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Senate called to order by President Kevin L. Raye of Washington County.

Prayer by Senator Brian D. Langley of Hancock County.

SENATOR LANGLEY: Good morning. Let us be in the spirit of prayer. Father in heaven, grant that through the opportunity of this moment of meditation we may draw near to You and receive from Your hand wisdom to make wise discussions, the goodwill to relate positively to others, and the faith to hold us steady amid the troubles of our times. May we be with You and through all our discussions we pray that You will keep us mindful of Your presence. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Seth A. Goodall of Sagadahoc County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

Doctor of the day, Dr. Timothy Goltz, MD of Damariscotta.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Sunset on the Law Relating to the Landing of Dragged Crabs"

S.P. 40 L.D. 85

Presented by Senator RECTOR of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, President RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, THIBODEAU of Waldo, TRAHAN of Lincoln, Representatives: KRUGER of Thomaston, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, MOULTON of York.

On motion by Senator **SNOWE-MELLO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Certainty to Businesses and Development"

S.P. 41 L.D. 86

Presented by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative COTTA of China and Senators: COLLINS of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York, THOMAS of Somerset, Representatives: CELLI of Brewer, GILLWAY of Searsport, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, HARVELL of Farmington.

On motion by Senator **THOMAS** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

David E. Remington, of Acton, a longtime firefighter who lost his life in the line of duty on January 3, 2011, when responding to an emergency call. Mr. Remington served with the Portland Fire Department for 10 years and was a dedicated volunteer with the Shapleigh Fire Department for the last 4 years. He was born in Portland and lived for many years in South Portland before moving to Acton in 2003. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his colleagues and his many friends. We acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice he made while serving in what he called the Brotherhood of Brothers
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Sponsored by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: COURTNEY of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, HILL of York, HOBBS of York, SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BEAVERS of South Berwick, BELIVEAU of Kittery, BENNETT of Kennebunk, BOLAND of Sanford, BURNS of Alfred, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CHASE of Wells, EVES of North Berwick, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HUNT of Buxton, LIBBY of Waterboro, MOULTON of York, NASS of Acton, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, PILON of Saco, RANKIN of Hiram, ROCHELO of Biddeford, SANBORN of Gorham, SARTY of Denmark, TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco, WEAVER of York.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Collins.

Senator **COLLINS:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I didn't know David Remington but I know of his profession. Whether a full time paid fireman or a volunteer their profession is a dangerous one. Sometimes we

take for granted the men and women who serve us in our communities. They risk their lives every time they respond to an emergency. Such was the case with David Remington. He was responding to an emergency in his community and was involved in an automobile accident and perished in his attempt to do his job. My condolences to the Remington family and thank you for your kind attention.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Sullivan.

Senator **SULLIVAN:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I give thanks for the Senator from York, Senator Collins, for putting this sentiment in. In particular, like in many of our districts, Maine is a very rural state. Yes, even parts of York County are very rural. Without our volunteer firemen we would not have the safety for our citizens. This man not only was a volunteer but also had given his career to the Portland Firefighters and upon retiring had continued the call of answering those calls during the day and evening when people are working. The rural communities, like Shapleigh, do not have a full time fire department. It's always sad to see somebody lose their life in the line of duty but sadder to lose it as a volunteer that keeps the very fabric of our communities safe. Again, I thank the Senator from York, Senator Collins, and hope that we all take the time to remember our volunteers who are in the line of protecting us. Thank you Mr. President.

ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matter 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 (1/12/11) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Dedicate a Percentage of the Sales and Use Tax on Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Parts to the Highway Fund"
H.P. 45 L.D. 52

Tabled - January 12, 2011, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **REFERENCE**, in concurrence

(In House, January 11, 2011, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **RECTOR** of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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

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

On motion by Senator **COURTNEY** of York, **ADJOURNED**, until Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 10:00 in the morning, in memory of and lasting tribute to David E. Remington of Acton.