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12 MRSA §6701, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1983, c. 663, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Licensed activity. The holder of a hand fishing scallop license may take scallops by hand or possess, ship, transport or sell scallops he has taken. The license shall also authorize crew members aboard the licensee's boat when engaged in fishing for scallops by hand to undertake these activities.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 166

H.P. 928 - L.D. 1333

AN ACT to Establish Fixed Dates for the
Adjournment of the First and Second
Regular Sessions of the Legislature.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1, empowers the Legislature to establish appropriate statutory limits on the length of the first and 2nd regular legislative sessions; and

Whereas, the people of the State are entitled to expect that their elected representatives will deal with the legislative business expeditiously; and

Whereas, the establishment of a date certain for the adjourning of the Legislature will provide the Legislators, the legislative staff, the Executive Department, the Judicial Department and the public with a clear time frame for the conduct of the business of the people; and

Whereas, the length of the legislative session is directly related to the expenditure of the public fisc and the shortening of the length of the sessions will result in a substantial savings to the public fisc, as substantial savings can be realized if this legislation is effective now; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of

the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

3 MRSA §2, 2nd paragraph, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 750, §1, is amended to read:

The first regular session of the Legislature, after its convening, shall adjourn no later than 100 legislative days after its convening the 3rd Wednesday in June and the 2nd regular session of the Legislature shall adjourn no later than 50 legislative days after its convening the 3rd Wednesday in April. The Legislature, in case of emergency, may by a vote of 2/3 of the members of each House present and voting, extend the date for adjournment for the first or 2nd regular session by no more than 5 legislative days, and in case of further emergency, may by a vote of 2/3 of the members of each House present and voting, further extend the date for adjournment by 5 additional legislative days. The times for adjournment for the first and 2nd regular sessions may also be extended for one additional legislative day for the purpose of considering possible objections of the Governor to any bill or resolution presented to him by the Legislature under the Constitution, Article IV, Part Third, Section 2.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 10, 1985.

CHAPTER 167

H.P. 78 - L.D. 98

AN ACT Defining the Right of State Employees to Testify Before Legislative Committees.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: