Subsequently, Representative DORE reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order (S.P. 10) relative to the Joint Rules of the 117th Legislature which was passed as amended by House Amendments "C" (H-3) and "E" (H-5) in the House on January 4, 1995.

Came from the Senate with that Body having insisted on its former action whereby the Joint Order was passed in non-concurrence.

The Joint Order (S.P. 10) was read.

On motion of Representative DEXTER of Kingfield the House voted to Recede.

Representative DEXTER of Kingfield, moved House Amendment "E" (H-5) be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kingfield, Representative Dexter.

Representative DEXTER: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: This seems to be a controversial issue. It can be simply resolved by allowing the Legislative Council to keep an ad hoc committee, which they already have the authority to do so.

My understanding is, with the other body, that if we send this back with a so called Gooley amendment that it will be favorably received, then we can get on with the business of the House. That is pure and simple, that is all there is to it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Adams.

Representative ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: Thanks to all of those of you present

yesterday who lent an ear to our plea about maintaining some hand, and some control, upon the difficulties we will soon be facing again with the Federal Air Emissions Test. Because the work of the Legislature is large and because it has already been delayed long enough it would seem to me that, though the problem itself shall not go away, there are other avenues in which we shall have to directly face — and soon face the tail pipe test problem and we should probably resort to those avenues to get the work done.

In the mean time, in the spirit of moving ahead and getting our own agenda on other items rolling, I would encourage you to support the motion of my friend from Kingfield, Mr. Dexter.

Subsequently, House Amendment "E" (H-5) was indefinitely postponed.

The Joint Order (S.P. 10) as amended by House Amendment "C" (H-3) was passed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence. Ordered sent forthwith.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication: (S.P. 17)
REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON
GUBERNATORIAL VOTE
STATE OF MAINE
January 5, 1995

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland
President of the Senate
The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

The Joint Select Committee of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Legislature on returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the political years 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 has attended to its duty and asks leave to report that the whole number of votes returned for the Governor was 511,308; that Joseph E. Brennan of Portland had 172,951 votes; Jonathan K. Carter of Lexington Township had 32,695 votes; that Susan M. Collins of Standish had 117,990 votes; that Angus King of Brunswick had 180,829 votes; that Mark S. Finks of Falmouth had 6576 votes; and Other had 267 votes.

S/Stephen E. Hall

Chairman on the Part of the Senate

S/Ruth Joseph

Chairman on the Part of the House

Came from the Senate, read and ordered placed on file.

Was read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

On motion of Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield, the House recessed until the sound of the Bell.

After Recess

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order (S.P. 10) relative to the Joint Rules of the 117th Legislature which was passed as amended by House Amendment "C" (H-3) in the House on January 5, 1995.

Came from the Senate with that Body having insisted on its former action whereby the Joint Order was passed in non-concurrence.

Representative JACQUES of Waterville, moved that the House Recede and Concur.

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

Representative JACQUES: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I make this motion in a last ditch attempt to get this show on the road. But, before we go along I think it is very important the people understand that a lot of confusion has been caused in the action between both bodies, based on statements that were made to some members of the other body on what my role in this whole thing was.

For the Record, and for your benefit, I at no time made a solid commitment to go along with the combination of the Agriculture Committee and the Department of Conservation.

In the Council meeting I told them that if we voted to get this package out before the body that I indeed would be part of that to bring this before our caucus. That I would be willing to do that and I would make no attempt (I would personally make no attempt) to change that package on the floor of this House. But, if someone did — and someone in my caucus asked what my real feelings were — I would articulate those, as I did.

Now, you don't have to take just my word for it. Not that my word or questioning my word or my honesty means very little to me because it means a lot. But, this past week Mr. Bill Vail from the Maine Forest Products Council, Mr. Steve Clarkin from IP (International Paper) and Mr. Gordon Manuel from Great Northern Nekoosa, were in my office expressing the very same concerns that I expressed to you here yesterday. You can ask them. They asked if I would be willing on the floor of this House to do something to remove the forestry in the Department of Conservation from the Agricultural Committees purview.

I explained to them what we went through in the Council and told them "No, I would not be part of doing that." And, Bill Vail said, "As usual it is pretty clear to me where he stands on this issue, we will be on our way." As they were going out the door discussion was said, "Well, where does the problem come from? Who is adamant and insistent about doing this?" I said, "You are looking at the wrong end of the body, go down the other end and work there."

