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> In Senate Chamber Thursday April 13, 1995

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

Prayer by the Reverend Robert Foss of the Lyman Community Church in Limerick.

REVEREND ROBERT FOSS: First, I want to thank those responsible for getting me here this morning; the State Police, for keeping my speed down; and for the gracious reception that my wife and I have had. I have been advised that, in this particular capacity, there will be no sermons and no offerings, so I'm going to be a little short. Praise God. Let us pray together.

Almighty God, as we in this assembly consider this moment of meditation, may we center on your will and not that of partisanship. Though we be of diverse faiths and personal agendas, may we be in one accord that you are our God and that unity prayer is that your will be done. May there be a quickening of your Holy Spirit, Oh Lord, as those here get about the business at hand. When considering the authority and the responsibility to which this body has been appointed, may your grace and wisdom abound as they consider not self but service. Father, may this prayer be more than just words uttered out of geography and tradition, but may it be an impartation of your will for this time. So Lord, as the awesome responsibility of their work begins, may it not become a burden, but a service to those who, by their trust, have caused this body to exist. To this end, Oh God, we ask your blessing on those whom you have chosen to govern, and may it be that at the close of business there will be a sense of Godly satisfaction that, truly, your will has been done. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Yesterday.

Off Record Remarks

Out of Order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **AMERO** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 490

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 25, 1995, at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Commission on Community Service"

H.P. 282 L.D. 386 (C "A" H-57)

In House, March 30, 1995, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-57).

In Senate, April 4, 1995, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-57), in concurrence.

Comes from the House PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY CONNETTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-57) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-102) thereto, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

The Senate RECEDED and CONCURRED.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 124

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

L.D. 348

L.D. 414

L.D. 601

L.D. 638

L.D. 709

L.D. 710

L.D. 711

L.D. 715

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 150 An Act to Increase Dog License L.D. 464 Agent Fees for Municipal Clerks
- L.D. 267 An Act to Require Labeling of Milk L.D. 506 Products From Cows Treated with Recombinant Bovine Somatotropin
- L.D. 673 An Act to Create the Department of Forestry
- L.D. 757 An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Churchill Dam and to Provide for the Use of Controlled Releases of Water
- We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

- S/Sen. Vinton E. Cassidy S/Rep. Marjorie L. Kilkelly Senate Chair House Chair
- Which was **READ** and with Accompanying Bills **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 125

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

April 10, 1995 L.D. 714

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 322 An Act to Require the Governor's Biennial Budget to Include More Information

- An Act to Adjust the Percentage of State Revenues Credited to the Local Government Fund to Replace the Loss of the Inventory Tax Reimbursement
- An Act to Restore Funding to the Property Tax Relief Fund
- An Act to Fund the Demolition of a Building in the City of Old Town
- An Act to Appropriate Money from the General Fund to Pay Fees for Schools Required to Report Underground Storage Tanks
- An Act to Continue Funding for the Maine Quality Centers Program
 - An Act to Create the Maine Budget and Economic Stabilization Fund
- L.D. 680 An Act to Provide Fully Paid Health Insurance Benefits to Retired Teachers
- L.D. 701 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Implement Performance-based Budgeting
 - An Act to Make Allocations from the Maine Nuclear Emergency Planning Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997
 - An Act to Make Allocations from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund and the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997
 - An Act to Make Allocations from the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997
 - An Act to Make Allocations from Various Funds of the Department of Environmental Protection for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997
 - An Act Making Allocations Relating to Federal Block Grants for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997
- L.D. 760 An Act to Make Allocations for the Operating Expenditures of the Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997

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- L.D. 763 An Act to Make Allocations for the Administrative Expenses of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997
- L.D. 780 An Act to Dedicate a Percentage of the Maine Sales Tax for School Funding
- L.D. 803 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Limit the Administrative Costs of State Agencies to 10%
- L.D. 816 An Act to Dedicate the State Lottery Fund for School Funding
- L.D. 825 An Act to Improve Legislative Oversight of Lease-purchase Agreements

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dana C. Hanley S/Rep. George J. Kerr Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 126

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 302 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Safeguard the Assets of the Competitive Workers' Compensation Fund

- L.D. 307 An Act to Create the Competitive Workers' Compensation Fund
- L.D. 515 An Act Concerning the Return of Credit Card Receipts BY REQUEST
- L.D. 522 An Act to Restrict the Ability of Credit Card Companies to Charge Excessive Fees
- L.D. 621 An Act Regarding Checks Issued by Insurance Companies to Cover Losses
- L.D. 669 An Act Authorizing a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 to Capitalize the Competitive Workers' Compensation Fund
- L.D. 822 An Act Concerning the Lapse of Auto Insurance

