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> In Senate Chamber Tuesday January 17, 1995

Senate called to Order by the President, Jeffrey H. Butland of Cumberland.

Prayer by Reverend John Zehring of the South Parish Congregational Church of Augusta.

REVEREND JOHN ZEHRING: Let us pray. God, our Creator and our Shepherd, grant to the members and officers of the Senate a sacred moment of quiet before they take up the duties of this day. Turn their thoughts to You and open their hearts to Your Spirit. May they have wisdom in their decisions and compassion in their governance. We pray that you will bless these women and men who are entrusted with the care of our great State of Maine. Give them courage to choose that which is right. Instill in their best. Grant them vision to imagine a future where there is opportunity and hope for all of the people whom they serve. As the Psalmist writes, "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." May we, too, lift our eyes to the hills and the mountains of Maine, to the sea and the lakes, the valleys and the forests, and know that this is Your world and that You are present among us, to love us, to forgive us, and to guide us. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by **SENATOR CAREY** of Kennebec.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 12, 1995.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

On motion by Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 67

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Friday, January 20, 1995, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Which was **READ** and **PASSED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Direct the Office of Tourism to Promote All Regions of the State" H.P. 13 L.D. 7

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Sale of Cosmetics that are Exempt from Federal Labeling Laws" H.P. 51 L.D. 45

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Practice of Cosmetology and Barbering Outside of Licensed Shops" H.P. 52 L.D. 46

Bill "An Act to Make Pet Dealers Liable for the Sale of Dogs and Cats That Have Health Problems" H.P. 53 L.D. 47

Reference to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide for Resident State Police Officers for Municipalities without a Police Force" H.P. 16 L.D. 10

Bill "An Act to Authorize Community Service Work as a Sentencing Alternative"

H.P. 20 L.D. 14

Bill "An Act to Decrease to Zero the Allowable Blood-alcohol Level of a Person Holding a Juvenile Provisional License"

H.P. 47 L.D. 41

Reference to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committee on **CRIMINAL** JUSTICE and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Change the Meaning of Household Members Regarding Protective Orders between Family Members"

H.P. 18 L.D. 12

Reference to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

On motion by Senator MILLS of Somerset, referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY and ORDERED PRINTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding School Employees Serving on School Boards"

H.P. 14 L.D. 8

Reference to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Limit Aid to Families with Dependent Children Benefits" H.P. 49 L.D. 43

Reference to the Committee on HUMAN RESOURCES suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Provide an Alternative Calculation of Hospital Assessment for Specialty Hospitals That Are Not Institutes for Mental Disease" H.P. 11 L.D. 5

Reference to the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Change the Statute of Limitations for Professional Negligence in Sterilization Procedures"

H.P. 25 L.D. 19

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount of Forfeited Bail That a District Attorney May Retain in the District Attorney's Extradition Account" H.P. 36 L.D. 30

Bill "An Act to Institute Loser-pay Litigation in the State of Maine"

H.P. 48 L.D. 42

Bill "An Act to Ensure That a Party Ordered to Obtain Health Insurance for a Former Spouse or Child Is Liable for Payment of Medical Expenses When No Health Insurance Is Obtained"

H.P. 50 L.D. 44

Reference to the Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws to Provide an Exemption from Coverage Requirements for Nonresident Employees" H.P. 12 L.D. 6

Bill "An Act to Apply Workers' Compensation Awards to Unemployment Benefits" H.P. 34 L.D. 28

Reference to the Committee on LABOR suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Which were referred to the Committee on LABOR and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Specify Sales Commissions for All Lottery Agents"

H.P. 19 L.D. 13

Resolve, to Make the Monument Erected at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Bangor the Official State Memorial Honoring Veterans from Maine Who Died during the Korean War

H.P. 23 L.D. 17

H.P. 35 L.D. 29

Bill "An Act to Reimburse Philip Wolley for Litigation Expenses Incurred in Connection with His Termination and Reinstatement as a State Employee" H.P. 24 L.D. 18

Resolve, Authorizing Gerald Finks to Sue Pineland Center and the State of Maine H.P. 30 L.D. 24

Bill "An Act to Allow Condominium Associations to Collect Common Expense Assessments in Advance"

Bill "An Act Regarding the Prohibition against Restaurants with Lounges Serving Meals to Unaccompanied Minors after 9 P.M." H.P. 38 L.D. 32