Discussion then went. "If someone is willing to get up and bring this issue forth, would you then be willing to articulate your concerns to the full House?" I said I would not do it. I didn't believe that the initial action would be taken from anybody in my caucus but if that did come forth I not only would be willing to do that, that I would indeed do that because I still have serious reservations for the business community in this state about doing this, specifically the forestry community and the people who do that.

I never said, I never said, that this was the oath of God and that with my blood that there was no way that I would ever do anything to work against this type of agreement. I made it very clear and I said it a couple of times to the council. I had real

reservations about it but, if it wasn't brought up, you wouldn't hear anything from me. I did not institute it. I did not ask for it to be done. As a matter of fact it came from a newly elected Representative of the other side of the aisle who brought the initial action forward.

Members of my caucus asked if I would explain my feelings and my concerns which is what I did. I did not break my word to anybody. I did not breach an agreement. I did not violate an agreement. I just did what I said I was going to do if the opportunity presented itself. You don't have to take my word for it. You can talk to Mr. Vail, Mr. Clarkin or Mr. Manuel and they will tell you it is exactly the way I said it was. They left my office knowing full-well that I would not do anything contrary to what the council had agreed to that day unless someone else brought it up and the opportunity was given for me to state my objections and my concerns.

My concerns are still what they were yesterday. I believe that Representative Lemke was right, most of these changes have been done for political expediency and not based on good hard fact or data or making anything any better.

Once this change is made we are going to have to live with it. I am committed to try to make that change work the best we can. But, we simply have to get off the dime here and go on, there are other fish to fry. That is why I made the motion to recede and concur because quite frankly I don't think this institution can afford any more of what has happened in the last month.

There are 71 of you that are brand new, you cannot afford the embarrassment of this continuation any longer. We must get on with our work. We must get this thing resolved. I can't see us going to the inauguration of a newly elected Governor this evening without having Joint Rules in place.

Having said that, having clearly told everyone what happened, so you will understand not only from me but from three people who can substantiate everything I said, should there be any question in anybody's mind of what I did or didn't do.

I would urge you to vote to support the motion of recede and concur.

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

Representative WHITCOMB: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I, too, urge you to support the motion of the good Representative from Waterville. We have made some fundamental changes. We have argued long and hard and obviously we have offended some special interests. I appreciate that (always) change is difficult.

We have, I think, finally arrived at a point that is healthy for this institution, for the two bodies that have been wrestling with how it is we adopt change in this place. We have arrived at a compromise and it is important that those of us — particularly those of us in a position now to start asking various members and continue to appoint various members to committees — to get on with our work.

I guess I have to express a more fundamental belief in the ability of any one of you to help make important decisions in this body, no matter where you land upon a committee. Perhaps I do that as a way of preparing you for not always getting what you want in your committee assignment but recognizing that you will do a good job no matter where you go and that

you will also make every effort to make the process that we have established work.

I appreciate the fact that not everybody is happy with this compromise. Some wanted more change, some wanted less, some wanted none. But, it is in fact an opportunity for us to move on.

I appreciate the explanation from the good Representative from Waterville as to the wrestling he has gone through (in terms of — and perhaps anguish is a better word of dealing with the subject matter). In the final analysis we need to accept this motion and this institution needs to move on.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kingfield, Representative Dexter.

Representative DEXTER: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I guess most of you know how dear this issue has been to me. I am going to go along with the recede and concur in the spirit of cooperation.

However, I am a veteran of Africa, Sicily, and Italy. There have been times when we had to regroup, never called it retreat, we regrouped. This is what we are going to do here. We will have the Joint Rules that will be acted on (I am told) probably Tuesday morning. At that time I fully intend to correct the situation. That is all that needs to be said.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Farmington, Representative Gooley.

Representative GOOLEY: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I would like to say that this has been an interesting two days for all of us. I believe that it is time that we move on and get to the business of doing what we are here for.

Subsequently, the House voted to Recede and Concur. Ordered sent forthwith.

On motion of Representative MITCHELL of Portland, the House recessed until 6:15 p.m., at the Augusta Civic Center.

(After Recess)
AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER

Pre-Inaugural Concert by the 195th Maine Army National Guard Band under the direction of Band Master Commander, Malcolm S. Buchanan.

The House was called to order by Speaker Gwadosky.

At this point, the Senate entered the Auditorium and a Joint Convention was formed.

Maine Maritime Academy Band of Castine played the Maine Inaugural Processional March under the direction of Commander Kaveh Haugkerdar, Director.

IN CONVENTION

The President of the Senate, the Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, in the Chair.

On motion of Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc, it was ORDERED, that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Honorable Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Chief Justice and the Justices of

the Superior Court, and the Chief Judge and Judges of the District Court, inviting them to attend this convention which has convened for the purpose of administering to the Honorable Angus S. King, Jr., Governor-elect, the oath required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Chair will appoint the following on the part of the Senate:

Senators:	SMALL of Sagadahoc
	BERUBE of Androscoggin
	CAREY of Kennebec
Representatives:	HICHBORN of Lagrange
	STROUT of Corinth
	DEXTER of Kingfield
	CLARK of Millinocket
	GREENLAW of Standish
	MURPHY of Berwick
	POULIOT of Lewiston
	JOSEPH of Waterville
	FARNUM of South Berwick
	LIBBY of Kennebunk

Subsequently, Senator Small, for the Committee, reported the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged and that the Judiciary would attend forthwith.

At this point, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted the Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Honorable James Archibald, the Honorable Robert Clifford, the Honorable Samuel Collins, the Honorable Howard Dana, the Honorable Caroline Glassman, the Honorable Kermit Lipez, the Honorable David Roberts, the Honorable Paul Rudman, the Honorable Sidney Wernick and Chief Justice Thomas Delahanty and the Superior Court Justices Chief Judge Susan Calkins and the Maine District Court Judges, Chief Judge Roland Beaudoin and the Maine Administrative Court Judges to their seats.

At this point, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted the Clergy, Reverend Jonathan B. Appleyard, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Brunswick, Reverend Michael J. Seavey, Pastor St. Joseph Parish of Wallagrass, Rabbi Paul F. Cohen, Congregation Bet Ha'Am of South Portland to the rostrum.

The Chairman of the Convention extend a welcome to the former Governors of the state of Maine, the Honorable John H. Reed and the Honorable Kenneth M. Curtis and honored guests, Senator and Mrs. William Hathaway.

The Chairman also extended a welcome to the various foreign dignitaries present in the Auditorium.

At this point, the members of the Governor-elect's family entered the Auditorium and were escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms, amid the applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

The Chairman extended a welcome to Mary Herman (The Governor-elect's wife), Mrs. Stanley King (The Governor's Mother.), Mr. and Mrs. James Neff (The Governor's sister and Brother-in-law), Angus King III (The Governor's son), Duncan King (The Governor's son), James King (The Governor's son), Benjamin King (The Governor's son) and Jessica Hallowell, Mr. and

Mrs. David Herman (Mary's parents), Thomas Herman (Mary's brother), John Herman and Mary O'Neil (Mary's brother and sister-in-law).

On motion of Senator Carpenter of York, it was **ORDERED**, that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Honorable Angus S. King, Jr., Governor-elect, and inform him that the two branches of the legislature are in convention, assembled, ready to administer to him the oaths of office required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties and receive from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Chairman appointed:

Senators: CARPENTER of York
LAWRENCE of York
BEGLEY of Lincoln

Representatives: JACQUES of Waterville
MITCHELL of Vassalboro
GOULD of Greenville
KILKELLY of Wiscasset
LOOK of Jonesboro
O'GARA of Westbrook
DAGGETT of Augusta
REED of Falmouth
AIKMAN of Poland
DORE of Auburn

Subsequently, Senator Carpenter of York, for the Committee, reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged and that the Governor-elect would attend forthwith.

At this point, the Herald Major Dale Gilbert announced the procession and Governor-elect Angus S. King Jr., escorted by Chief Justice Wathen, Major General Nelson E. Durgin, Brigadier General Richard W. Tuttle, Brigadier General Eugene L. Richardson and Secretary of State, G. William Diamond, entered the Auditorium amid applause, the audience rising.

Northern Border Caledonia Pipe Band performed "Scotland the Brave," Pipe Major, Ned Smith.

The Colors were presented by the Honor Guard of the Maine Army National Guard.

The National Anthem, "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by Devonsquare.

The Invocation was given by the Reverend Jonathan B. Appleyard.

"Dream a Dream" By Ed Robertson a selection sung and signed by the "Signs of the Sunrise" Student Chorus, Director, Gail Underwood Parker, Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

Prayer by Reverend Michael J. Seavey, Pastor St. Joseph's Parish, Wallagrace.

