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of the
State of Maine

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
1st Legislative Day
Thursday, March 27, 1997

This being the day designated in the proclamation of the Governor for meeting of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Legislature in extra session, the members of the House of Representatives are to assemble in their hall at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and will be called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Honorable Randall L. Berry, Livermore.
Pledge of Allegiance.
Doctor of the day, Francis Kleeman, M.D., Kennebunk.

A roll call was taken. 126 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly a quorum was found to be present.

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**
(H.C. 121)

WHEREAS, there exists in the State of Maine an extraordinary occasion arising out of the need to resolve many legislative matters pending at the time of the recess of the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the public health, safety and welfare requires that the Legislature resolve these pending matters as soon as possible, and in any event prior to the date of the Second Session of the 118th Legislature, including, but not limited to, pending nominations of state board and commission members by the Governor requiring legislative confirmation, and pending bond authorizations for highway, bridge and other transportation related expenditures, pollution control and other public facilities:

NOW THEREFORE, I, ANGUS S. KING, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, by the virtue of the constitutional power vested in me as Governor pursuant to Article V, Part 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of Maine, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requesting the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol in Augusta on Thursday, March 27, 1997 at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, in order to receive communications, resolve pending legislation carried over from the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature and act upon pending nominations.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-sixth day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Seven.
S/ANGUS S. KING, JR.
Governor

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

Was read and ordered placed on file.

On Motion of Representative KONTOS of Windham, the following Order: (H.O. 20)

ORDERED, that a Committee of ten be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

Was read and passed and the Chair appointed the following Members:

Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska
Representative LEMKE of Westbrook
Representative DUTREMBLE of Biddeford
Representative BAGLEY of Machias
Representative SANBORN of Alton
Representative GIERINGER of Portland
Representative BUMPS of China
Representative FISK of Falmouth
Representative KASPRZAK of Newport
Representative GERRY of Auburn

A message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator PINGREE of that body, announcing a quorum present and that the Senate was ready to transact any business that might properly come before it.

On Motion of Representative SAXL of Portland, the following Order: (H.O. 21)

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

Was read and passed and Representative KONTOS of Windham was appointed to convey the message

Subsequently, the same Representative reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

Subsequently, Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 561)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House stands Adjourned it does so until Monday, March 31, 1997 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and when the Senate stands Adjourned it does so until Tuesday, April 1, 1997 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Comes from the Senate, read and passed.

Was read by the Clerk in its entirety and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Representative GAMACHE of Lewiston, the House adjourned at 4:30 p.m., until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 31, 1997 pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 561).