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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
December 11, 1981

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Legislative Council Chambers, Room 327 and called to order by Chairman Elizabeth Mitchell at 9:25 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Collins, Sen. Conley, Sen. Pierce
Sen. Pray

Representatives: Rep. Diamond, Rep. Higgins, Rep.
Martin, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Tarbell

Legislative Officers and Staff:

William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of November 13, 1981.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Conley and carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

A letter from Ronald Lord, Legislative Finance Officer was submitted to the Council informing them that Lars Loren of Falmouth was selected to fill the Program Analyst position. Mr. Lord recommended a starting salary of \$319.57 per week.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter be tabled until later in the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Conley and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A letter from the Committee on Business Legislation requesting an extension of one week for filing its study order report was received by the Council for consideration.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the extension be granted.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A letter from the Committee on Education requesting an extension on its study reports was received by the Council for consideration.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the extension be approved.

Rep. Diamond seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A letter from the Committee on Judiciary reporting on the study order request for H.P. 1694 states that the study is no longer needed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter be placed on file.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Collins and carried unanimously.

A letter from the Committee on Labor requesting approval of funds to bring Dr. Joseph Sataloff from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to assist in the interim study of the Occupational Disease Law was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A report from the Joint Select Committee on Decommissioning of Nuclear Generating Facilities as required

by P&SL 1979, c. 59 and P&SL 1981, c. 13, was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the report be placed on file.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A letter from the Committee on State Government relating further information on the committee's request for additional funds for its study of the Maine State Housing Authority was submitted to the Council for approval of the request.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that \$650 be approved for the request of additional funds.

Rep. Diamond seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS cont.

A letter from David Silsby, Director of Legislative Research, requesting merit increases for the following employees was submitted to the Council for approval.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Elizabeth Gosselin	\$305.96	\$319.80	1/ 2/82
Josephine Glidden	\$304.00	\$317.60	1/ 5/82
Sharon Linton	\$199.20	\$206.40	1/25/82
Marjorie Gilman	\$199.20	\$206.40	3/ 1/82
Judith Armstrong	\$192.40	\$199.20	3/ 1/82
Priscilla Redman	\$199.20	\$206.40	3/15/82

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the merit increases be approved.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The second part of Mr. Silsby's letter concerned approval for filling of the vacancy for Legislative Attorney in his office. Robert A. Burgess has been selected for this

position starting in the first step of that range at \$319.57 on a 6-month probationary period.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that Mr. Burgess be approved for the filling of this position.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Conley and carried unanimously.

A letter from Ronald Lord tabled earlier in the meeting was brought up at this time for consideration.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the starting salary for Lars Loren be approved.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Diamond and carried unanimously.

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, informed the Council of a request from Sen. Devoe, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee to obtain a transcript from the tape recorded at the Linda Crawford hearing.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that request for a transcript be approved.

Sen. Collins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

TABLED AND UNASSIGNED ITEMS

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the item concerning future merit increases remain on the table until the next meeting.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Martin and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter from Edith Beaulieu concerning a new process for joint orders was discussed at this time.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter be referred to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

Rep. Diamond seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A scheduling problem concerning the National Conference of State Legislators holding hearings in Maine and members of Joint Standing Committees not being notified of these hearings was discussed at this time.

Chairman Mitchell formed a sub-committee to look into this problem and report back to the Council.

The regular business meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. At this time the Council began the screening process of bills for the Second Regular Session. (See attached list of bills accepted "A" or rejected "R".)

MOTION

Rep. Higgins made a motion to begin the screening process.

The motion was seconded and the Chairman stated at this time that the list would be screened through once and any reconsiderations would be dealt with at the end of this meeting. Legislators may appeal these decisions on December 18, 1981 at 9:00 a.m.

The council recessed at 12:30 p.m. for a lunch break and were called back to order at 1:40 p.m. to finish the screening process.

The last item on the list is a special request for legislation from Sen. Shute and Rep. Cox, Chairmen of the Legal Affairs Committee, "AN ACT to Retain Control of Retail Liquor Sales Operations."