Thereupon, the Governor-elect, Angus S. King, Jr., before the presiding officer of the Convention, the Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, in the presence of both branches of the Legislature, the Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Chief Justice of the Superior Court, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution (Mother, Mrs. Stanley King, Sr., held the Bible) to

qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

I, ANGUS STANLEY KING, JR., DO SWEAR, THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE, SO LONG AS I SHALL CONTINUE A CITIZEN THEREOF. SO HELP ME GOD.

I, ANGUS STANLEY KING, JR., DO SWEAR, THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITIES, THE DUTIES INCUMBENT ON ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MAINE, ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE. SO HELP ME GOD.

The Chairman of the Convention then called upon the Secretary of State, G. William Diamond, to read the Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

The votes given on the eighth day of November last, in the cities and towns and plantations of the State of Maine for Governor, the returns of which have been made to the Office of Secretary of State, having been examined and counted by the Legislature which has declared a plurality thereof was given to Angus King, and that he is duly elected and he, having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, taken and subscribed to the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge the duties of that office, I therefore, declare and make known to all persons in this state who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all good citizens thereof, that Angus King is Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Maine, and that due obedience should be rendered to all his acts and commands as such.

GOD SAVE THE STATE OF MAINE

The Chairman of the Convention then presented the Honorable Governor of the great State of Maine, Angus Stanley King, Jr., to the Convention, amid applause, the audience rising.

The Governor then addressed the Convention as follows:

Chief Justice Wathen and Members of the Judiciary, President Butland, Speaker Gwadosky and members of the Legislature, members of the International Consular Service Corps, family, friends and citizens of Maine:

We have been through hard times together.

Maine's economy has been rocked by cutbacks in defense; by a crisis in the fisheries; by a drop in Canadian tourism; by a potato blight; and by a deep New England recession.

Many of us have watched helplessly — and with great sadness as our children have moved away from Maine in search of opportunity outside our borders.

Even worse — in the last few years — there were times when it seemed that our very spirit had been broken.

We lost our self-confidence, our resilience, our inner compass.

We began to point fingers — and to assign blame. Mutual trust — and public civility — collapsed. But somehow we managed to survive.

We have made it through. Now the recession is finally ending, the wounds have begun to heal, and it's time to move on.

But we go forward as different people than we were five years ago. We have learned some hard lessons.

We are tougher, wiser ... and more humble. We now understand, first of all, that we're all in this together and we need each other.

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We need each other to do well. For when one of us succeeds, all are successful. And when one of us fails, we all suffer the consequences.

It's an old lesson, but sometimes it has to be learned again the hard way, and I deeply hope we've learned it now.

We've also re-learned another old truth — that we can only make progress tomorrow if we are honest and direct in facing our problems today.

In the last few years, we've tried to avoid problems by gimmicks, by games and by delays.

But these schemes haven't worked. As a result, the problems are still with us.

So Maine must now play catch-up. We have to do it quickly. And we have to do it honestly — with a dose of some old-fashioned Maine standbys — common sense, integrity, and a willingness to bite the bullet.

Maine people tell me they're ready.

Our legislators tell me they're ready.

I am ready.

This will be the year.

But we can't do it with a fractured political system that's more political than system.

We can't do it with partisanship and bickering.

Did you send us to Augusta for that? (Audience responded — NO)

We can't do it with name-calling and gamesmanship.

Did you send us to Augusta for that? (Audience responded — NO)

We can't do it by avoiding the tough calls and playing games with the budget.

Did you send us to Augusta for that? (Audience responded — NO)

And finally, we can't do it by going to the people for more taxes.

I know you didn't send us to Augusta for that.

But if we put the politics aside and work together — not seeking universal agreement, but seeking at least an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust — we can do it.

We can solve the budget problem...but perhaps more importantly, in the process of doing so, we can restore the people's faith in the system...and in us. (Applause)

As a symbol of my determination, determination to make this happen, I have invited the leaders of the Legislature and two representatives of the state's work force to join me on the platform here tonight — for no-one governs Maine — or does the people's business — alone.

Representative Joe Carleton, Representative Libby Mitchell, Representative Paul Jacques, Representative Walt Whitcomb, Speaker Dan Gwadosky, Senator Bev Bustin, Senator Jane Amaro, Senator Leo Kieffer, Senator Mark Lawrence, and President Jeff Butland, Carol Whitney — DHS, Clyde Walton — DOT (two dedicated state workers) I salute each of you for your commitment to Maine and I am honored to have the opportunity to work with you — and the other legislators and employees of the state you represent — as we undertake the historic task of preparing Maine and her people for a new Century.

