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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
17th Legislative Day
Thursday, February 27, 1997

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

Prayer by Reverend Jacob Fles, Christ Episcopal Church, Gardiner.

National Anthem by The Golden Oldies, Farmingdale.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Thomas D. Hayward, M.D., Hampden.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 25, 1997 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Enhance Live Animal and Embryo Exports From Maine" (S.P. 355) (L.D. 1174)

Bill "An Act to Remove the Large Lot Exemption from the Definition of 'Subdivision' within the Laws Administered by the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission" (S.P. 356) (L.D. 1175)

Bill "An Act to Provide Relief from Barking Dogs" (S.P. 373) (L.D. 1232)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on **Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry** and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on **Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Cost of State Government" (S.P. 375) (L.D. 1234)

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Acquisition of Water Access Sites by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" (S.P. 380) (L.D. 1239)

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 to Assist Municipalities to Provide Water and Sewer Service to Areas Zoned by Municipalities for Industrial and Light Industrial Uses" (S.P. 381) (L.D. 1240)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on **Appropriations and Financial Affairs** and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on **Appropriations and Financial Affairs** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect the Privacy of Genetic Information" (S.P. 384) (L.D. 1243)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Better Inform Car Repair Customers" (S.P. 352) (L.D. 1171)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Northern Maine Development Commission, Inc." (S.P. 358) (L.D. 1177)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Expand the Harassment Laws" (S.P. 359) (L.D. 1218)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Monitoring of the Conversations of Prisoners" (S.P. 364) (L.D. 1223)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on **Criminal Justice** and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on **Criminal Justice** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Conversion and Reuse of the Perry Hayden Hall at Pineland Center as an Elementary School" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 370) (L.D. 1229)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to State Agency Clients" (S.P. 377) (L.D. 1236)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Provide Continuity and Flexibility for Long-term Care" (S.P. 357) (L.D. 1176)

Bill "An Act to Require Minimum Standards for State-funded Child Care Providers" (S.P. 365) (L.D. 1224)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated" (S.P. 366) (L.D. 1225)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Outdoor Gathering Laws" (S.P. 371) (L.D. 1230)

Bill "An Act to Improve the Delivery and Financing of Long-term Care" (S.P. 382) (L.D. 1241)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on **Health and Human Services** and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on **Health and Human Services** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Leasing of Buildings" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 372) (L.D. 1231)

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

Was referred to the Committee on **Judiciary** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Retirement System as it Pertains to Qualified Survivors" (S.P. 367) (L.D. 1226)

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

Was referred to the Committee on **Labor** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Funded Depreciation Accounts of the Maine Veterans' Homes" (S.P. 353) (L.D. 1172)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on **Legal and Veterans Affairs** and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on **Legal and Veterans Affairs** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Preserve Public Access to Governmental Information through Libraries Regardless of Format or Medium" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 354) (L.D. 1173)

Bill "An Act to Require Economic Impact Criteria on State Procurement Procedures" (S.P. 361) (L.D. 1220)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Permanent Compensation Policy Commission for Upper-level Positions in State Government and State Education Institutions" (S.P. 369) (L.D. 1228)

Bill "An Act to Require Legislators to Disclose Their Interest in Pending Legislation" (S.P. 378) (L.D. 1237)

Bill "An Act to Promote the Effective Delivery of Public Services" (S.P. 383) (L.D. 1242)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Make Changes in the Selection and Term of the Secretary of State and Succession of the Office of Governor (S.P. 379) (L.D. 1238)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on **State and Local Government** and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on **State and Local Government** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Tax-exempt Status of Property Owned by Certain Nonprofit Organizations" (S.P. 360) (L.D. 1219)

Bill "An Act to Provide Equity in the Laws Regarding the Excise Tax Levied on Pickup Trucks" (S.P. 363) (L.D. 1222)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax for Seasonal Rentals for Campsites" (S.P. 374) (L.D. 1233)

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

Were referred to the Committee on **Taxation** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Improve the Conditions of Any Road That May be Turned Over to a Municipality" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 368) (L.D. 1227)

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

Was referred to the Committee on **Transportation** in concurrence.

