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Legislative Adjournment Deadline

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Honorable John L. Martin  
Speaker of the House

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This responds to your request for an opinion on the question of whether tomorrow (March 24, 1978) would be the 51st Legislative day so that any extension of Legislative activity beyond midnight March 23 will require a 2/3 vote to extend the date of adjournment (exclusive of "veto day") as required by 3 MRSA §2. We answer in the affirmative.

3 MRSA §2 requires that in the second regular session the legislature shall adjourn no later than 50 legislative days after convening. In developing this requirement, the legislature apparently intended that the day of convening would also count as a legislative day for purposes of adjournment deadline calculations. The legislative debates on adoption of the session limits in 3 MRSA §2 make it clear that 100 and 50 legislative day limits respectively were intended for the first and second sessions\*.

Thus extension of the date for adjournment beyond midnight, March 23 will require an extension vote as specified in §2

Sincerely,

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\*Legislative Record Senate, 1976 pp. 499, 544, 699, 1026  
Legislative Record House, 1976 p. 637