But before we begin that journey, we have some unfinished business that I've mentioned — the now chronic shortfall in our state's budget.

Jobs is the first priority, but we will never fully recover until we get the state's fiscal house in order.

I am absolutely convinced that there is only one way to solve this problem:

no more gimmicks

no more delays

no more taxes (Applause)

We look the problem in the eye, and nobody on this side blinks.

And so we must continue the painful task of reigning in state spending while at the same time empowering our employees with the tools, the technology, and the management to do their jobs with enthusiasm and pride. (Applause)

And we can do it. And we can do it, if we stick together, if we don't lose heart, if we stay honest and resolute, and above all, if we keep before us the big picture — that a healthy economy is the engine of all social progress, and that individual programs — no matter how worthy — must sometimes give way to the overriding need to show the people of Maine that their government is finally ready to live within its means. (Applause)

And this process starts at this time and in this place.

Right now, I am signing an Executive Order which freezes state hiring without the specific approval of the Governor's office. (Applause)

From this day forward — the state government of Maine will be smaller. (Applause)

And, and — it is my intention to recommend that the savings from this action be used to eliminate the so-called payroll push of state employees scheduled for this June. In this way, we can demonstrate to state workers that we care about their lives and livelihoods, and demonstrate to the world that Maine is kicking the budget gimmick habit. (Applause)

(I still have got the pen out) And now I am signing a second Executive Order requiring a system-wide review of all state regulations (Applause) and I will maintain and strengthen the current Executive Order which requires prior review by the Governor's Office of all new regulations.

From this day forward — the state government of Maine will be on your side. (Applause)

And finally — I am signing a third Executive Order to subject state contracts and grants with outside sources to a rigorous and thorough review. (Applause)

From this day forward — the state government of Maine will understand that it is the people's hard-earned money that is being spent. (Applause)

I am committed to these and other steps that will return the state government of Maine to her people and establish once and for all that the government is here to serve the people and not the other way around. (Applause)

But is this all there is? Talk of budget deficits and tough choices? A hiring freeze and biting the bullet?

No — No — because I've got a secret to share. Can we talk? Right now, it's a rustling, an impression, a feeling — but it's real — Maine is on the move.

In Aroostook County — there is a new mall and an accounting center coming.

Maine is on the move.

In the western mountains, the nationally-acclaimed Bethel Station Project is opening a new gateway to

Sunday River...and the longest, fastest quad lift in the east rolls to the top of Sugarloaf.

Maine...is on the move.

In the south, Old Orchard has spruced up its downtown, the Sea Dogs and Pirates are the rage, and the arts are thriving.

Maine...is on the move. (Applause)

Along the coast, our quality of life and state-of-the-art telecommunications have brought us MBNA, Seafax, and Auto-Europe...and hundreds of new jobs.

Maine...is on the move. (Applause)

Down East, Down East blueberries are becoming a world-class crop and the port at Eastport is coming back.

Maine...is on the move. (Applause)

A new spirit of partnership is spreading across the land.

We recognize that our common humanity and our common citizenship bind us together more closely than any labels which divide us.

Maine...is on the move.

Before we are rich or poor, before we are north or south, before we are Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, (laughter) we are first of all members of the human family; we are fathers and mothers, neighbors and friends. We are, simply put, the people of Maine.

And we must understand that the future is ours — it will be what we make it. We have it within our power here tonight to make Maine one of the world's special places — a place where our children have real opportunity, where we live in harmony with the natural environment, and where we can be proud of our heritage.

What it will take is commitment, good faith, teamwork...and vision.

And so, tonight I want to share my vision with you, a vision for Maine in the new Century.

But since visions are more than words, I have asked Maine filmmaker Jeff Dobbs to help me present mine to you — and in the process, to present Maine itself, in all its variety, beauty, and essential strength.

At this point, the lights dimmed and a video was presented which was narrated by Governor Angus S. King, Jr..

Maine's geography has always been its destiny. European America really began off our coast as fishermen and trappers came from England and France to tap the rich resources of the cold North Atlantic and the nearby forests.

For generations, the harvest of the sea sustained our people and kept their faces turned toward the world.

Maine-made coasters and clipper ships were the fiber optics of their age, linking Maine to the world of trade and jobs. The charm of our coastal towns — Bath, Camden, Thomaston, Bangor — yes, Bangor — dates from the days when real wealth sprang from the sea.

"When my ship comes in" had a literal meaning in those days, and we are still the richer for it.