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Chairmen of the Legal Affairs Committee refer the matter to the Appropriations Committee.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

An After Deadline Bill proposed by Sen. Perkins and Rep. Foster to protect volunteer firemen, by placing the responsibility of any and all liabilities on the municipality, was brought up for consideration.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the bill be voted upon.

The motion was seconded, a vote taken, and the After Deadline Request was rejected.

RECONSIDERATIONS

Rep. Martin brought the Council's attention to bill #002, "AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Casco Bay Island Transit District", which was in violation of Joint Rule 4. The bill had been rejected.

Bill #156, "AN ACT Concerning the Rate of Return on Investment Factor Under the Railroad Excise Tax" was brought up for reconsideration.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the bill be reconsidered.

Sen. Conley excused himself from the vote.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The bill was voted upon and accepted.

Bill #299, "AN ACT to Aid in the Implementation of the Single Trial Law" was brought up for reconsideration.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the bill be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. A vote was taken and the bill was accepted.

On page 46 of the list three bills were not voted upon because of lack of information. It was decided to vote at this time even though information had not been provided.

Bill #240, "AN ACT to Facilitate the Enforcement of Personal Property Taxes", was voted upon and rejected.

Bill #241, "AN ACT to Clarify Eminent Domain Procedures Under a Community Develop Act", was voted upon and rejected.

Bill #243, "AN ACT to Authorize Deferral of Property Tax in Place of Abatements by Reason of Poverty", was voted upon and rejected.

Bill #195, "AN ACT to Authorize One Corporation to Permit its Name to be Used by Another Corporation", was brought up for reconsideration.

MOTION

Rep. Tarbell moved that the bill be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The bill was voted upon and approved.

Bill #079, "AN ACT to Establish a Uniform Hunting Season for Raccoon in the State of Maine", was brought up for reconsideration.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the bill be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The bill was voted upon and accepted.

Bill #183, "AN ACT to Amend the Maine Potato Quality Control Program" was brought up for reconsideration.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the bill be reconsidered and placed on the errors and inconsistencies bill.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The bill was voted upon and accepted.

Bill #054, "AN ACT Concerning Need Under the School Lunch Program" was brought up for reconsideration.

MOTION

Sen. Pray moved that the bill be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. A

vote was taken and the bill was accepted.

It was noted that 166 bills out of 346 bills were accepted for the Second Regular Session. Appeals will be screened on December 18, 1981.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the Council meeting at 2:20 p.m.

The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

AULT, DAVID R. - SEN. - KENNEBEC

204 AN ACT Defining Party to an Instrument under the Notary Public Statutes.

SUMMARY: An October 19, 1981 opinion of the Attorney General's office construes Maine's Notary Public Law as prohibiting licensed real estate agents from notarizing documents involved in a sale where they are to receive a commission. The opinion creates a hardship, particularly in rural areas where notaries are not often available. The bill would amend the statute to allow this long standing practice in the industry.

AUSTIN, BERNARD H. - REP. - BINGHAM

037 AN ACT to Eliminate the County Commissioner as a means of Settling Property Tax Disputes.

SUMMARY: This bill would eliminate the County Commissioners as a means of settling property tax disputes in municipalities

120 AN ACT to Remove West Forks Plantation From the Maine Forestry District.

121 AN ACT Correcting West Forks Plantation into the Town of West Forks.

SUMMARY: West Forks Plantation wants to become a town and to remove from the forestry district.

BAKER, HARLAN - REP. - PORTLAND

043 AN ACT to Permit School Principals to Waive the Minimum Age Requirements for Entering Kindergarten in Certain Cases.

SUMMARY: This bill would allow school principals to waive minimum age requirements for

entering kindergarten under certain circumstances.

104 AN ACT Concerning Termination of Services by Water Utilities.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to apply the same laws which deal with termination of electrical utility service to water utilities.

105 AN ACT Concerning Television Receiving Equipment.

301 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Prevent Individuals to Prosecute Before the Grand Jury.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to allow individuals to bring case before grand jury where they are not allowed to now.