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen.	I. Joel Abromson	S/Rep. Marc J. Vigue
Senate	Chair	House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 127

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 46 An Act to Regulate the Practice of Cosmetology and Barbering Outside of Licensed Shops BY REQUEST

L.D. 109 An Act to Permit Motor Vehicle Dealerships to Operate on Sundays

	An Act to Modify Exemptions Regarding the Practice of Cosmetologists, Barbers, Manicurists and Aestheticians	L.D. 351
ļ	An Act to Promote Industry in the State by Creating Industry Specialists	L.D. 367
	An Act to Expand Maine's Bottle Law BY REQUEST	L.D. 385
	An Act to Require Latch-open Devices at Self-service Gasoline Stations	L.D. 457
	An Act to Allow Certain Retail Car Dealers to Sell Automobiles on Sunday	L.D. 558
	Sunday	

L.D. 564 An Act to Modify the Exceptions to the Practices of Cosmetology and Barbering

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Philip Harriman	S/Rep. G. Steven Rowe
Senate Chair	House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 128

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 545 An Act Creating a Victims' Rights Chapter in the Maine Criminal Code

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John W. Benoit Senate Chair

: S/Rep. Herbert E. Clark House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 129

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 272 An Act to Implement an Electronic Benefit Delivery Program for Benefits Provided by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
- L.D. 583 An Act to Facilitate Cooperative Agreements among Hospitals

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joan M. Pendexter S/Rep. Michael Fitzpatrick House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 130

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 97 An Act Requiring a Guide for Certain Nonresident Aliens Hunting in the State
- L.D. 123 An Act to Extend the Period during Which Only Maine Residents May Hunt Deer
- L.D. 281 An Act to Reduce from 5 to 2 the Number of Ice-fishing Lines That May Be Fished by One Person
- L.D. 356 An Act to Require Bird Hunters to Wear 2 Articles of Blaze Orange
- L.D. 357 An Act to Set Aside a Number of Moose Hunting Permits for Former Prisoners of War
- L.D. 589 An Act to Prohibit Game Wardens from Violating State Laws to Carry Out Their Powers and Duties
- L.D. 592 An Act to Require a Person to Have a Hunting License to Participate in the Moose Lottery BY REQUEST
- L.D. 720 An Act to Allow All Hunters to Hunt Deer on the 5th Saturday Preceding Thanksgiving
- L.D. 735 Resolve, to Put a Moratorium on the Introduction of Largemouth Bass into the State's Lakes BY REQUEST

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen.	Stephen E. Hall	S/Rep. Dorothy A. Rotondi
Senate	Chair	House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 131

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 42 An Act to Institute Loser-pay Litigation in the State of Maine
- L.D. 44 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
- L.D. 237 An Act to Provide Statutory Procedures for Grievances against Attorneys
- L.D. 538 An Act Relating to the Budget of the Judicial Department
- L.D. 612 An Act to Change the Reimbursement Procedure for Law Enforcement Personnel Testifying in Court
- L.D. 668 An Act to Improve the Civil Order of Arrest Procedure
- L.D. 683 An Act to Clarify the Status of Sewer Districts and Refuse Disposal Districts as Special Purpose Districts under the Maine Tort Claims Act
- L.D. 702 An Act to Amend the Maine Freedom of Access Laws
- L.D. 791 An Act Requiring Unsuccessful Parties in Civil Suits to Pay Costs

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. S. Peter Mills Senate Chair Senate Chair S/Rep. Sharon Anglin Treat House Chair Which was **READ** and with Accompanying Bills **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 132

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 28	An	Act	to	Apply	Workers'
	Comp	pensati	on	Awards	to
	Unen	nployme	nt Ben	efits	

- L.D. 95 An Act to Clarify Liability of Employers of Domestic Employees Regarding Workers' Compensation
- L.D. 441 An Act to Promote Apprentice Education in the State
- L.D. 677 An Act to Increase the Employability of Homeless Persons in This State

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Charles M. Begley S/Rep. Pamela H. Hatch Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 133

