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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 13, 1996

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

Prayer by the Reverend Levering B. Sherman, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Augusta.

REVEREND LEVERING B. SHERMAN: Just to introduce myself briefly to you, my name is Lev Sherman of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church here in Augusta. I also was formerly a producer with Maine Public Broadcasting and spent a lot of time in these Chambers in that capacity. It is a pleasure to be here on a more personal note. I believe very strongly that our spiritual guidance and spiritual direction must come into each and every day of our lives. So with that in mind, let us pray now for guidance for this day, that we may seek right ways in all of our duties and all that we do. May we stand mindful that we are all, indeed, public servants. That in light of larger and more powerful ways, our passage through this mortal life is but transitory, a passage into the greater life of all eternity. In that movement, our accumulation of the things of this world, finally, amount to nothing. All that is left of us is the memory of what we have left for those whose time is yet to come. Yet, in this life we do touch upon that eternity in the ways of our compassion, of our caring, and of our sense of true mission for each other. The spirit which unites us remains and endures forever. That spirit is made alive in the ways that we serve one to the other. Eternal and Almighty God, Keeper of the Spirit of our precious life, keep us ever mindful of those in need, of those less fortunate than we, of all who are in any trouble, sorrow, sickness or pain. Guide us, truly, into the ways of peace, to seek honestly and with open hearts that which is best for all of our human family and for what is best for this earth, our temporary but bounteous home. Inspire and guide this body, that they may do Your work, may do it wisely, and may do it well. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by **SENATOR HARRIMAN** of Cumberland.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 8, 1996.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, the following Senate Order:

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Joint Convention of both branches in the Hall of the House at 11:00 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Daniel E. Wathen, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communication as pleases them.

S.O. 38

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

The Chair appointed the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **KIEFFER**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives.

Off Record Remarks

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE
Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:
JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE MAINE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INSIST THAT THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE MAINTAIN AND INTENSIFY INSPECTIONS OF CANADIAN POTATO SHIPMENTS ALONG MAINE'S BORDER AND DETERMINE THE EXISTENCE OF UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred Seventeenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the Second Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the Members of the Maine Delegation to the Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, in response to complaints by Maine potato growers, the Federal-State Inspection Service recently began inspecting Canadian potatoes being imported into Maine; and

WHEREAS, in the course of these inspections, approximately 18% of the potatoes inspected were found to be "suspect" because they were mislabeled or did not meet grading requirements; and

WHEREAS, while Maine potato crops are at their lowest levels since 1922 due to drought, Canadian crops are at their highest; and

WHEREAS, this disparity in crop size between the 2 countries, when combined with possible subsidization of the potato industry by the Canadian Government, has led to a severe underselling of Maine potatoes, which has been exacerbated by the favorable exchange rate on the U.S. dollar received by Canadian farmers; and

WHEREAS, import restrictions on potatoes and other trade practices by the Canadian Government place an unfair burden on U.S. farmers, since the same restrictions are not placed on the import of Canadian potatoes by the U.S. Government; and

WHEREAS, these conditions, if not dealt with in a timely manner, could have disastrous effects on Maine potato farmers who are at risk of not being able to ship their potatoes, thus defaulting on their debts and losing their farms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Maine Delegation to the United States Congress insist that the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture continue and intensify the inspections of Canadian potatoes being imported into the United States along Maine borders; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully request that the Maine Delegation to the United States Congress insist that the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative intensify their investigations of import restrictions, subsidies and unfair trade practices by the Canadian Government; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully request that, if the investigation reveals unfair trade practices, the U.S. Trade Representative take appropriate action under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to allow Maine

farmers to compete with Canadian farmers on a fair and equal basis; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

H.P. 1283

Comes from the House **READ** and **ADOPTED**.
Which was **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATION

The Following Communication:

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
242 STATE STREET
18 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0018

February 8, 1996

The Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor

State House Station #1
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland
President of the Senate

State House Station 3
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky
Speaker of the House

State House Station 2
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Re: P.L. 1993, ch. 662, An Act to Establish the
Maine Surplus Energy Auction Program

Dear Governor King, Senate President Butland, House
Speaker Gwadosky:

In 1994, the Legislature enacted P.L. 1993, ch.
662, An Act to Establish the Maine Surplus Energy
Auction Program (attached). The act created sections
4401-4404 of Title 35-A and required¹ that

[t]he commission shall report annually to the
Governor and the Legislature on the status of the
Maine Surplus Energy Auction Program.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the
Commission's first annual report to the Governor and
the Legislature.

I. THE SURPLUS ENERGY PROGRAM

P.L. 1993, ch. 662, required all electric
utilities with more than \$35,000,000 in annual
revenues to hold an auction for their surplus
electricity, and to make such surplus energy
available to all commercial and industrial customers
within each utility's service area. Three Maine
electric utilities, Central Maine Power, Bangor
Hydro-Electric Company, and Maine Public Service
Company, have annual revenues greater than
\$35,000,000 and were, therefore, subject to the
requirements of this program.