Reference to the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence. Bill "An Act to Establish a 30-day Temporary Sea Urchin Boat Tender License" H.P. 31 L.D. 25

Reference to the Committee on MARINE RESOURCES suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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 Equalize Payments for Emission Testing in the State"

H.P. 15 L.D. 9

Resolve, to Require that the Department of Environmental Protection Provide Possible Remedies for Materials It Strictly Controls

H.P. 21 L.D. 15

Bill "An Act to Allow Protection from Governmentally Constructed Jetties by Amending the Definition of Permanent Structure to Exclude Ripraps Installed in Front of Seawalls from the 7-month Restriction"

H.P. 37 L.D. 31

Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program to Extend the Period of Time Available for Repairs" (Emergency) H.P. 42 L.D. 36

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program"

H.P. 54 L.D. 48

Reference to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Limit the Number of Bills That May Be Filed by a Legislator" H.P. 27 L.D. 21

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Meal Allowance for Legislators from \$32 to \$16"

H.P. 41 L.D. 35

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Reduce the Size of the Maine Legislature to 99 Members in the House and 33 Members in the Senate

H.P. 46 L.D. 40

Reference to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery" H.P. 17 L.D. 11

Bill "An Act to Exempt Adaptive Equipment Installed in Motor Vehicles Operated by Wheelchair Users from the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax" H.P. 22 L.D. 16

Bill "An Act to Change the Method of Assessing Taxes for Land in the Unorganized Townships in the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law"

H.P. 26 L.D. 20

Bill "An Act to Reduce the State Income Tax Rate by 10% over a 5-year Period" H.P. 39 L.D. 33

Reference to the Committee on TAXATION suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Which were referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Conservation Plates Law to Provide More Money to the Departments of Conservation and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" H.P. 40 L.D. 34

Bill "An Act to Permit Illuminated Advertisements on Motor Vehicles When Used for Commercial Purposes" H.P. 43 L.D. 37

Reference to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Bill "An Act to Remove the Debt Limit on the West Paris Water District"

H.P. 29 L.D. 23

Bill "An Act to Increase the Pay of Trustees of the Kingfield Water District" H.P. 32 L.D. 26

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Sewer District of the Town of Kennebunk by Expanding Its Territorial Limits" (Emergency) H.P. 44 L.D. 38

Reference to the Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 58

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STATE HOUSE AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

December 6, 1994

The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky Speaker, Maine House of Representatives Maine Legislature State House Station #2 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gwadosky:

Enclosed please find the Report of the Committee to Study the Operations of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, as required by Chapter 508, P.L. 1993, Part D. This report proposes a significant change in the governance of the School with the creation of an appointed school board which would have oversight responsibilities for the School. The Committee worked diligently for the last several months to arrive at this and the other recommendations contained in the Report.

We realize that implementation of our recommendations will be difficult as any change brings a certain level of uncertainty and discomfort. There will be many concerns that arise during a transition to a separate and distinct organization and we. therefore. recommend that the Study Committee continue in order to plan and conduct the transition in an orderly manner.

I appreciate the support that was provided to the Committee by staff members from the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, the Policy Review Board, the Department of Education, and the Legislative Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, as well as the interest in this study that has been expressed to me by persons associated with the School.

The Committee put in long hours in meetings and in reviewing previous studies and other materials in order to arrive at the recommendations included in the Report. Each Committee member worked to develop recommendations which would enable the State to provide a quality education to students served by the School.

Sincerelv.

S/Representative George Kerr, Chair Committee to Study the Operations of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

Comes from the House **READ** and with Accompanying Papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Which was **READ** and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE, in concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Freshwater Wetland" Amend the Definition of

S.P. 59 L.D. 88

Presented by Senator BEGLEY of Lincoln Cosponsored by Senator: LORD of York, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, MARSHALL of Eliot, SPEAR of Nobleboro

Reference to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to and Affordability of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services by Providing Mandatory Reimbursement to Counseling Professionals who are Licensed to Assess and Treat Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Problems"

S.P. 38 L.D. 68

Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec Cosponsored by Senator: **PARADIS** of Aroostook, Representatives: AULT of Wayne, BRENNAN of Portland

Bill "An Act to Change Reimbursement Policy on Mental Health Services"