Refer to the Committee on Labor

Report of the Committee on **Banking and Insurance** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing the Calculation of Interest on Decrees under the Workers' Compensation Laws" (S.P. 197) (L.D. 625) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on **Labor**.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on **Labor**.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on **Labor** in concurrence.

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary

Report of the Committee on **Business and Economic Development** on Bill "An Act to Conform the Provisions of the Maine Business Corporation Act Regarding Derivative Proceedings to the Provisions of the Federal Revised Model Business Corporations Act" (S.P. 285) (L.D. 893) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on **Judiciary**.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on **Judiciary**.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on **Judiciary** in concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **State and Local Government** reporting "**Ought to Pass**" on Bill "An Act to Change How the Mileage Allowance is Determined for Sheriffs and Deputies" (S.P. 68) (L.D. 207)

Signed:

Senators: NUTTING of Androscoggin
GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock

Representatives: FISK of Falmouth
BUMPS of China
BAGLEY of Machias
LEMKE of Westbrook
AHEARNE of Madawaska
GIERINGER of Portland
SANBORN of Alton

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "**Ought Not to Pass**" on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator: LIBBY of York
Representatives: GERRY of Auburn
KASPRZAK of Newport

Came from the Senate with the Majority "**Ought to Pass**" Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Was read.

On motion of Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska, the Majority "**Ought to Pass**" Report was accepted.

The Bill was read once. The Bill was assigned for second reading Tuesday, March 4, 1997.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication: (H.C. 50)

STATE OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bureau of the Budget

58 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Members of the 118th Legislature and Citizens of the State of Maine:

The Bureau of the Budget is pleased to present its four year budget forecast for the General Fund and the Highway Fund for the FY 98-99 biennium and the FY 2000-2001 biennium in accordance with Title 5, section 1664. This effort was initiated and passed into law by the 117th Legislature as fulfillment of one of the recommendations of the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring to provide a platform for long term financial planning.

This forecast is based on the current structure of State revenues and expenditures for both the General Fund and the Highway Fund using the Governor's budget proposal for the FY 98-99 biennium as presented on January 10, 1997. As such, this effort should provide an objective view of revenue and expenditure trends over the long term as a basis for fiscal planning and decision making.

S/John R. Nicholas

State Budget Officer

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

The following Communication: (H.C. 51)

STATE OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

February 24, 1997

Dear Speaker Elizabeth H. Mitchell,
I am pleased to present to you and members of the Maine House of Representatives a copy of the State Health Plan for Maine 1997, pursuant to Public Law Chapter 95-653. I think you will find it a useful resource book on health matters pertaining to our state. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 287-3270.

Sincerely,
S/Dora Anne Mills, MD MPH
Director, Bureau of Health

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills and Resolves were received and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following Committees, Ordered Printed and Sent up for Concurrence:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act Concerning the Harvesting and Sampling of Ginseng" (H.P. 930) (L.D. 1277) (Presented by Representative BAKER of Dixfield) (Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DEXTER of Kingfield, GAGNE of Buckfield, McKEE of Wayne)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,000,000 to Support the Construction of the Gulf of Maine Aquarium and Marine Research Facility" (H.P. 925) (L.D. 1268) (Presented by Representative ROWE of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, ETNIER of Harpswell, KNEELAND of Easton, KONTOS of Windham, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CASSIDY of Washington, MICHAUD of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox)

Resolve, to Include Retired Employees in Lump-sum Salary Payments (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 932) (L.D. 1279) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Cosponsored by Senator: TREAT of Kennebec)

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Establish a Maximum Rate of Interest on Credit Card Debt" (H.P. 922) (L.D. 1265) (Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke)

