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In Senate Chamber Tuesday February 18, 2003

Senate called to order by President Beverly C. Daggett of Kennebec County.

Prayer by Pastor Edward Hatch, Palermo Christian Church in Palermo.

PASTOR HATCH: Before I begin this morning, I just want to make a couple remarks. First of all, please don't invite me again in February. The last two or three times I've been asked to pray before the Senate in February, we have always been involved in a major snow storm. Perhaps it might be wise not to invite me. I'm not superstitious, but you might be.

I want to tell you a brief story this morning. My wife and I decided we would take a canoe up the Sheepscot River on the upper part of Sheepscot Lake in Palermo. We went up and the river was fairly high. It was spring time and it was much higher than when we'd ever gone before. My stepfather had died, and as part of his estate I received some fishing tackle and I had decided to try it out. We went up further than we had ever gone, and as we were coming back down, the river was going fairly slow. All of a sudden there was a place where it came together in a short way and it sped up. My wife and I don't know who was responsible, probably both of us, but we over-reacted and the canoe turned over and went into the water. We were both near freezing.

I wasn't sure what to do, so I said, 'I'd better get out of the water.' I did and I told my wife, 'hang onto the canoe.' We got the canoe out of the water and then I thought I ought to save her too. That took place and after that we went and got the fishing tackle that was at the bottom of the stream on a very cold day.

I guess the point that I want to make on this is that during a crisis it's often very easy for us to over-react. As people, we so often find ourselves in situations where we have problems that are facing us and we over correct. Many times we can tip the canoe. For Christians, which I am, our faith is founded in the word of God; the bible. We find in its' teachings something that gives us a keel that goes deep under the water, that helps stabilize us during difficult times.

Someone once said, and I think it's a good statement: 'never doubt in the dark what you learned in the light.' I would like to encourage you, as you are meeting here today, and as you are considering the things that you are doing, to be careful not to over-react. There are a lot of crises that you folks are facing, perhaps in your personal lives and also here as members of the Senate, and I think there is a need for caution because there are people who are depending on you to make good and wise decisions. I would just like to encourage you in that way. Let's bow for prayer.

We are thankful, God, this morning for the many freedoms that You give to us. What a privilege it is for us to live in the United States of America and to be able to convene together, as

these people are doing here, to represent the people of the state and to be able to make these decisions in a democracy. We're thankful as well, God, for those who serve. We think, first of all, of those young men and women who are heading out on the ocean and heading overseas. Lord, for them the future is very uncertain, not only for them but for the families that are left behind. We would pray this morning for our President, for those who are in Congress, for those who are decision makers at the national level and also at the international level, that the decisions they make would be best and right. I pray for these people who are here, God. I'm thankful for their willingness to serve in this capacity. We pray that You will give them wisdom and help them as they have many important decisions to make today. We ask, God, that they will feel Your strength, and as they speak, debate, and discuss, Your will would be done. We thank You in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Dennis Damon of Hancock County.

Reading of the Journal of Friday, February 14, 2003.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, Directing the Department of Conservation To Create the Kennebec River Historic Waterway

H.P. 497 L.D. 680

Bill "An Act To Amend the Animal Welfare Laws" H.P. 519 L.D. 702

Bill "An Act To Require an Annual Report for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway"

H.P. 529 L.D. 723

Bill "An Act To Save Maine Dairy Farms"

H.P. 544 L.D. 738

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE**, **CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Related to the Sale of Personal Sports Mobiles" H.P. 523 L.D. 717 Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE**, **CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Resolve, To Address the Maine Nursing Workforce Shortage through the Expansion of Nursing Education

H.P. 540 L.D. 734

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$8,200,000 for Use in Implementing the Maine Library of Geographic Information"

H.P. 546 L.D. 740

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Control State Spending Based on Certain Guidelines H.P. 555 L.D. 749

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Faculty in Maine Nursing Education Programs"

H.P. 541 L.D. 735

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Amount Transferred through Statemunicipal Revenue Sharing"

H.P. 515 L.D. 698

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Improved Stability in School Funding Distributions"

H.P. 550 L.D. 744

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for the Maine Computer Crimes Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 553 L.D. 747

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Membership of the Plumbers' Examining Board To Include a Local Plumbing Inspector" H.P. 499 L.D. 682