BEAULIEU, EDITH S. - REP. - PORTLAND

002 AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Casco Bay Island Transit District.

SUMMARY: P&SL 1981, c. 22, which established the Casco Bay Island Transit District, authorized the district to acquire the assets of Casco Bay Lines. This bill grants the district eminent domain power to acquire those assets, because Casco Bay Lines has refused to sell on reasonable terms acquisition would be a full market value. The bill also clarifies the district's power to borrow funds for working capital.

308 AN ACT to Require Automobile Insurers to Inform Insureds in Event of Accident.

SUMMARY: An insured involved in an accident may be unable to have his automobile repaired unless he receives the full amount of the estimate. When the insured has a deductible and the other driver is clearly at fault, it

may be wiser for the insured to proceed directly against the other driver rather than file a claim with his own insurer. Many insured are unaware of their options under these circumstances. This bill would require insurers to inform insureds of their alternatives.

292 AN ACT to Provide a Data Input and Retrieval System for the Workers' Compensation Commission.

SUMMARY: This bill provides for the acquisition of a data input and retrieval system for the Workers Compensation Commission.

284 AN ACT to Clarify the Status of Public Libraries Under the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Act.

SUMMARY: While municipal public libraries would normally come under the definition of public employees under section 962 paragraph 7, their status has been challenged on occasion when they are under the direction of independent trustees instead of a town/city manager. This bill will remove any question as to the public employer status of public libraries operating exclusively or substantially with public funds.

340 AN ACT to Provide an In-state Practice Option as a Loan Forgiveness Factor of the Osteopathic Student Loan Program.

BELL, SUSAN JANE - REP. - PARIS

003 AN ACT to Revise the Charter of Hebron Academy.

SUMMARY: This bill amends the Charter of Hebron Academy with respect to the election of, powers of and removal of Trustees and permits the adoption of by laws not inconsistent with the charter. It also codifies previous amendments to the charter.

085 AN ACT Concerning use of a Portion of State Surplus for Retirement of Bonds and Reduction of Municipal Property Tax Burdens.

SUMMARY: This bill provides a mechanism whereby \$7.5 million of surplus state funds will be returned to municipalities to be applied to release the local tax burden. The bill will also provide that \$7.5 million will be used to retire bonds.

BENOIT, SHARON B. - REP. - SOUTH PORTLAND

038 AN ACT to Index the Maine Individual Income Tax Structure.

SUMMARY: This bill provides for a limited indexation of the income tax to offset the effects of inflation.

039 AN ACT to Increase the Number of Members of the Public Utilities Commission from 3 to 5.

SUMMARY: This bill adds 2 additional members to the Public Utilities Commission.

092 AN ACT to Provide Directional Signs on the Maine Turnpike for Westbrook College.

SUMMARY: This bill is to require the Maine Turnpike authority to provide directional signs on the Maine Turnpike for Westbrook College similar to those provided for the University of Southern Maine.

BERUBE, GEORGETTE B. - REP. - LEWISTON

050 AN ACT to Provide for a Single Motor Vehicle License Plate.

SUMMARY: This bill would provide for the use of a single motor vehicle license plate rather than 2 license plates.

277 AN ACT Concerning Annual Report Filings for Profit and Nonprofit Corporations.

SUMMARY: This bill would correct some inequities of payment for late annual report filing by corporation which resulted from changes made in the law at the last session.

BORDEAUX, MEREDITH E. - REP. - MOUNT DESERT

004 AN ACT to Increase the Salary of the Sheriff of Hancock County to the Amount Approved in the Legislative Budget.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to increase the Hancock County Sheriff's salary which was inadvertently omitted from the salary bill last session.

100 AN ACT Concerning Licensing of Food Establishments.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to repeal the laws enacted in 1979 which required food establishments such as grocery stores to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture and to pay a licensing fee of up to \$30.

BOYCE, GEORGE L. - REP. - AUBURN

005 AN ACT to Amend the Campaign Reporting Law to Increase from \$50 to \$250 the Amount of Surplus Funds which may be Held Before Quarterly Reports are Required.

SUMMARY: Under the current campaign reporting law if a surplus of over \$50 remains in an election fund, a quarterly report must be filed. This bill would raise that amount from \$50 to \$250.