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 142 An Act to Amend the Legal Requirements for Establishment of New Political Parties in the State
- L.D. 191 An Act to Limit Campaign Contributions in Legislative Races
- L.D. 257 An Act to Give Qualifying Status to Certain New Political Parties for 4 Years BY REQUEST
- L.D. 329 An Act to Extend the Hours for Sunday Sales of Liquor in Limited Circumstances
- L.D. 623 An Act to Set Spending Limits for Legislative Campaigns
- L.D. 684 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Lobbyists

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen.	Norman K.	Ferguson,	Jr.	S/Rep.	Guy R.	Nadeau
Senate		•		House		

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 134

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 331 An Act to Ban Spurs on Boats
- L.D. 615 An Act to Expand the Research Budget of the Department of Marine Resources
- L.D. 767 Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Conduct a Study Concerning the Sea Cucumber Industry

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jeffrey H. Butland S/Rep. Peter A. Cloutier House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 135

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE CONMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 212 An Act to Change the Definition of Pollutant in the Environmental Laws
- L.D. 214 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Assessment of Penalties for Environmental Violations
- L.D. 354 Resolve, to Remove the Emissions Credit Problem in the State and Ensure Future Job Growth and Creation

- L.D. 602 An Act to Include More Information in the Report of the Board of Environmental Protection to the Legislature
- L.D. 606 An Act to Abolish the Process of Permit by Rule by the Board of Environmental Protection
- L.D. 651 An Act to Grandfather Certain Dwellings within Mandatory Shoreland Zoning
- L.D. 770 An Act to Return to Municipalities Control over Permits by Rule Currently Implemented by the Department of Environmental Protection
- L.D. 922 An Act to Establish an Emissions Reduction Credit Trading Program

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

- Sincerely,
- S/Sen. Willis A. Lord S/Rep. Richard A. Gould Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 136

STATE OF HAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 323 An Act to Change the Laws Pertaining to the Issuance of Copies of Marriage Certificates by Towns
- L.D. 392 An Act to Clarify the Collection of Sewer Charges

L.D. 607

L.D. 456 An Act to Provide Legislators with the Technology to Better Serve Their Constituents and to Make the Legislative Process More Efficient

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jane A. Amero S/Rep. Beverly C. Daggett Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 137

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 20 An Act to Change the Method of Assessing Taxes for Land in the Unorganized Townships in the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law BY REQUEST
- L.D. 53 An Act to Exempt Business Furniture from the Recycling Assistance Fee
- L.D. 54 An Act to Refund Money Collected from the Disposal Fee on Major Appliances and Tires to Municipalities
- L.D. 207 An Act to Allow a Municipality To Enact a Local Option Tax
- L.D. 249 An Act to Exempt Lobster Traps, Fishing Nets and Lobster Cars from the Personal Property Tax
- L.D. 269 An Act to Increase the Revenue from Off-track Betting

- L.D. 394 An Act to Expand Eligibility for the Circuit Breaker Program
- L.D. 531 An Act to Exempt Barter from All Taxation Considerations

An Act to Give Increased Local Control in Fiscal Matters by Allowing Municipalities the Option of Charging Minimum User Fees on Certain Tax-exempt Property

- L.D. 641 An Act to Encourage Public Land Acquisition and Management by Changing the Allocation Formula for Real Estate Transfer Tax BY REQUEST
- L.D. 783 An Act to Authorize an Optional Regional Sales Tax

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen.	W. John Hathaway	S/Rep. Susan E. Dore
Senate	Chair	House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 138

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 34 An Act to Amend the Conservation Plates Law to Provide More Money to the Departments of Conservation and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
- L.D. 107 An Act to Increase Funds Available to the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by Amending the Loon Plates Law

- L.D. 108 An Act to Install Rumble Strips on the Turnpike and to Allocate Funds to Operate a 24-hour Weigh Station
- L.D. 189 An Act to Install Rumble Strips on the Maine Turnpike
- L.D. 190 Resolve, to Install Rumble Strips along Interstate 95
- L.D. 334 Resolve, Requiring the Department of Transportation to Account for Money Received from the Sale of Loon Plates
- L.D. 355 An Act to Expand Participation in the State's Conservation License Plate Program
- L.D. 406 An Act to Authorize the Use of Loon Plates on Vehicles of the Handicapped
- L.D. 518 An Act to Require a Second Doctor's Opinion before the Secretary of State May Suspend a Driver's License BY REQUEST
- L.D. 698 An Act to Direct Additional Funds to the Department of Conservation by Amending the Loon Plate Laws
- L.D. 699 An Act to Amend the Weight Requirement for a Motor Vehicle Traveling on Certain Roads
- L.D. 737 An Act to Provide for the Safety of Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service Personnel
- L.D. 758 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Pertaining to Certificates of Title
- L.D. 765 An Act to Allow Salvage Dealers to Salvage a Car That Is over 10 Years Old without Having the Title
- L.D. 778 An Act to Allow Emergency Personnel to Have Permanent Red Lights on Their Private Vehicles
- L.D. 797 An Act to Provide Recipients of the Purple Heart Medal with a Special Motor Vehicle Registration Plate
- L.D. 1009 An Act to Change the Renewal Fee of the Loon License Plate and to Dedicate the Revenue Generated