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act Regarding People Giving Canadian Money as Change in Business Transactions" (H.P. 915) (L.D. 1258) (Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke)

Criminal Justice

Bill "An Act to Define the Permissible Duties of Part-time and Full-time Law Enforcement Officers" (H.P. 938) (L.D. 1285) (Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township)

(Cosponsored by Representatives: PAUL of Sanford, WHEELER of Bridgewater)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act Allowing Schools to Remain on the School Construction Account Priority List" (H.P. 917) (L.D. 1260) (Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and Representatives: BAKER of Dixfield, CARLETON of Wells, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FISK of Falmouth, FOSTER of Gray, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, USHER of Westbrook, WRIGHT of Berwick)

Bill "An Act to Include Training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation As a High School Graduation Requirement" (H.P. 927) (L.D. 1274) (Presented by Representative MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth)

Bill "An Act to Require Individuals to Pass At Least 2 National Teachers Examination Core Battery Tests before Being Able to Be Recertified" (H.P. 934) (L.D. 1281) (Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska) (By Request)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Allow a Separate, Nonsmoking Area for a Beano or Bingo Game" (H.P. 928) (L.D. 1275) (Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, FISHER of Brewer, PERRY of Bangor, Senator: HALL of Piscataquis)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Require Game Wardens, Biologists and State Officials to Wear Blaze Orange during Deer Hunting Season" (H.P. 919) (L.D. 1262) (Presented by Representative UNDERWOOD of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, GOODWIN of Pembroke, PERKINS of Penobscot, TRUE of Fryeburg, USHER of Westbrook, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act to Preserve Inland and Coastal Waters and Beaches" (H.P. 937) (L.D. 1284) (Presented by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Abolish the Judicial Council" (H.P. 924) (L.D. 1267) (Presented by Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Restrict Parental Rights of Convicted Sex Offenders" (H.P. 936) (L.D. 1283) (Presented by Representative BAKER of Dixfield) (Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representative: AHEARNE of Madawaska, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln)

Labor

Resolve, to Phase Out the Maine State Retirement System and Replace it with a System of Individual Retirement Accounts (H.P. 916) (L.D. 1259) (Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act Concerning Public Notice of Lottery Odds" (H.P. 918) (L.D. 1261) (Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot)

(Cosponsored by Representatives: O'NEAL of Limestone, WHEELER of Bridgewater)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Need for a Retail Seafood License to Sell Prepared Seafood" (H.P. 920) (L.D. 1263) (Presented by Representative UNDERWOOD of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Lobster Promotion Council and Its Personnel Requirements" (H.P. 921) (L.D. 1264) (Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, HONEY of Boothbay, LEMONT of Kittery, LINDAHL of Northport, POVICH of Ellsworth, WHEELER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Maine Lobster Promotion Council pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Market Recycled Materials" (H.P. 935) (L.D. 1282) (Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond)

Resolve, to Form a Task Force to Examine Methods of Reimbursing Automobile Owners for Emissions Testing and Consequent Repair Costs (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 939) (L.D. 1286) (Presented by Representative KONTOS of Windham)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Require Legislative Confirmation of Chairs of Medical Malpractice Mandatory Prelitigation Screening and Mediation Panels" (H.P. 929) (L.D. 1276) (Presented by Representative MUSE of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act to Require the Deputy Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to be Appointed by the Governor and Confirmed by the Senate" (H.P. 923) (L.D. 1266) (Presented by Representative UNDERWOOD of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, GOODWIN of Pembroke, PERKINS of Penobscot, TRUE of Fryeburg, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton)

Reference to the Committee on **State and Local Government** suggested.

On motion of Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska, tabled pending reference and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 4, 1997.