062 AN ACT to Provide for Mandatory Jail Sentences for Persons Convicted of Committing a Felony on or to a Person 60 Years of Age or Older.

SUMMARY: The measure increases the penalty for theft from persons 60 years old or older from a maximum one-year jail term and/or fine of up to \$1,000 to a maximum 2-year term and/or a fine of up to \$5,000 for thefts under \$200. The penalty for thefts over \$200 goes up from the present 2 to 4 years in prison to an up to 8-year jail term. Thefts of less than \$200 are considered a Class 1 misdemeanor whereas thefts exceeding that dollar amount are classified as Class 3 felonies.

077 AN ACT to Permit Hospital Pharmacies to Sell Prescription Drugs to County and City Jails.

103 AN ACT Concerning the Sale of Bonds for Maine Resident Housing.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the sale of bonds for financing non-commercial housing for Maine residents.

BRANNIGAN, JOSEPH C. - REP. - PORTLAND

189 AN ACT to Revise the Law Establishing the Maine Self-Insurance Guarantee Association.

BROWN, DARRYL N. - REP. - LIVERMORE FALLS

159 AN ACT to Permit Counties to Charge a Service Fee for Use of the County Jail.

SUMMARY: This bill will enable the counties to charge a service fee to municipalities for use of the county jails.

BROWN, KAREN L. - REP. - BETHEL

200 AN ACT to put a Directional Sign at Exit 11 of the Maine Turnpike indicating Sunday River Recreational Area.

265 AN ACT to Revise the Law Regarding Liability on Ski Ways.

SUMMARY: This bill redefines the responsibility for any injury to a person participating in Alpine or Downhill Skiing. It redefines the responsibility for the ski area operator. The law as written is vague and open ended and should be clearly defined for the protection of both skiers and operators.

BROWN, LARRY M. - SEN. - WASHINGTON

095 AN ACT to Prevent Molesting of Nets and Regulate the Use of Spotter Planes in Stop Seining Operations.

SUMMARY: This bill provides protection for herring fishermen by preventing the public from molesting nets and provides for safe operation of spotter planes used in seining operations.

221 AN ACT to Prevent Collisions Between Herring Spotter Planes.

BUSTIN, BEVERLY - SEN. - KENNEBEC

169 AN ACT

224 AN ACT to Equalize Health Insurance Benefits for Retired State Employees.

SUMMARY: This bill will equalize the treatment of retired state employees in health insurance. Retired state employees who are not eligible for medicare have their individual health insurance coverage paid by the State. Those who are medicare eligible must pay for Medicare Part B which covers physicians' services.

262 AN ACT to Abolish the Mandatory Reporting of Alcoholism Section of the Board of Registration in

Medicine Act.

SUMMARY:

264 AN ACT to Amend the Voluntary Quit Provision of the Employment Security Law to Include Imminent Risk to Health as Good Cause for Leaving Employment.

SUMMARY: Alcoholism is recognized as a disease. Current interpretation of Title 26 section 1193 by the Employment Compensation Commission is to deny unemployment benefits to persons who must quit work because exposure to alcohol at their place of work tends to aggravate their disease. Therefore, this bill is necessary to address that situation.

276 AN ACT Concerning Municipal Employees under the Employment Practices Act.

SUMMARY: Since the Maine Supreme Court in November ruled that the most recent change in this law to include city and county employees did not specify legislative intent to cover all municipal employees, this amendment clarifies the coverage. Enactment will enable teachers to benefit from high interest rates currently in effect.

CALLAHAN, DANIEL J. - REP. - MECHANIC FALLS

006 AN ACT to Permit the Town of Mechanic Falls to Withdraw from the Group Life Insurance Plan under the Maine State Retirement System.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to permit the Town of Mechanic Falls to withdraw from the Group Life Insurance Plan under the Maine State Retirement System.

CARPENTER, MICHAEL E. - SEN. - AROOSTOOK

165 AN ACT to Amend the Maine Guaranty Authority Act.

SUMMARY: This change in the statute, which permits the issuance by a municipality of a revenue obligation security to finance the construction of a medical office building, will allow those municipalities which perceive the need for such facilities to recruit and retain doctors and other health service professionals with their community.

