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**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**  
OF THE  
**One Hundred And Seventeenth Legislature**  
OF THE  
**State Of Maine**

**VOLUME VI**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**House of Representatives**  
January 3, 1996 to April 3, 1996

**Senate**  
January 3, 1996 to March 13, 1996

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MAINE LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
3rd Legislative Day  
Tuesday, January 9, 1996

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

Prayer by Father Frank Morin, Sacred Heart Church and St. Dominic Church, Portland.

National Anthem by Cony High School Band, Augusta.

Physician for the day, Lawrence Kassman, M.D., Mid-Maine Medical Center, Waterville.

The Journal of Thursday, January 4, 1996 was read and approved.

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Apportionment of Costs of the Mount Desert Island Regional School District among Member Towns" (S.P. 632) (L.D. 1640)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Sanitary District Enabling Act" (S.P. 633) (L.D. 1641)

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

On motion of Representative STROUT of Corinth, tabled pending reference and specially assigned for Thursday, January 11, 1996.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following Communication: (H.C. 289)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
COMMISSION TO STUDY TRESPASS LAWS**

January 3, 1996

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland

The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky

Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

This letter is to inform you that the Commission to Study Trespass Laws has submitted its report to the 2nd Regular Session of the 117th Legislature, pursuant to Resolves of 1995, chapter 53.

Sincerely,

S/William J. Vail

Chair

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

The following Communication: (H.C. 290)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE OPERATIONS  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

January 5, 1996

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland

The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky

Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

This letter is to inform you that the Task Force to Study the Operations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has submitted the attached report of our study to the 2nd Regular Session of the 117th Legislature, pursuant to P.L. 1995, chapter 455.

Sincerely,

S/Rep. Catharine Damren

Chair

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

The following Communication: (H.C. 291)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE BEVERAGE  
CONTAINER DEPOSIT LAWS**

January 8, 1996

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland

The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky

Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Resolves 1995, chapter 52, the Task Force to Review the Beverage Container Deposit Laws hereby submits the attached report including recommended legislation to you and to the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development. Copies of the report have also been transmitted to the Executive Director and members of the Legislative Council and to the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Rep. Jack L. Libby

Task Force Chair

Was read and with accompanying report referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development.

The following Communication: (H.C. 292)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
Augusta, Maine 04333**

January 8, 1996

The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky

Speaker, Maine House of Representatives

#2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland

President, Maine State Senate

#3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

This letter is to notify the Legislature that I have accepted and will implement the additional recommendations of the Productivity Realization Task Force relating to the Department of Human Services, with the exception of those recommendations that require legislative approval. I will be introducing legislation necessary to fully accomplish these recommendations in the next session of the Legislature, as well as to resubmit those that were deferred during the Special Session.

In this component of the plan, I have accepted an additional \$7,853,937 in staff and program savings, bringing the total Department of Human Services general fund savings to \$16,184,364. This component

of the plan reduces Departmental staff by an additional 59 positions from all funds, with 10 more to be eliminated through attrition over the next six months, bringing the overall total reduction of positions in the Department of Human Services to 281.5 from all funds. The additional components of the Department of Human Services Productivity Realization Task Force plan significantly streamlines the overall administrative structure of the Department; reduces costs for medical and drug transactions; increases Medicaid fraud prevention efforts; combines Medicaid eligibility for nursing homes and residential care; increases supervisory to staff ratios; eliminates dual reporting of allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation on the part of nursing homes and residential care facilities; reduces the number of administrative hearings; electronically stores 3.5 million birth and other vital statistics records through the use of optical imaging; and outsources the entire data entry unit.

With these changes and the ones previously approved by the Productivity Realization Task Force, the Department has amply met the expectations of the Task Force and the Legislature when this process was first established. I agree with Productivity Realization Task Force Chair Linwood Bell, who stated that the Department of Human Services plan is an outstanding one and that in his opinion, it does exactly what was intended when the Task Force was originally established. I continue to be proud of the work done by staff of the Department of Human Services.

The Department is still involved in discussions in service clusters in the areas of auditing, licensing and contracting in the social services policy area with the Task Force.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature and Task Force as we continue this effort.