S.P. 52 L.D. 81

Presented by Senator **GOLDTHMAIT** of Hancock Cosponsored by Senators: **ABROMSON** of Cumberland, **FAIRCLOTH** of Penobscot, **RAND** of Cumberland, Representatives: BUNKER, JR. of Kossuth Township, JONES of Bar Harbor, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, LAYTON of Cherryfield, POVICH of Ellsworth

Reference to the Committee on INSURANCE suggested and ORDERED PRINTED. BANKING AND

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Plumbers to Install Electric Wiring on Electric Hot Water Heaters and Electric Water Pumps"

S.P. 30 L.D. 60

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis Cosponsored by Senators: BEGLEY of Lincoln, BENOIT of Franklin, CARPENTER of York, CASSIDY of Washington, FERGUSON, JR. of Oxford, HANLEY of Oxford, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, LORD of York, MILLS of Somerset, STEVENS, JR. of Androscoggin, Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DEXTER of Kingfield, MCELROY of Unity Unity

Resolve, to Extend the Deadline to Report for the Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper Industry (Emergency)

S.P. 65 L.D. 94

Presented by Senator ESTY, JR. of Cumberland Cosponsored by Senators: BUTLAND of Cumberland, CARPENTER of York, CIANCHETTE of Somerset, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, GOULD of Greenville, GWADOSKY of Fairfield, KONTOS of Windham

Reference to the Committee on BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were were referred to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Indecency"

S.P. 34 L.D. 64

Presented by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York Cosponsored by Representatives LEMONT of Kittery, OTT of York, REED of Dexter

Bill "An Act to Establish a Shock Incarceration Program"

S.P. 46 L.D. 76

Presented by Senator **HANLEY** of Oxford Cosponsored by Senators: **BENOIT** of Franklin, **CASSIDY** of Washington, **HALL** of Piscataquis, **HATHAMAY** of York, **PENDEXTER** of Cumberland, Representatives: BIRNEY of Paris, NICKERSON of Turner, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway

Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Develop a Plan for the Employment of Correctional Facility Inmates

S.P. 47 L.D. 77

Presented by Senator **HANLEY** of Oxford Cosponsored by Senators: **BENOIT** of Franklin, **PENDEXTER** of Cumberland, Representatives: BARTH, JR. of Bethel, BIRNEY of Paris, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway

Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Fines Imposed Upon Persons Who Operate a Motor Vehicle After Their License Is Suspended"

S.P. 55 L.D. 84

Presented by Senator BENOIT of Franklin

Reference to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED.**

Which were referred to the Committee on **CRIMINAL** JUSTICE and **ORDERED PRINTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish Choices for Parents and Guardians in their Children's Education" S.P. 36 L.D. 66 Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland Cosponsored by Senators: BENDIT of Franklin, CIANCHETTE of Somerset, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, HATHAMAY of York, STEVENS, JR. of Androscoggin, Representatives: CLOUTIER of South Portland, DIPIETRO of South Portland

Bill "An Act to Extend the Deadline for a Town Wishing to Withdraw from a School Administrative District"

S.P. 37 L.D. 67

Presented by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Alternative Voting Procedures for the Approval of a School Administrative District Budget" S.P. 58 L.D. 87

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford

Bill "An Act to Ensure That School Building Plans Become the Property of the State"

S.P. 60 L.D. 89

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec

Bill "An Act to Require that All School Bus Purchases be Made Through the Bureau of General Services"

S.P. 62 L.D. 91

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec

Reference to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require State or Independent Fair Hearing Examiners in the Grievance Process of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation" S.P. 28 L.D. 58

Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec Cosponsored by Senator: **FAIRCLOTH** of Penobscot, Representatives: FITZPATRICK of Durham, MORRISON of Bangor, TREAT of Gardiner

Resolve, Requiring the State to Fulfill Its Commitment to Provide Adequate Mental Health Services for Senior Citizens in the Eastern Maine Area (Emergency)

S.P. 35 L.D. 65

Presented by Senator FAIRCLOTH of Penobscot Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representative SAXL of Bangor and Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, GOLDTHMAIT of Hancock, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, CAMPBELL of Holden, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, CLARK of Millinocket, CLOUTIER of South Portland, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, FISHER of Brewer, FITZPATRICK of Durham, HATCH of Skowhegan, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, LUMBRA of Bangor, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MORRISON of Bangor, PLOWMAN of Hampden, POVICH of Ellsworth, STONE of Bangor, STROUT of Corinth, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, WINN of Glenburn