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Albert G. Stevens, Jr. S/Rep. William B. O'Gara Senate Chair House Chair Which was **READ** and with Accompanying Bills ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 139

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY

April 10, 1995

Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 15, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 283 An Act Relating to the Joint Use of Equipment
 - L.D. 318 An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding the Extension of Municipal Sewer and Water Lines
- L.D. 444 An Act to Establish the Saco River Corridor Fund
- L.D. 551 An Act to Protect Cable Television Consumers from Excessive Late Fees
- L.D. 649 An Act to Prohibit an Electric Utility from Estimating a Monthly Bill at a Rate Higher Than the Prior Month's Bill

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

Sen. David L. Carpenter Rep. Carol A. Kontos Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 140

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS STATE HOUSE STATION 22 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

April 7, 1995

Senator Jeffrey Butland President of the Senate State House Station #3 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland:

Pursuant to 12 MRSA Chapter 202, §553 3(c), the Bureau of Public Lands recently submitted its Biennial Report to the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. Enclosed is a copy for your information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

S/Thomas A. Morrison Director

Which was **READ** and with Accompanying Report referred to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE**, **CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 141

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE CONMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

April 11, 1995

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland President of the Senate of Maine 117th Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 38 of the 117th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable William S. Brodrick of Kennebunkport, for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS:	Sen. 2	Mills of Somerset, Faircloth of Penobscot			
	Rep. 8	Treat of Gardiner, Jones of Bar Harbor, LaFountain of Biddeford, Watson of Farmingdale, Plowman of Hampden, Hartnett of Freeport, Madore of Augusta, Nass of Acton			
NAYS:	0				
ABSENT:	3	Sen. Pendexter of Cumberland, Rep. Lemke of Westbrook, Rep. Richardson of Portland			

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Honorable William S. Brodrick of Kennebunkport, for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court be confirmed.

Signed:

S/S. Peter Mills Senate Chair S/Sharon Anglin Treat House Chair

Which was **READ** and **ORDER PLACED ON FILE**.

The President noted the absence of Senator **BERUBE** of Androscoggin, and excused her from today's Roll Call votes.

THE PRESIDENT: The Joint Standing Committee on JUDICIARY has recommended the nomination of William S. Brodrick of Kennebunkport be confirmed.

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151 and with Joint Rule 38 of the 117th Legislature, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays.

A vote of Yes will be in favor of overriding the recommendation of the Committee.

A vote of No will be in favor of sustaining the recommendation of the Committee.

Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers will secure the Chamber.

The Secretary will call the Roll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Senators: NONE

NAYS: ABROMSON, AMERO, BEGLEY, BENOIT, Senators: CAREY, CARPENTER, CASSIDY, CIANCHETTE, CLEVELAND, FAIRCLOTH, FERGUSON, GOLDTHWAIT, HANLEY. HARRIMAN, HALL. HATHAWAY, KIEFFER, LAWRENCE, LONGLEY, LORD, MCCURINE, MICHAUD, MILLS, O'DEA, PARADIS, PENNEXTER, PINGREE, RAND, CIEVENS and the PENDEXTER, PINGREE, RAND, RUHLIN, SMALL, STEVENS, and the PRESIDENT, Senator BUTLAND

ABSENT: Senators: BUSTIN, ESTY

EXCUSED: Senator: BERUBE

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being absent, and 1 Senator having been excused, and None being less than two-thirds of the Membership present, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be ACCEPTED and the nomination of William S. Brodrick, for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court, was CONFIRMED.