Sincerely,  
S/Angus S. King, Jr.  
Governor

Was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

#### **PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

The following Bills, Resolves and Resolution 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:

#### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Modify the Budget Work Program Process" (H.P. 1198) (L.D. 1648) (Presented by Representative SIMONEAU of Thomaston) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Bill "An Act to Modify the Transfer Procedures for Appropriations, Allocations and Positions" (H.P. 1202) (L.D. 1652) (Presented by Representative SIMONEAU of Thomaston) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Bill "An Act to Modify the Requirement for Financial Order Approval of Allotment Increases in Amounts of \$10,000 or Less" (H.P. 1224) (L.D. 1677) (Presented by Representative SIMONEAU of Thomaston)

(Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Prohibit the Use of Funds Raised for Bond Issues for Any Other Purpose (H.P. 1214) (L.D. 1664) (Presented by Representative SIMONEAU of Thomaston) (Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle, Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, BIGL of Bucksport, CAMERON of Rumford, CHARTRAND of Rockland, CHICK of Lebanon, CLUKEY of Houlton, DAMREN of Belgrade, DIPIETRO of South Portland, DUNN of Gray, FISHER of Brewer, GREENLAW of Standish, HARTNETT of Freeport, HATCH of Skowhegan, JOY of Crystal, JOYNER of Hollis, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, LaFOUNTAIN of Biddeford, LANE of Enfield, LAYTON of Cherryfield, LEMKE of Westbrook, LEMONT of Kittery, MADORE of Augusta, McELROY of Unity, MURPHY of Berwick, NICKERSON of Turner, OTT of York, POULIOT of Lewiston, REED of Falmouth, RICE of South Bristol, ROWE of Portland, SAVAGE of Union, SPEAR of Nobleboro, STROUT of Corinth, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, LONGLEY of Waldo) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.)

#### **Banking and Insurance**

Bill "An Act Enabling the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company to Better Serve the Needs of Small Business" (H.P. 1200) (L.D. 1650) (Presented by Speaker GWADOSKY of Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, CARLETON of Wells, CHASE of China, GATES of Rockport, GUERRETTE of Pittston, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MAYO of Bath, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, PAUL of Sanford, SAXL of Portland, VIGUE of Winslow, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, CIANCHETTE of Somerset, KIEFFER of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, McCORMICK of Kennebec, SMALL of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

Bill "An Act to Provide for Confidential Treatment of State and Federal Regulatory Information in the Application Process for Financial Institutions" (H.P. 1206) (L.D. 1656) (Presented by Representative GATES of Rockport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: JONES of Pittsfield, MAYO of Bath) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Bill "An Act to Repeal an Insurance Law Relating to Motor Vehicle Damage Appraisal" (H.P. 1207) (L.D. 1657) (Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow) (Cosponsored by Senator: ABROMSON of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding the Issuance of a Credit Card to Benefit the Land for Maine's Future Fund" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1213) (L.D. 1663) (Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow) (Cosponsored by Senator: ABROMSON of Cumberland) (Governor's Bill)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code with Respect to Domestic Violence" (H.P. 1215) (L.D. 1665) (Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth) (Cosponsored by Representative SAXL of Portland, Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, AULT of Wayne,

BERRY of Livermore, BRENNAN of Portland, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CAMPBELL of Holden, CARLETON of Wells, CHASE of China, DAGGETT of Augusta, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, DEXTER of Kingfield, DRISCOLL of Calais, GATES of Rockport, GOULD of Greenville, GUERRETTE of Pittston, JACQUES of Waterville, JOHNSON of South Portland, JONES of Pittsfield, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, LAFOUNTAIN of Biddeford, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, LEMKE of Westbrook, MAYO of Bath, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MITCHELL of Portland, MORRISON of Bangor, O'GARA of Westbrook, O'NEAL of Limestone, PAUL of Sanford, POULIOT of Lewiston, SAXL of Bangor, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TREAT of Gardiner, TRIPP of Topsham, TUTTLE of Sanford, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, LORD of York, McCORMICK of Kennebec, O'DEA of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

#### Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Correct the Law Relating to Small Auctioneers" (H.P. 1204) (L.D. 1654) (Presented by Representative DEXTER of Kingfield) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

#### Criminal Justice

Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalty for Criminal Restraint of a Young Child or a Dependent Person" (H.P. 1211) (L.D. 1661) (Presented by Representative PEAVER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BUCK of Yarmouth, ETNIER of Harpswell, JOHNSON of South Portland, JOYCE of Biddeford, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, LINDAHL of Northport, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, MAYO of Bath, TAYLOR of Cumberland, WATSON of Farmingdale) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