The Commission was required by this legislation
to estimate by October 14, 1994 the total amount of
surplus electricity that each eligible electric
utility was likely to have available and the periods
during which these surpluses would be available.
After the Commission assessed the quantity and
duration of available surplus electricity, each
eligible electric utility was required to provide
notice of the program to all its industrial and
commercial customers.

II. PROGRAM RESULTS

The Commission determined in October of 1994 that
neither Bangor Hydro-Electric, nor Maine Public
Service had surplus electricity sufficient to require

an auction. At that same time, the Commission
estimated Central Maine Power's surplus electricity
at between 0 GWh and 109 GWh from 1994 through 2010,
with most of this surplus occurring in off-peak
hours. The Commission determined that it was in the
public interest for Central Maine Power to proceed
with an auction of 15% of this amount. A bid
deadline of February 15, 1995 was established by the
Commission (see attached Commission Order in Docket
No. 94-235).

Central Maine Power issued notice of the energy
auction in December 1994. Bid packages were
subsequently mailed to seven persons who requested
additional information. In June of 1995, Central
Maine Power notified the Commission that no bids had
been received in response to the surplus electricity
auction.

III. CONCLUSION

There is no way, short of polling potential
bidders, to determine exactly why there was such
limited interest in this program. However, the
Commission has reviewed the operation of the program
and believes the following factors may have
contributed to this lack of interest:

- 1) the availability of the surplus electricity
is sporadic and uncertain;
- 2) the surplus electricity is generally
available only during off-peak times, such
as the very early morning hours;
- 3) with the approval of Central Maine Power's
Alternative Rate Plan in January of 1995,
many large industrial customers received
discounted rate contracts. Therefore, the
customers that could have most likely
benefited from lower cost, off-peak power
were already receiving a discount.

These three conditions are not expected to change
in the near future. In addition, since the time the
Commission performed its original analysis of
available surpluses, Central Maine Power has reduced
the amount of surplus energy on its system by
improving its mix of generating units.

IV. COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Commission does not believe surplus
electricity will be available in the quantities that
would make future energy auctions viable. Having
satisfied the requirements of P.L. 1993, chapter 662,
the Commission recommends repeal of Chapter 44 of
Title 35-A M.R.S.A., entitled Maine Surplus Energy
Auction Program. If in the future, the amount of
surplus electricity increases or the availability of
such surplus improves significantly, the Commission
will re-evaluate the feasibility of holding a future
auction and provide its recommendations to the
Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,
S/Thomas L. Welch
Chairman
S/William M. Nugent
Commissioner
S/Heather F. Hunt
Commissioner

¹35-A M.R.S.A. §4404.

S.C. 470

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

Off Record Remarks

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Exempt All Individuals Engaged in Fishing from Unemployment Insurance Requirements" (Emergency)

S.P. 696 L.D. 1770

Presented by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York
 Cosponsored by Representative: **MARSHALL** of Eliot
 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
 Reference to the Committee on **LABOR** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.
 Which was referred to the Committee on **LABOR** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.
 Sent down for concurrence.

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

S.P. 697 L.D. 1771

Presented by Senator **HATHAWAY** of York
 Cosponsored by Representative **TRIPP** of Topsham and Senators: **CAREY** of Kennebec, **FERGUSON, JR.** of Oxford, Representatives: **DORE** of Auburn, **DUNN** of Gray, **GREEN** of Monmouth, **MURPHY** of Berwick, **REED** of Falmouth
 Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
 Reference to the Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.
 Which was referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.
 Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Extend Certain Reporting Deadlines" (Emergency)

S.P. 698 L.D. 1779

Presented by Senator **AMERO** of Cumberland
 Cosponsored by Representative: **MITCHELL** of Vassalboro
 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
 Reference to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.
 Which was under suspension of the Rules, **READ ONCE** without reference to a Committee.
 Under further suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.
 Under further suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

At this point Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

At this point, a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative **MITCHELL** of Vassalboro, informing the Senate that the House concurred in the proposition for a Joint Convention, to be held in the Hall of the House at 11:00 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Daniel E. Wathen, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communication as pleases them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**House
 Ought to Pass**

The Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1997" (Emergency)

H.P. 1193 L.D. 1637

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**.
 The Bill **TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding the Issuance of a Credit Card to Benefit the Land for Maine's Future Fund" (Emergency)

H.P. 1213 L.D. 1663

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-688)**.
 Signed:

Senators:

ABROMSON of Cumberland
MCCORMICK of Kennebec
SMALL of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

VIGUE of Winslow
GATES of Rockport
SAXL of Portland
JONES, JR. of Pittsfield
CAMPBELL of Holden
CHASE of China
GUERRETTE of Pittston
LUMBRA of Bangor

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

Signed:

Representative:

MAYO, III of Bath

Comes from the House with the Majority **UGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-688)**.

Which Reports were **READ**.