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Amend the Tax on Pipe Tobacco and Cigars" (H.P. 931) (L.D. 1278) (Presented by Representative MACK of Standish) (Cosponsored by Representative: WATERHOUSE of Bridgton)

Transportation

Resolve, to Provide Funds to Municipalities for Road Upkeep Based on Need (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 933) (L.D. 1280) (Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township)

Reported Pursuant to Resolve

Representative THOMPSON for the Task Force on Tribal-State Relations pursuant to Resolve 1995, chapter 84 asks leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Tribal-State Relations" (H.P. 926) (L.D. 1269) be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on **Judiciary** for Public Hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill referred to the Committee on **Judiciary**, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all reference matters requiring Senate concurrence having been acted upon were ordered sent forthwith.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative GAMACHE of Lewiston, the following Order: (H.O. 15)

ORDERED, that Representative Donald P. Berry, Sr. of Belmont be excused February 20 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Priscilla Lane of Enfield be excused February 18 and 20 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative J. Elizabeth Mitchell of Portland be excused February 20 for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Norman R. Paul of Sanford be excused February 13 and 14 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Thomas P. Shannon of Lewiston be excused February 18 and 20 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kathleen Alicia Stevens of Orono be excused February 20 through 25 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative John H. Underwood of Oxford be excused February 13 through 20 for personal reasons.

Was read and passed.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following item:

Recognizing:

Dr. Sidney R. Branson, of Windham, and in extending our congratulations on the occasion of his 85th Birthday; (HLS 130) by Representative KONTOS of Windham. (Cosponsor: Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland)

On objection of Representative KONTOS of Windham, was removed from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Kontos.

Representative KONTOS: Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is an honor for me to introduce to you a man from our community of Windham who's very highly regarded and well loved. He celebrated his 85th birthday this January and he reminded me this afternoon when he arrived that

he was born the year the Titanic sank, which may give you some sense of the history that he has experienced in his wonderful lifetime. Sidney received his M.D. at the University of Michigan and in addition to his medical experience over a lifetime, he also served during World War II. What is most fun when you have a chance to talk with him is that he has delivered well over 1,500 babies. When you ask him about any of the circumstances of those deliveries, he will say to you quite quickly, "I delivered them where ever I had to. Hospitals, houses, lumber camps or where ever they needed to be delivered." Most of the people in Windham have some connection, either through their parents or their brothers and sisters or themselves or even their own children to have had Doc Branson be part of their lives.

He has been recognized for establishing the Department of Family Practice, which was developed at other hospitals. He received a lifetime achievement award from the Family Practice Institution and developed the Family Practice Magazine. In addition to his professional life as a physician he has a strong belief in good health for all members of the family, most especially the children. Sid is an avid collector of model railroads. He loves trains. He actually lives near the railroad in Windham, right down near the South Windam Post Office so he couldn't stay very far away from them. He has been a health officer, a school physician, medical examiner, a physician at what is now the Maine Correction Center, which in those days were called the reformatory. He was a physician at St. Joseph's College and a member of the school board in our town. Most interestingly to me, in high school, long before he became a physician his nick name was Doc, almost as if there was writing on the wall about what his professional life would be.

The reason I want you to know about him is because I think not only is he one of the folks in Windham that we all love and care about and are very proud of, but I think he represents people in each of your towns who have contributed so much in a lifetime, not only professionally, but personally. It is important for us to remember as we do the people's business that we do it in honor and out of respect for folks like Doc Branson. When we asked him what was the most important thing that he wanted to be remembered for, his quote was, "That my role in life has always been to serve the people, to be the best doctor that I could be and to serve my country." I am happy that he and his lovely wife Alice are with us today so you can get a chance to meet them. I am happy for them to meet all of you, my colleagues and know that you share my enthusiasm for his 85th birthday this year.

Was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **Marine Resources** reporting "**Ought to Pass**" on Bill "An Act to Correct Certain Errors and Inconsistencies in Marine Resources Laws" (H.P. 395) (L.D. 540)

Signed:

Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock
 PENDLETON of Cumberland
 Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell
 PERKINS of Penobscot
 BAGLEY of Machias
 PINKHAM of Lamoine
 VOLENIK of Brooklin
 LAYTON of Cherryfield
 HONEY of Boothbay

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "**Ought Not to Pass**" on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke
 PINKHAM of Brunswick

Was read.