Bill "An Act to Include Sexual Contact in the Definition of Prostitution" (H.P. 1216) (L.D. 1666) (Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator FAIRCLOTH of Penobscot and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BIGL of Bucksport, BIRNEY of Paris, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BUCK of Yarmouth, CAMERON of Rumford, CAMPBELL of Holden, CARR of Hermon, CLARK of Millinocket, DESMOND of Mapleton, DRISCOLL of Calais, FARNUM of South Berwick, FISHER of Brewer, FITZPATRICK of Durham, GUERRETTE of Pittston, HICHBORN of Lagrange, KEANE of Old Town, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, LANE of Enfield, LAYTON of Cherryfield, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, LEMONT of Kittery, LINDAHL of Northport, LOOK of Jonesboro, LUMBRA of Bangor, MADORE of Augusta, MARSHALL of Eliot, MORRISON of Bangor, MURPHY of Berwick, O'NEAL of Limestone, PINKHAM of Lamoine, REED of Dexter, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, SAMSON of Jay, SAXL of Bangor, SAXL of Portland, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, SIROIS of Caribou, STONE of Bangor, TAYLOR of Cumberland, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, VIGUE of Winslow, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: BEGLEY of Lincoln, CAREY of Kennebec, CASSIDY of Washington, HANLEY of Oxford, LORD of York, RUHLIN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

#### Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Amend the Monetary Limit of Improvements That Must be Approved by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for School Administrative Units" (H.P. 1210) (L.D. 1660) (Presented by Representative NASS of Acton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

Resolve, to Authorize the Maine Technical College System to Transfer Interests in Real Property (H.P. 1225) (L.D. 1678) (Presented by Speaker GWADOSKY of Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Representative: DIPIETRO of South Portland, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.)

#### Human Resources

Bill "An Act to Establish the Freeport Towne Square Mental Retardation Facility" (H.P. 1196) (L.D. 1646) (Presented by Representative HARTNETT of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

#### Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Improve Tribal and State Relations by Strengthening the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission" (H.P. 1217) (L.D. 1667) (Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BENEDIKT of Brunswick, BISULCA of Penobscot Nation, CHICK of Lebanon, DESMOND of Mapleton, HICHBORN of Lagrange, KEANE of Old Town, MERES of Norridgewock, MOORE of Passamaquoddy Tribe, SIROIS of Caribou, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, FAIRCLOTH of Penobscot, RUHLIN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

#### Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act to Amend the Election Laws" (H.P. 1203) (L.D. 1653) (Presented by Representative NADEAU of Saco) (Submitted by the Department of the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

#### Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Lobster Traps Allowed on Trawls in Hancock County" (H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1647) (Presented by Representative PINKHAM of Lamoine) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, GIERINGER of Portland, LEMONT of Kittery, LOOK of Jonesboro, LOVETT of Scarborough, PERKINS of Penobscot, POVICH of Ellsworth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

Bill "An Act to Increase Penalties in the Sea Urchin Fishery" (H.P. 1199) (L.D. 1649) (Presented by Representative RICE of South Bristol) (Cosponsored by Representative: CLOUTIER of South Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Bill "An Act to Permit Retired Marine Patrol Officers to Enter into Commercial Fishing"

(H.P. 1220) (L.D. 1670) (Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DESMOND of Mapleton, FISHER of Brewer, FITZPATRICK of Durham, GERRY of Auburn, JONES of Bar Harbor, KEANE of Old Town, MADORE of Augusta, RICHARDSON of Portland, SAMSON of Jay, SIROIS of Caribou, STEVENS of Orono, TRUE of Fryeburg, TYLER of Windham, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, O'DEA of Penobscot, RUHLIN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

#### Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Concerning the Seasonal Sale of Reformulated Gasoline" (H.P. 1201) (L.D. 1651) (Presented by Representative POULIN of Oakland) (Cosponsored by Senator LORD of York and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, GREENLAW of Standish, NICKERSON of Turner, Senator: RUHLIN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Cleanup of Uncontrolled Tire Stockpiles" (H.P. 1208) (L.D. 1658) (Presented by Representative GOULD of Greenville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities and Regions to Include Beneficial Use of Waste Originated in Their Jurisdiction As Credit in Demonstrating Recycling Progress" (H.P. 1209) (L.D. 1659) (Presented by Representative GOULD of Greenville) (Cosponsored by Representative: WATERHOUSE of Bridgton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Revolving Loan Fund for Wastewater Facilities" (H.P. 1221) (L.D. 1671) (Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLARK of Millinocket, DAGGETT of Augusta, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, DUNN of Gray, GREEN of Monmouth, HATCH of Skowhegan, JACQUES of Waterville, MADORE of Augusta, MORRISON of Bangor, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, Senators: BUSTIN of Kennebec, PINGREE of Knox, STEVENS of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.)

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1222) (L.D. 1672) (Presented by Representative GOULD of Greenville) (Cosponsored by Senator: LORD of York) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Computer Information Systems (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1226) (L.D. 1679) (Presented by Speaker GWADOSKY of Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Senator: BUTLAND of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested.

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

#### Taxation

Bill "An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 1995 with the United States Internal Revenue Code" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1205) (L.D. 1655) (Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator HATHAWAY of York and Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, MURPHY of Berwick, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Bill "An Act to Correct a Technical Error Relating to the Research Expense Tax Credit" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1212) (L.D. 1662) (Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator HATHAWAY of York and Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, DEXTER of Kingfield, GREEN of Monmouth, MURPHY of Berwick, POIRIER of Saco, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, FAIRCLOTH of Penobscot, HANLEY of Oxford) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (H.P. 1219) (L.D. 1669) (Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator HATHAWAY of York and Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, MURPHY of Berwick, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

#### Transportation

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Registration Improvement Committee" (H.P. 1223) (L.D. 1676) (Presented by Representative O'GARA of Westbrook) (Submitted by the Department of the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 24.)

Bill "An Act to Protect Sources of Drinking Water in the Towns of Searsport, Stockton Springs and Prospect" (H.P. 1218) (L.D. 1668) (Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: McELROY of Unity, TUFTS of Stockton Springs) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

On motion of Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo tabled pending reference and later today assigned.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

##### Refer to the Committee on Taxation

Representative KERR from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Exempt from the Sales Tax Automobile Equipment Necessary for Paraplegics or People Who are Confined to Wheelchairs" (H.P. 540) (L.D. 736) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Taxation and sent up for concurrence.

##### Refer to the Committee on Natural Resources

Representative KERR from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Amend the Surface Water Ambient Toxics Monitoring Program" (H.P. 768) (L.D. 1042) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and sent up for concurrence.

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**Refer to the Committee on Taxation**

Representative KERR from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Exempt Goods Sold by Scouting Organizations from the Sales Tax" (H.P. 776) (L.D. 1073) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Taxation and sent up for concurrence.

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**Refer to the Committee on Natural Resources**

Representative ADAMS from the Committee on Utilities and Energy on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Town of Mount Vernon to Withdraw from the Cobbossee Watershed District" (H.P. 1176) (L.D. 1608) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and sent up for concurrence.

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions Relating to Workers' Compensation Self-insurance" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 635) (L.D. 1643)

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of Certain Boards and Commissions" (S.P. 640) (L.D. 1675)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Extend Waivers of Certain Provisions of the Education Laws" (S.P. 634) (L.D. 1642)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs in concurrence.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Hospital Cooperation Act of 1992 to Facilitate Integrated Health Care Delivery Systems by Authorizing and Supervising Certain Hospital Mergers" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 636) (L.D. 1644)

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Charity Care Guidelines That Apply to Hospitals Also Apply to Their Subsidiaries" (S.P. 638) (L.D. 1673)

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

Were referred to the Committee on Human Resources in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Revise Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 637) (L.D. 1645)

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Allow Voluntary Withholding of Federal and State Income Taxes from Unemployment Compensation Benefits" (S.P. 639) (L.D. 1674)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ordered sent forthwith.

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On motion of Representative DORE of Auburn, the House reconsidered its action whereby Bill "An Act to Allow Voluntary Withholding of Federal and State Income Taxes from Unemployment Compensation Benefits" (S.P. 639) (L.D. 1674) was referred to the Committee on Labor.

On further motion of the same Representative, tabled pending reference and later today assigned.

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On motion of Representative GREEN of Monmouth, the House adjourned at 11:15 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 1996.