The Secretary informed the Speaker of the House.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Improve Public Access to the Maine State Museum" S.P. 483 L.D. 1317

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Pertaining to Grievance Procedures Concerning Discrimination on the Basis of Disability"

S.P. 486 L.D. 1320

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec

Bill "An Act to Suppress the Release of Medical Records of Persons with Disabilities" S.P. 487 L.D. 1321 Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec

Resolve, Directing the Attorney General to Sue the Federal Government to Prohibit Unfunded Federal Mandates (Emergency)

S.P. 488 L.D. 1322

Presented by Senator HATHAWAY of York Cosponsored by Senators: BEGLEY of Lincoln, BENOIT of Franklin, BUTLAND of Cumberland, FERGUSON, JR. of Oxford, HALL of Piscataquis, HANLEY of Oxford, KIEFFER of Aroostook, STEVENS, JR. of Androscoggin, Representatives: AULT of Wayne, BUCK of Yarmouth, JOYNER of Hollis, REED of Falmouth

Reference to the Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Employees to Recover Damages from Employers Who Refuse Access to Personnel Files"

S.P. 484 L.D. 1318

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin

Bill "An Act to Allow Terminated Employees to Recover Damages from Employers Who Refuse to Provide a Written Reason for Termination"

S.P. 485 L.D. 1319

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin

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 Address Membership of the Substance Abuse Services Commission" S.P. 482 L.D. 1316

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Widen the Maine Turnpike" S.P. 489 L.D. 1323

Presented by Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, AMERO of Cumberland, BEGLEY of Lincoln, BENOIT of Franklin, CAREY of Kennebec, CARPENTER of York, CASSIDY of Washington, CIANCHETTE of Somerset, FERGUSON, JR. of Oxford, HALL of Piscataquis, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, HATHAMAY of York, KIEFFER of Aroostook, LAMRENCE of York, LORD of York, MILLS of Somerset, PENDEXTER of Cumberland, STEVENS, JR. of Androscoggin, Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CARLETON, JR. of Wells, CHICK of Lebanon, CLOUTIER of South Portland, FARNUM of South Berwick, GREENLAW of Standish, JOYCE of Biddeford, JOYNER of Hollis, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, LEMONT of Kittery, LIBBY of Kennebunk, LOVETT of Scarborough, MARSHALL of Eliot, MURPHY of Berwick, NICKERSON of Turner, OTT of York, REED of Falmouth, SPEAR of Nobleboro, TAYLOR of Cumberland, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, UNDERWOOD of Oxford

Reference to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator MILLS of Somerset, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 491

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary report out a bill, "An Act to Amend the Workplace Manslaughter Law to Protect Members of the Public."

Cosponsored by: Representative TREAT of Gardiner.

Which was **READ**.

On motion by Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, Tabled Until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE**.

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

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

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

Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator LAWRENCE of York, RECESSED until 11 o'clock in the morning.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator LAMRENCE of York, 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:

The Bill TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

ENACTOR

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

Emergency Mandate

An Act to Authorize the Towns of Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland to Form a Community School District S.P. 355 L.D. 983 C "A" (S-61)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Hanley.

Senator HANLEY: Thank you Mr. President, Men and Women of the Senate. Normally this bill, because it does have a prospective fiscal note on it, would be placed on the Special Appropriations Table. I rise this morning to alert the members of this Chamber that the Appropriations Committee, yesterday afternoon, took a vote on whether or not this would be placed on the Special Appropriations Table, and it was voted affirmatively to not have it, to have it bypass the Special Appropriations Table.

This being a Mandate, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with No Senators having voted in the negative, and 28 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Relating to Building Permit Ordinances" H.P. 308 L.D. 412

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Dedicate a Percentage of the Actual Individual Income Taxes from Each Community to Be Returned to the Community for School Funding"

H.P. 613 L.D. 823

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-80).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-80)**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-80) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Require Insurance Companies to Provide Loss Information to Insured Groups"

H.P. 79 L.D. 115

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-91).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-91).**

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-91) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Retail Credit Cards" H.P. 420 L.D. 577

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-92).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-92).**

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-92) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC** DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act Concerning the Rights and Responsibilities of Innkeepers" H.P. 291 L.D. 395

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-81).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-81).**

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-81) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Date of the Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (Emergency) H.P. 443 L.D. 609

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-89). Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-89).

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-89) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Continue Requiring Probable Cause before the Exercise of Protective Custody"

H.P. 305 L.D. 409

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-84).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** (H-84).

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-84) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Bill "An Act to Stop the Alewives Restoration Program in the St. Croix River"

H.P. 385 L.D. 520

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-78).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-78)**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-78) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS on Resolve, to Require the Special Commission to Erect a Plaque in the Hall of Flags Honoring Medal of Honor Recipients from Maine to Submit 2 Reports and to Appoint Members by May 1, 1995 (Emergency) H.P. 350 L.D. 470

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-94).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-94)**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Resolve READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-94) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Resolve, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Requiring That Disbursement Warrants Receive an Affirmative Vote by Municipal Officers" H.P. 318 L.D. 439

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-82).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-82)**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-82) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Use of the Installment Method for the Collection of Sewer Assessments and Charges"

H.P. 419 L.D. 576

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-83).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-83).