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Prohibition against Nursing Home Owners and Employees Becoming Guardians of Patients"

S.P. 56 L.D. 85

Presented by Senator **GOLDTHMAIT** of Hancock Cosponsored by Senators: **FERGUSON, JR.** of Oxford, **RAND** of Cumberland, Representatives: BUNKER, JR. of Kossuth Township, LAYTON of Cherryfield, PINKHAM of Lamoine, POVICH of Ellsworth

Reference to the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED.**

Which were referred to the Committee on HUMAN RESOURCES and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Muzzle-loading Firearm Season on Deer by Allowing the Season To Begin One Week before the Open Firearm Season on Deer" S.P. 51 L.D. 80

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis Cosponsored by Senators: BEGLEY of Lincoln, BENOIT of Franklin, CARPENTER of York, CASSIDY of Washington, FERGUSON, JR. of Oxford, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, HATHAMAY of York, LORD of York, STEVENS, JR. of Androscoggin, Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, LEMONT of Kittery, MCELROY of Unity

Reference to the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Limit on the Extradition Account" S.P. 53 L.D. 82 Presented by Senator **HATHAWAY** of York Cosponsored by Senator: **BENOIT** of Franklin

Reference to the Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Binding Arbitration for Public Employees"

S.P. 39 L.D. 69

Presented by Senator RAND of Cumberland Cosponsored by Senator: RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, FITZPATRICK of Durham, JOSEPH of Waterville, LEMKE of Westbrook, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MITCHELL of Portland, NADEAU of Saco, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TOWNSEND of Portland, TREAT of Gardiner, VOLENIK of Sedgwick

Bill "An Act to Clarify Liability of Employers of Domestic Employees Regarding Workers' Compensation" S.P. 66 L.D. 95

Presented by Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot Cosponsored by Senators: **BEGLEY** of Lincoln, **RAND** of Cumberland, Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, CHASE of China, LIBBY of Buxton

Reference to the Committee on LABOR suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Voter Registration on Election Day"

S.P. 32 L.D. 62

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford Cosponsored by Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, HALL of Piscataquis, PENDEXTER of Cumberland, Representatives: BIRNEY of Paris, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway

Bill "An Act to Require Closure of the Discount Liquor Store in Kittery If a Discount Liquor Store Opens in Saco"

S.P. 33 L.D. 63

Presented by Senator **CAREY** of Kennebec Cosponsored by Senators: **HALL** of Piscataquis, **STEVENS, JR.** of Androscoggin

Bill "An Act to Ensure Integrity in Maine Government by Prohibiting Involvement of Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor in Political Action Committees"

S.P. 43 L.D. 73

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford Cosponsored by Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENDIT of Franklin, CARPENTER of York, FERGUSON, JR. of Oxford, HALL of Piscataquis, PENDEXTER of Cumberland, Representatives: BARTH, JR. of Bethel, BIRNEY of Paris, HARTNETT of Freeport, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton

Bill "An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws by Limiting Contributions by Political Action Committees and Allowing Candidates to Voluntarily Limit Campaign Expenditures"

S.P. 44 L.D. 74

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford Cosponsored by Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, PENDEXTER of Cumberland, Representatives: BARTH, JR. of Bethel, BIRNEY of Paris, HARTNETT of Freeport, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway

Bill "An Act to Change the Dates on Which Primary Elections are Held and Certain Nomination Papers May be Signed"

S.P. 48 L.D. 78

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford. Cosponsored by Senators: BENDIT of Franklin, CARPENTER of York, FERGUSON of Oxford, Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, BIRNEY of Paris, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway.