The Majority **UGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-688)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-688) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program to the Maine Career Advantage"

H.P. 1186 L.D. 1627

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Improve the Local Road Assistance Program"

H.P. 345 L.D. 465
(C "A" H-684)

Bill "An Act to Decrease the Burden on the Trucking Industry by Permitting Photocopies of Registration to Be Kept in Trailers and Semitrailers"

H.P. 543 L.D. 739
(C "A" H-687)

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

ENACTORS

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

An Act to Promote Parity Between State and Federally Chartered Credit Unions

H.P. 1184 L.D. 1622
(C "A" H-683)

Which was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

An Act to Amend the Overtime Laws as They Pertain to Bonuses

H.P. 1174 L.D. 1606

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with No Senator 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.

Emergency

An Act to Restore the Safety Defense to the Maine Human Rights Act

S.P. 620 L.D. 1625

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with No Senator having voted in the negative, and 29 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.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted on were sent forthwith.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

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

Off Record Remarks

Senator **AMERO** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **RECESSED** for 17 minutes.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

At this point, the Senate retired to the Hall of the House, where a Joint Convention was formed.

**AFTER CONVENTION
IN SENATE**

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Improve and Expand the Functions of the Department of Audit"

H.P. 1292 L.D. 1774

Reference to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which was referred to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Continued Stability of Services for Persons with Mental Retardation" (Emergency)

H.P. 1291 L.D. 1773

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 Support Abatement of Uncontrolled Tire Stockpiles"

H.P. 1298 L.D. 1781

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

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

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

**Pursuant to Public Law
MAINE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMISSION**

The **MAINE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMISSION**, pursuant to the Public Law 1993, chapter 707, Part AA, section 5, asked leave to submit its findings and to report, pursuant to Joint Rule 20, that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Create a Uniform Health Information System"

H.P. 1289 L.D. 1772

Be referred to the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** for Public Hearing and printed.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill referred to the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

The Bill referred to the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES**, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Public Law

STUDY COMMITTEE ON MOTOR CARRIER TRAINING

The **STUDY COMMITTEE ON MOTOR CARRIER TRAINING**, pursuant to the Public Law 1995, chapter 376, section 5, asked leave to submit its findings and to report, pursuant to Joint Rule 20, that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Create the Motor Carrier Training Advisory Board"

H.P. 1299 L.D. 1782

Be referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** for Public Hearing and printed.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

The Bill referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
COMMISSION TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR
PRESERVING THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE**

The **COMMISSION TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR PRESERVING THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE**, pursuant to Resolve 1995, chapter 35, section 6 asked leave to submit its findings and report, pursuant to Joint Rule 20, that the accompanying Resolve, to Require Additional Promotion of the Maine Quality Seal (Emergency)

H.P. 1294 L.D. 1776

Be referred to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** for Public Hearing and ordered printed.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill referred to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

The Bill referred to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
COMMISSION TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR
PRESERVING THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE**

The **COMMISSION TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR PRESERVING THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE**, pursuant to Resolve 1995, chapter 35, section 6 asked leave to submit its findings and report, pursuant to Joint Rule 20, that the accompanying Resolve, to Require the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to Take Various Actions in Support of the Dairy Industry (Emergency)

H.P. 1296 L.D. 1778

Be referred to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** for Public Hearing and ordered printed.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill referred to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

The Bill referred to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
COMMISSION TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR
PRESERVING THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE**

The **COMMISSION TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR PRESERVING THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE**, pursuant to Resolve 1995, chapter 35, section 6 asked leave to submit its findings and report, pursuant to Joint Rule 20, that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Exempt Farms from the Sales Tax on Electricity"

H.P. 1293 L.D. 1775

Be referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** for Public Hearing and ordered printed.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

The Bill referred to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
COMMISSION TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR
PRESERVING THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE**

The **COMMISSION TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR PRESERVING THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE**, pursuant to Resolve 1995, chapter 35, section 6 asked leave to submit its findings and report, pursuant to Joint Rule 20, that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Lessen the Penalty for Withdrawal of Farms from the Farm and Open Space Tax Law"

H.P. 1295 L.D. 1777

Be referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** for Public Hearing and ordered printed.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

The Bill referred to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:
PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE
Joint Order

The following Joint Order:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources report out legislation regarding the assets of the Maine Sardine Council to the House.

H.P. 1300

Comes from the House **READ** and **PASSED**.
Which was **READ** and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

Joint Order

The following Joint Order:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice report out a bill to the House incorporating recommendations for changes in the law to make the requirements for correctional system impact statements consistent with the requirements for judicial system impact statements.

H.P. 1301

Comes from the House **READ** and **PASSED**.
Which was **READ** and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

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

ENACTOR

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

Emergency

An Act to Extend Certain Reporting Deadlines

S.P. 698 L.D. 1779

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 24 Members of the Senate, with No Senator having voted in the negative, and 24 being 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.

On motion by Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, February 15, 1996, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.