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-83) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Municipal Subdivision Laws Regarding Application Requirements" H.P. 481 L.D. 662

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-90).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-90)**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-90) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of a Certain Parcel of Land Known as Kole Kill Island in West Grand Lake upon Payment of Back Taxes

H.P. 197 L.D. 256

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-86).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED** TO BE **ENGROSSED** AS **AMENDED** BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-86).

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-86) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Establish an Equitable Sales Tax Structure for Bottled Water"

H.P. 258 L.D. 360

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-85).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-85)**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-85) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Personal Property Tax on Individuals in the State" H.P. 414 L.D. 571

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-87).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** (H-87).

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-87) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Retail Seed Dealer's License" H.P. 382 L.D. 517

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)

Signed:

Senators: CASSIDY of Washington PARADIS of Aroostook

Representatives: KILKELLY of Wiscasset KNEELAND of Easton AHEARNE of Madawaska SPEAR of Nobleboro TYLER of Windham STROUT of Corinth CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft DEXTER of Kingfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senator: LORD of York

Representatives: HEESCHEN of Wilton HICHBORN of Lagrange

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-72).

Which Reports were READ.

The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-72) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **BUSINESS AND** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act to Direct the Office of Tourism to Promote All Regions of the State"

H.P. 13 L.D. 7

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

- Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock
- Representatives: ROWE of Portland DAVIDSON of Brunswick KONTOS of Windham REED of Dexter SIROIS of Caribou

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass.**

Signed:

Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford POVICH of Ellsworth

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT** TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Which Reports were READ.

On motion by Senator **CIANCHETTE** of Somerset, the Senate **ACCEPTED** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **ABROMSON** for the Committee on **BANKING AND** INSURANCE on Bill "An Act to Expand the Membership of the State Employee Health Commission" S.P. 289 L.D. 787

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-63).

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-63) READ and ADOPTED.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **BANKING AND** INSURANCE on Bill "An Act to Stabilize Health Insurance Rates for Small Businesses" S.P. 164 L.D. 425

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-62)

Signed:

Senator: MCCORMICK of Kennebec

Representatives: VIGUE of Winslow CAMPBELL of Holden CHASE of China GATES of Rockport GUERRETTE of Pittston MAYO, III of Bath MITCHELL of Vassalboro SAXL of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland SMALL of Sagadahoc

Representatives: JONES, JR. of Pittsfield LUMBRA of Bangor

Which Reports were READ.

Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland moved that the Senate ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator McCormick.

Senator McCORMICK: Thank you Mr. President, Men and Women of the Senate. I urge you to vote against the ought not to pass report and I request a Division. The ought to pass as amended report, as you can see, is a bipartisan report. This bill, L.D.

425, in its amended version will do a couple of very important things for small business. I want to itemize that for you now. Maine has proceeded down the road of health insurance reform, insurance reform I should say, for the last ten years. In the last couple of years we have been protecting our small businesses, that is businesses from zero to twenty-five employees, from being dropped from coverage or from being refused coverage solely based on the health status of anyone of their employees. This bill, L.D 425, extends that protection to employers who employ between twenty-five and fifty employers who employ between twenty-rive and fifty employees. If you will, it is the rest of the small group market. That's what the insurance parlance is. Twenty-three other states include employers of under fifty in their small group health insurance reforms. What does this mean? This means that for about 100,000 employees in this state, and 7% of our employers, currently it is a wild world out there. In other words there are no insurance reform protections pertaining to them. If, for instance, as some of us I'm sure are employers that fit into that particular market, if one of our employees had a difficult health status - a problem pregnancy, a kidney problem; that means that the insurer currently, without the passage of this law, can drop us from coverage or can jack our rates up \$30,000 a year to make us drop our coverage. I really think that this is an important part of moving towards insurance reform. We extend this coverage to about 75% of our businesses now in the small group market, from twenty-five and under. I would like us to vote against the ought not to pass report and go with the bipartisan majority ought to pass as amended report out of the Committee on Banking and Insurance. Thank vou.

Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec requested a Division.