Bill "An Act To Provide Incentives for Municipalities To Adopt a Building Rehabilitation Code"

H.P. 505 L.D. 688

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumer Privacy Rights" H.P. 509 L.D. 692

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor and the Department of Economic and Community Development To Include Information on the Canadian Maritime Provinces in Their Comparison Reports H.P. 554 L.D. 748

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS**, **RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator HALL of Lincoln, REFERRED to the Committee on BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Periodic In-person Meetings Between a Probationer and a Probation Officer"

H.P. 506 L.D. 689

Bill "An Act Regarding Criminal Liability in an OUI Case When the Passenger Is Also under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs" H.P. 511 L.D. 694

Bill "An Act To Protect Children 14 and 15 Years of Age from Sexual Contact with Adults"

H.P. 528 L.D. 722

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Crime of Plundering at Fires as Larceny"

H.P. 534 L.D. 728

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Home Schooled Athletes To Play on Private School Teams"

H.P. 504 L.D. 687

Resolve, To Address Multicultural Education Needs of Maine Teachers

H.P. 516 L.D. 699

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Children by Allowing Child Care Facilities To Fingerprint Employees"

H.P. 533 L.D. 727

Bill "An Act To Change Child-to-staff Ratios in Child Care Centers"

H.P. 538 L.D. 732

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Insurance To Determine the Costs of All Existing Health Insurance Mandates H.P. 503 L.D. 686

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Suspension of Licenses for Failure To Pay a Fine"

H.P. 518 L.D. 701

Bill "An Act Regarding Case Management Officers" H.P. 537 L.D. 731

Bill "An Act To Create the Fully Informed Jury Act" H.P. 539 L.D. 733

Bill "An Act To Specify Information Required in a Divorce Decree" H.P. 542 L.D. 736

Bill "An Act To Expand the Powers and Authority of Case Management Officers in the Family Division" H.P. 547 L.D. 741

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Standard for Review of Preconviction Bail"

H.P. 535 L.D. 729

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Permit Sunday Hunting in Maine" H.P. 496 L.D. 679

Bill "An Act To Create a New Pension System for Newly Hired Teachers and State Employees"

H.P. 524 L.D. 718

Bill "An Act To Protect Health Care Workers Who Report Medical Errors"

H.P. 526 L.D. 720

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **EDMONDS** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Harness Racing Laws"

H.P. 521 L.D. 704

Resolve, Allowing Christy Reposa and Michaela Corbin-Bumford to Sue the State

H.P. 536 L.D. 730

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Change the Options for a Lobster Management Zone and To Change Entry Criteria for Noncommercial Licensees"

H.P. 520 L.D. 703

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Children Touring Hazardous Facilities"

H.P. 510 L.D. 693

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Minimum Lot Size" H.P. 512 L.D. 695

Bill "An Act To Maintain Beaches as Recreation Sites for the Public" H.P. 513 L.D. 696

Bill "An Act To Require the Installation of Dental Amalgam Separator Systems in Dental Offices"

H.P. 514 L.D. 697

Bill "An Act To Protect Public Health and the Environment through the Collection and Recycling of Electronic Waste" H.P. 549 L.D. 743

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Assume All Costs for Corrections Currently Paid by Local Taxpayers"

H.P. 500 L.D. 683

Resolve, To Create the Task Force To Study County Government Efficiency (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 517 L.D. 700

Bill "An Act To Protect and Encourage Firearms Shooting Ranges Throughout the State"

H.P. 525 L.D. 719

Bill "An Act To Establish a System of Self-governance for Unorganized Areas"

H.P. 548 L.D. 742

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Assess a Surcharge on New Construction That Is Not in a Designated Growth Area" H.P. 551 L.D. 745

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Timely Posting of Roll Call Votes on the Internet"

H.P. 502 L.D. 685

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **RULED NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY**.