Reference to the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committe on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for Concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require the Popular Election of the Secretary of State

S.P. 49 L.D. 79

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford Cosponsored by Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENOIT of Franklin, CARPENTER of York, FERGUSON, JR. of Oxford, HALL of Piscataquis, PENDEXTER of Cumberland, Representatives: BARTH, JR. of Bethel, BIRNEY of Paris, LEMKE of Westbrook, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway Bill "An Act to Make the Terms of Certain Commissioners Coterminous with the Term of the Governor"

S.P. 61 L.D. 90

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot

Reference to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Withholding of State Income Taxes from Federal Pensions" S.P. 40 L.D. 70

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York Cosponsored by Representative LEMONT of Kittery and Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: CARLETON, JR. of Wells, JONES, JR. of Pittsfield, MARSHALL of Eliot, MURPHY of Berwick, OTT of York, TOWNSEND of Portland, TUFTS of Stockton Springs

Bill "An Act to Aid the Administration of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax by Ensuring that the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price is Made Available to the Excise Tax Collector" S.P. 45 L.D. 75

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Property Tax Laws Related to Property Tax Exemptions Benefitting Nonresidents"

S.P. 54 L.D. 83

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin

Bill "An Act to Increase the Fee Amount that an Unorganized Territory is Allowed to Retain as an Agent of the State Collecting Excise Taxes" S.P. 57 L.D. 86

Presented by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Withdrawal Penalty for Certain Persons under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law" S.P. 63 L.D. 92

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford Cosponsored by Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, CARPENTER of York, FERGUSON, JR. of Oxford, HALL of Piscataquis, PENDEXTER of Cumberland, Representatives: BARTH, JR. of Bethel, BIRNEY of Paris, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law" (Emergency) S.P. 64 L.D. 93

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec Cosponsored by Representatives: DIPIETRO of South Portland, MURPHY of Berwick, SPEAR of Nobleboro

Reference to the Committee on TAXATION suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

"An Act to the Sensible Bi11 Repeal **Transportation Policy Act"** S.P. 29 L.D. 59

Presented by Senator BEGLEY of Lincoln Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden and Senators: CIANCHETTE of Somerset, FERGUSON, JR. of Oxford, LORD of York, Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, CLARK of Millinocket, DEXTER of Kingfield, GOULD of Greenville, HEINO of Boothbay, JONES, JR. of Pittsfield, KNEELAND of Easton, LIBBY of Buxton, LOOK of Jonesboro, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, MURPHY of Berwick, PLOWMAN of Hampden, POIRIER of Saco, REED of Falmouth, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, SPEAR of Nobleboro, TAYLOR of Cumberland, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, VIGUE of Winslow, WINN of Glenburn, YACKOBITZ of Hermon

Bill "An Act to Require Safety Seat Belts in New School Buses"

S.P. 42 L.D. 72

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec

Reference to the Committee on suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED.** TRANSPORTATION

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Charging Electric Utility Customers Based on Actual Usage" S.P. 31 L.D. 61

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford Cosponsored by Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENDIT of Franklin, CARPENTER of York, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, HALL of Piscataquis, HATHAWAY of York, SMALL of Sagadahoc, STEVENS, JR. of Androscoggin, Representatives: BARTH, JR. of Bethel, BIRNEY of Paris, HARTNETT of Freeport, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOP of Norway WINSOR of Norway

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Port Bill "An ACT to America Control Clyde Water District" (Emergency) S.P. 41 L.D. 71

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox Cosponsored by Representative: SIMONEAU of Thomaston

Reference to the Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY and ORDERED PRINTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT moved to suspend the Rules to send all matters thus acted upon forthwith for concurrence.

Senator LAWRENCE of York requested a Division.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion of THE PRESIDENT to suspend the Rules.

A Division has been requested.

Will all those in favor please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

Will all those opposed please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, and 17 being less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, the motion of THE PRESIDENT to suspend the Rules, FAILED.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matter in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment, has preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 29.

The Chair laid before the Senate the Tabled and Later Today Assigned (January 12, 1995) matter:

JOINT ORDER - relative to the Legislative Sentiment recognizing Marion Nutting. HLS 19

Tabled - January 12, 1995, by Senator LAWRENCE of York

Pending - PASSAGE

(In House, January 10, 1995, READ and PASSED.)

(In Senate, January 12, 1995, READ.)

Which was **PASSED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by THE PRESIDENT, RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent forthwith for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Confirmation Process" (Emergency) H.P. 118 L.D. 153

Reference to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House, under suspension of the rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** without reference to a Committee.

Which was, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by THE PRESIDENT, RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reports as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency

An Act to Facilitate the Confirmation Process H.P. 118 L.D. 153 This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with No Senators having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

The **ADJOURNMENT ORDER** having been returned from the House **READ** and **PASSED**, in concurrence, on motion by Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, **ADJOURNED** until Friday, January 20, 1995, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.