On motion of Representative SAXL of Portland, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 4, 1997.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 403) (L.D. 548) Bill "An Act Concerning Service Relating to the Disclosure of Financial Records" Committee on **Banking and Insurance** reporting "**Ought to Pass**"

There being no objections, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of Tuesday, March 4, 1997 under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H.P. 95) (L.D. 119) Resolve, to Name a Section of Route 26 in Bethel in Oxford County in Memory of Captain Carl R. Churchill, United States Air Force, Killed in Action in Laos, May 3, 1970

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 197) Resolve, to Name a Portion of Highway in Milbridge in Honor of David Kennedy

(H.P. 173) (L.D. 228) Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Notify Counties of Planned Bridge Projects at the Time of Planning"

(H.P. 192) (L.D. 245) Bill "An Act to Provide a Time Limit Extension for Basic Corrections Training"

(H.P. 221) (L.D. 285) Bill "An Act to Repeal the Task Force on Defense Realignment and the Economy"

(H.P. 565) (L.D. 756) Bill "An Act to Continue the Participating Local District Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee" (EMERGENCY)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Papers were Passed to be Engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, February 25, 1997, have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act to Protect Private Communication" (H.P. 907) (L.D. 1250)

(Committee on **Criminal Justice** suggested)

TABLED - February 25, 1997 (Till Later Today) by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

PENDING - Reference.

Subsequently, the Bill was referred to the Committee on **Criminal Justice**, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Permit Disclosure of the Identity of Certain Juvenile Offenders" (H.P. 913) (L.D. 1256)
(Committee on **Criminal Justice** suggested)
TABLED - February 25, 1997 (Till Later Today) by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.
PENDING - Reference.

Subsequently, the Bill was referred to the Committee on **Criminal Justice**, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 389)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn they do so until Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Adopt a Uniform Policy on Treatment of Medical Liens in Personal Injury Litigation" (S.P. 391) (L.D. 1288)

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

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

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Truancy" (S.P. 386) (L.D. 1271)
Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Center for Arts Education" (S.P. 388) (L.D. 1273)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Nursing Homes from Charging Private-payor Patients More Than Medicaid Patients" (S.P. 394) (L.D. 1291)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on **Health and Human Services** and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on **Health and Human Services** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws As They Pertain to Proof of Prior Hunting License in Order to Be Exempt from Taking a Hunter Safety Course" (S.P. 392) (L.D. 1289)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Ensure Enforcement of Protection from Abuse Laws" (S.P. 387) (L.D. 1272)

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

Was referred to the Committee on **Judiciary** in concurrence.

Resolve, to Waive Sovereign Immunity and Tort Claims Limitation on Damages Relative to the Wrongful Death of Wrendy Hayne (S.P. 385) (L.D. 1270)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on **Legal and Veterans Affairs** and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on **Legal and Veterans Affairs** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Extend the Removal Deadline for Certain Repaired Concrete Underground Oil Storage Tanks" (S.P. 395) (L.D. 1292)

Resolve, to Evaluate Permit by Rule and Compliance with the Natural Resources Protection Laws (S.P. 396) (L.D. 1293)

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

Were referred to the Committee on **Natural Resources** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote the Biotechnology Industry in the State by Clarifying That Manufacturing Production Includes Biotechnology Production Processes and That the Exemption from Sales Tax for Research and Development Includes Equipment and Supplies Used in Research Development and Regulatory Compliance Testing of Bioproducts" (S.P. 390) (L.D. 1287)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Laws Relating to Situs Taxation of Bulk Solid Waste Containers" (S.P. 393) (L.D. 1290)

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

Were referred to the Committee on **Taxation** in concurrence.

On motion of Representative JABAR of Waterville, the House adjourned at 4:45 p.m., pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 389).