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Tax Exemptions for Public and Private Pensions"

H.P. 498 L.D. 681

Bill "An Act To Provide Health Coverage for Smokers Who Suffer from Smoking-related Illnesses"

H.P. 501 L.D. 684

Bill "An Act to Encourage More Dentists to Practice in the State" H.P. 527 L.D. 721

Bill "An Act To Authorize Towns and Cities To Give Property Tax Relief to Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Providers"

H.P. 531 L.D. 725

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Maine Sales Tax on United States Flags"

H.P. 532 L.D. 726

Bill "An Act To Adopt a Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement That Allows for Local Option Taxes" H.P. 552 L.D. 746

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Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **STANLEY** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Registration Plate for Experimental Automobiles"

H.P. 507 L.D. 690

Bill "An Act To Amend the Distribution of the General Highway Fund"

H.P. 508 L.D. 691

Bill "An Act To Clarify Inspection Standards Related to Vehicle Wheel Size"

H.P. 543 L.D. 737

Bill "An Act To Clarify Handicapped Parking Status for Disabled Veterans" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 545 L.D. 739

Bill "An Act To Create Novice Incentive Licenses" H.P. 556 L.D. 750

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HATCH** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Homeland Security"

H.P. 530 L.D. 724

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator HALL of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statutes Legislative Youth Advisory Council

The **Legislative Youth Advisory Council**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 168-A asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 557 L.D. 751

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 522

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation report out, to the House, a bill to reform Maine's tax structure.

Comes from the House, READ and PASSED.

READ.

On motion by Senator **STANLEY** of Penobscot, **TABLED** 1 Legislative Day, pending **PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 47

121ST LEGISLATURE SENATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 12, 2003

Joy J. O'Brien Secretary of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Chapter 5, Section 125, I am pleased to appoint Senator Bruce Bryant of Oxford to the Board of Agriculture.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 48

121ST LEGISLATURE SENATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 12, 2003

Joy J. O'Brien Secretary of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 30-A, MRSA, Chapter 187, Section 4350, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Lynn Bromley of Cumberland to the Community Preservation Advisory Committee.

As the first Senator appointed to this Committee, Senator Bromley will serve as its chair.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 49

121ST LEGISLATURE SENATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 11, 2003

Joy J. O'Brien Secretary of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 151-C, Section 1710-L, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to serve on the Commission on Performance Budgeting:

Senator Mary Cathcart Senate Democratic Office 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Senator Margaret Rotundo Senate Democratic Office 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Senator Karl Turner Senate Republican Office 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Ensure Choice for Maine Consumers" S.P. 259 L.D. 764

Sponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc. Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, President DAGGETT of Kennebec, HALL of Lincoln, KNEELAND of Aroostook, LaFOUNTAIN of York, Representative: WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

On motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS**, **RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Establish a Degree Program for Denturism S.P. 258 L.D. 763

Sponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative DUPREY of Medway and Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

Committee on **BUSINESS**, **RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Truancy"

S.P. 260 L.D. 765

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Health Risks Associated with Latex Gloves"

S.P. 262 L.D. 767

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook and Senators: DAMON of Hancock, KNEELAND of Aroostook, STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representatives: ANDREWS of York, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FISCHER of Presque Isle, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, TWOMEY of Biddeford. On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Administration of the Baxter Compensation Program"

S.P. 263 L.D. 768

Sponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport and Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, CATHCART of Penobscot, EDMONDS of Cumberland, TURNER of Cumberland, WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, McKEE of Wayne, NORBERT of Portland.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require a Juvenile to Pay Restitution after Attaining 18 Years of Age"

S.P. 257 L.D. 762

Sponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin. Cosponsored by Representative BRUNO of Raymond and Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Improve Highway Signs for Recreational Facilities in Saco"

S.P. 261 L.D. 766

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **HATCH** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

SECOND READERS

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

Senate

Bill "An Act to Ensure that Child Labor Laws Apply to Public Sector Employers"

S.P. 20 L.D. 34

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/11/03) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Amend School Administrative District Cost-sharing and County Tax Apportionments to Recognize the Value of Property in Municipal Tax Increment Financing Districts" S.P. 123 L.D. 347

Tabled - February 11, 2003, by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, January 30, 2003, on motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

(In House, February 6, 2003, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/14/03) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Promote Corporate Ethics"

S.P. 183 L.D. 543

Tabled - February 14, 2003, by Senator TREAT of Kennebec

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, February 6, 2003, on motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS**, **RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.)

(In House, February 11, 2003, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **WOODCOCK** of Franklin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED**, to Thursday, February 20, 2003, at 10:00 in the morning.