Inland, too, geography determined our economy and defined our character. If ever you feel overwhelmed by the twentieth century — taxes, the telephone, traffic — stop for a moment and contemplate clearing the land of Aroostook, without the benefit of tractor or backhoe.

And we became a state of small towns — towns whose names often remind us of those who were here first — Millinocket, Skowhegan, Ogunquit, Damariscotta; or towns across the ocean the settlers called home — Falmouth, Bath, Rumford, Belgrade, Bristol; or heroes of the founding days — Jefferson, Washington, Franklin, and town of the western mountains named for our first governor, my own personal favorite, Kingfield. And then of course come our "country" towns — Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Peru, Mexico, China.

A few thousand souls perched at the corner of a vast continent with no one to turn to for aid or support — but themselves.

Life in these small towns defined our character. Honesty and fair dealing are not optional qualities in such a place. When repeat business is all there is, these qualities are necessary to survive.

A flinty self-sufficiency — which translated into a sometimes cranky independence — also arose from small town circumstances, coupled with hard land and an even harder climate.

But, inter-dependency was necessary as well. In Winthrop in 1850, there was no one to turn to for help in a time of crisis — except your neighbors.

Farmers, fishermen, loggers — all more or less solitary pursuits which formed the basis of our economy, and our character as well.

As the slope of the White Mountains crosses Maine to the Atlantic rim, water falls, in the Kennebec, the Penobscot, the Androscoggin, and the Saco. And to the founders of Maine, falling water meant one thing, power — and the industrial revolution came to America. Wherever there were falls, there soon were water wheels and mills and Brunswick, Lewiston, Rumford, Waterville, even Augusta sprang to industrial life.

To these mills came new settlers, the Franco-Americans from Quebec to enrich our social, economic, and cultural life.

And then, of course, came the forests, sweeping like a mighty wave from the Canadian border across Maine to the very margin of the sea. From the air, it looks like a light green ocean, with islands that mark our northern towns, and mill stacks which mimic the masts of coastal schooners.

In the early days, the real masts came from Maine, and the forests have provided for us ever since. Lumber, clothes pins, dowels, chairs, log homes, and paper. Tons of paper, miles of paper, mountains of paper. And from paper, some of the best jobs in Maine.

For sheer overwhelming industrial power, the sight of six story high paper machine, producing a sheet at the rate of a mile a minute, making the very ground shake, is hard to capture any way but in person.

Those machines — like the wood turners of Solon, the sardine canners of Belfast, or the blueberry packers of Machias — are machines for adding value, for creating wealth, for their owners to be sure, but for the people of Maine as well.

The first settlers, by the way, went home for the winter, with their holds full of salted cod and haddock. Do you suppose the Native Americans had a word that translated today would mean "Summer People"?

And of course, visitors are still one of our most important natural resource-based industries. Our incomparable coast, the rolling fields of The County, lakes beyond counting — and the greatest monument to the foresight, determination, and generosity of one

person that exists in America, Baxter Park and a magical place called Katahdin.

Assembled painstakingly over sixty years, and thrust into the hands of a sometimes reluctant state government, this gem of Maine stands as a testament of generations as yet unborn that we sometimes can — even as individuals — make a real difference in the world.

But what of the future? Where does our vision — and our geography — lead us? The answer lies in the journey we have already taken, with some new opportunities technology has opened to us.

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Jeff Dobbs is a natural resource. (Applause)

You have bestowed upon me a sacred trust...and a solemn challenge.

I accept this trust and will not dishonor it; I welcome this challenge and will not shirk from it.

The future does indeed belong to all of us, and, with God's help, we who are assembled here tonight — as well as you in your homes in every corner of the state — will reach out together to secure it for ourselves, and for those who follow.

Thank you. (Applause, the audience rising)

At the conclusion of the address, Benediction was given by Rabbi Paul F. Cohen, Congregation Bet Ha'Am, South Portland.

The Governor and his suite then withdrew amid the applause of the Convention, while the Maine Maritime Academy performed "Selections of Marches," John Phillip Sousa. (Applause, the audience rising)

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled, having been accomplished, the Chairman declare the same dissolved.

At this point Speaker Gwadosky resumed the Chair.

The Speaker appointed Representative DAGGETT of Augusta to serve as Speaker pro tem.

Post Inaugural Entertainment by Schooner Fare in the Civic Center Lobby.

The House then retired to its Chamber at the State House.

In the House

The House was called to Order by the Speaker pro tem.

On motion of Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset the House adjourned at 8:35 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., January 10, 1995, pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 13).