On motion by Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, Tabled until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **ABROMSON** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Off Record Remarks

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Shock Incarceration Program"

S.P. 46 L.D. 76

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators: BENOIT of Franklin O'DEA of Penobscot Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket BUNKER, JR. of Kossuth Township CLUKEY of Houlton PEAVEY of Woolwich JOHNSON of South Portland THOMPSON of Naples WHEELER of Bridgewater

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-64)**

Signed:

Senator: HALL of Piscataquis

Representative: WATERHOUSE of Bridgton

Which Reports were READ.

Senator **BENOIT** of Franklin moved that the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataguis, Senator Hall.

Senator HALL: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to remind the members of the Maine Senate that the amendment on this particular bill is only for the Department of Corrections to do a study, especially a study of New Hampshire's program. In today's society, where we don't have all the dollars that we would like to have, I think that we need to look at every program as an alternative, especially when it comes to our Department of Corrections. The amendment on this bill is just that, it is asking them to do a study and report back to us next year on what they find. So, it's not really going to cost us anything, it is not to set the program in place or anything, it is only to continue to look and see if we can find a better way to spend our dollars a little more wisely. For that reason, I would encourage you to vote for the minority report, ought to pass. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Benoit.

Senator **BENOIT**: Thank you Mr. President. May it please the Senate. We don't need a study for two reasons. As you know, we have a new Commissioner of Corrections, Joseph Lehman, he is reknown in the country from coast to coast. We have probably got the best man heading Corrections that you could have, and he knows all about these programs. He has worked with them, if I recall his credentials. Secondly, we studied it already. New Hampshire has a program and all we have to do is pick up the phone and talk with them over there to see how it is going. They are right next door as a neighbor. The studies have indicated that those offenders who participate in a shock offender program do not necessarily fare off better than those offenders who do not. So, we have got the man we want at the helm. We have done studies. I would ask your support of the majority ought not to pass. Thank you. THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by Senator BENOIT of Franklin that the Senate ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report.

The Chair ordered a Division.

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.

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 3 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BENOIT** of Franklin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act Concerning the Required Distance between Agency Liquor Stores" S.P. 227 L.D. 587

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators: MICHAUD of Penobscot STEVENS, JR. of Androscoggin

Representatives: NADEAU of Saco LABRECQUE of Gorham MURPHY of Berwick BUCK of Yarmouth CHIZMAR of Lisbon LEMONT of Kittery TRUMAN of Biddeford GAMACHE of Lewiston FISHER of Brewer TRUE of Fryeburg

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass.**

Signed:

Senator: FERGUSON, JR. of Oxford

Which Reports were READ.

On motion by Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report.

SECOND READERS

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

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Department of Electric Works within the Town of Madison" (Emergency)

S.P. 108 L.D. 284 (C "A" S-57)

Bill "An Act to Require Insurance Companies to Reenroll Individuals Who Return to an Insurance Group as Though No Break in Coverage Occurred" S.P. 154 L.D. 340

(C "A" S-60)

Bill "An Act to Create the Franklin Utility District" (Emergency) S.P. 256 L.D. 694 (C "A" S-58)

Which were **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE** ENGROSSED, As Amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

An Act Concerning Municipal Shellfish Conservation Program Penalties H.P. 194 L.D. 253

On motion by Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending **ENACTHENT**.

Emergency

An Act to Ensure Appropriate Resource and Referral Services for Families Needing Child Care S.P. 93 L.D. 233 C "A" (S-27)

Comes from the House FAILED OF ENACTMENT.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 25 Members of the Senate, with 2 Senators having voted in the negative, and 25 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

RECALLED FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Mills.

Senator **MILLS:** Mr. President, is the Senate in possession of L.D. 330?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would answer in the affirmative, the Bill having been recalled from the Governor's Desk.

An Act to Allow Liens on Claims Not Sounding in Tort

S.P. 144 L.D. 330

(Recalled from the Governor's Desk pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 481.)

On motion by Senator MILLS of Somerset, the Senate SUSPENDED THE RULES.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate RECONSIDERED its action whereby the bill was PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate SUSPENDED THE RULES.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate RECONSIDERED its action whereby the bill was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

On further motion by same Senator, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Require Roll Bars in Emergency Response Vehicles" H.P. 927 L.D. 1308

Reference to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, to Renew the State's Commitment to Family Planning Services for Low-income Women and Teens

H.P. 945 L.D. 1334

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, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Statewide Hunting of Upland Game and Migratory Waterfowl on Sundays" H.P. 936 L.D. 1325

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

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Confidentiality of Records and the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse" H.P. 942 L.D. 1331

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Jurisdiction of the Passamaquoddy Tribal Court" H.P. 944 L.D. 1333

Bill "An Act Making Comprehensive Changes to the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act" H.P. 948 L.D. 1337

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, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Victims of Sexual Assault" H.P. 941 L.D. 1330

Reference to the Committee on JUDICIARY 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 Expand Eligibility for the Maine Veterans' Homes" H.P. 938 L.D. 1327

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

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

Which was referred to the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Ring Holding Devices Used in Packaging"

H.P. 940 L.D. 1329

Resolve, to Direct the Land and Water Resources Council to Develop Alternatives to the Site Location of Development Laws That Protect the Environment and Improve the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the State's Land Use Laws

H.P. 947 L.D. 1336

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**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the Commissioner of Defense and Veterans' Services to Be Confirmed by the Legislature"

H.P. 935 L.D. 1324

Bill "An Act to Limit the Length of Legislative Sessions"

H.P. 939 L.D. 1328

Bill "An Act to Restructure the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation"

H.P. 949 L.D. 1338

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

Come 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, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend Laws Pertaining to On-premises Signs by Allowing for Changeable Signs" H.P. 946 L.D. 1335

Reference to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Town of Topsham to Increase the Amount the Town May Contribute to the Construction Costs of Sewers That Belong or May Later Belong to the Topsham Sewer District" (Emergency) H.P. 943 L.D. 1332

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

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

Which was referred to the Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY, in concurrence.

Senator **ABROMSON** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **ABROMSON:** I have been asked by several members to clarify L.D. 510, "An Act to Extend the Duration of Workers' Compensation Health Benefit Pilot Projects". This extension of the pilot keeps the responsibility of the Workers' Compensation premiums 100% to the employer, the same as it is for employers not participating in the pilot. Responsibility for non-occupation disability and health care premiums for employers participating in the pilot are the same as for employers not involved in the pilot. This bill simply extends the time period for the pilot. If anyone has any questions, I would be pleased to discuss it following the session.

Senator **O'DEA** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator LAMRENCE of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator LAMRENCE: Thank you Mr. President. Earlier in today's session we suspended the rules without specifying what rules were to be suspended, or the purpose for which they were suspended. I would just like to get an opinion of the Chair whether that is allowable under the rules of parliamentary procedure.

THE PRESIDENT: The ruling of the Chair, or the opinion of the Chair, would be that in that the move

to suspend the rules is not debatable, that adding on to move to suspend the rules for the purposes of reconsideration would technically fall under the heading of debate. The particular sequence that we are referring to was the Senator from Somerset, Senator Mills, who then moved further suspension for the Senate to reconsider its action whereby the bill was Passed to be Enacted. So, the Senator asked for suspension of the rules, and then further suspension of the rules for the purpose of reconsideration. The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Lawrence.

Senator LAMRENCE: Thank you Mr. President. I would simply direct the presiding officer's attention to Mason's Manual, Rule 282, subsection 4, which states "A motion to suspend the Rules should specify what Rule, or Rules, are to be suspended, and particularly should state the purpose of suspending the Rules." The only reason why I mention that is once the rules are suspended virtually anything can be considered, and in order to give people, everyone, the benefit to know why we are suspending the rules, I believe Mason's requires you to specify the purpose for which rules are being suspended so the members, in deciding whether or not to object to the suspension, know for what purpose the rules are being suspended.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair appreciates that clarification.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Private Indecency"

H.P. 131 L.D. 179

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-95).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-95).

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-95) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Children's Protection against Rabies by Requiring Proof of Rabies Vaccinations of Pets at Day Care Centers"

H.P. 186 L.D. 245

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-96).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-96).**

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-96) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE on Bill "An Act to Decrease the Minimum Required Amount of Liability Insurance for Certain Intrastate Vehicles" H.P. 28 L.D. 22

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-103).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-103)**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-103) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Create a Separate License Plate for Sheriffs" H.P. 139 L.D. 187

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-99).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-99)**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-99) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies Related to the Recodification of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29" (Emergency)

H.P. 183 L.D. 231

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-79).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-79) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-104).

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-79) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

House Amendment "A" (H-104) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Truck Widths" H.P. 245 L.D. 347 Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-101).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-101).

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-101) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The ADJOURNMENT ORDER having been returned from the House READ and PASSED, in concurrence, on motion by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford, ADJOURNED until Tuesday, April 25, 1995, at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.