212 AN ACT to Prohibit Public Utilities from Including Uncompleted Construction Work Costs in Their Rates.

SUMMARY: Recently, for the first time, the PUC allowed a utility company to include "construction work in progress" charges in its customer billing. This was for investment in the Seabrook Plant and represented an immediate increase in utility rates because of a questionable company investment.

In 1982 the PUC will have before it several rate increase requests which will also include construction work in progress charges for plants many years away from operating. This bill would prohibit such charges.

Maine ratepayers need to be protected from these additional burdens. The PUC must be given clear instructions on this issue.

305 AN ACT to Fund the Agent Orange Information Committee.

SUMMARY: This bill provides a \$10,000 appropriation to fund the Agent Orange Information Committee.

304 AN ACT to Provide for Identifying Seed Potatoes.

SUMMARY: This bill provides for identifying seed potatoes going to or entering from Canada. It will help stop the practice of Canadian potatoes entering the United States in bulk quantities labeled as seed and then repacked in bags and sold as table stock.

287 AN ACT Concerning Rest Area Facilities on I-95
Between Augusta and Aroostook County.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Transportation to improve 4 rest area facilities between Augusta and Aroostook County or to eliminate them.

CARTER, DONALD V. - REP. - WINSLOW

273 AN ACT Relating to the Games of Chance.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to exempt non-member employees of the past to work on the game of chance.

CLARK, NANCY RANDALL - SEN. - CUMBERLAND

168 AN ACT Relating to Detention of Shoplifters.

SUMMARY: Whereas proprietary security officers that are assigned to work shoplifting activities are familiar with the various laws relating to shoplifting and are trained to enforce these laws, they should be included in Title 17, section 3521. This bill would allow persons who are employed as security officers to detain up to 1/2 hour persons they have probable cause to believe are shoplifting.

173 AN ACT Amending the Code of Fair Practices and Affirmative Action.

SUMMARY: The bill will amend the Code of Fair Practices and Affirmative Action (Title 5, section 781 et seq.) by granting authority to the Maine Human Rights Commission to promulgate regulations concerning affirmative action programs in employment. The federal affirmative action requirements may soon become a victim of budget cuts or Presidential rescission and with this bill the State can continue and enforce affirmative action programs.

176 AN ACT to Amend the Banking Code Regarding the Investment and Lending Powers of Thrift Institutions and Regarding Service Corporations.

COLLINS, SAMUEL W. JR. - SEN. - KNOX

275 AN ACT Concerning Municipal Employees Under the Employment Practice Law.

SUMMARY: Since the Maine Supreme Court in November ruled that the most recent change in this law to include city and county employees did not specify legislative intent to cover all municipal employees, this bill clarifies the coverage. Enactment will enable teachers to benefit from high interest rates currently in effect.

CONARY, LIONEL H. - REP. - OAKLAND

257 AN ACT Relating to the Theft of Utility Services.

SUMMARY: This bill is designed to respond to the problem of the increasing amount of theft of public utility services and energy diversions by tampering with recording meters. It is modeled after Chapter 448 of the Public Laws of New Hampshire (RSA 539:7), which became effective August 22, 1981.

258 AN ACT to Conform Data Requests in Proceedings before the Maine Public Utilities Commission to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

SUMMARY: This bill would conform the rule for written requests for data in proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission to pretrial procedure in the Superior Court, particularly Rule 33 (a) M.R.C.P. It would not affect the number of interrogatories or requests that could be submitted by the staff of the Commission of the Public Advocate.

259 AN ACT to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act to Permit Rate Deductibles.

SUMMARY: This bill permits workers' compensation insurance policies requiring insurance coverage only after the first \$1,000 of compensation and benefits has been paid by the employer.

296 AN ACT to Appropriate \$5,000 for National Guard Scholarship Programs in Vocational Technical Institutes.

SUMMARY: This bill would appropriate \$5,000 for National Guard Scholarship Programs at Vocational Technical Institutes. These are matching funds to match revenues provided by national guard members.

CONLEY, GERARD P. - SEN. - CUMBERLAND

072 AN ACT to Require Mandatory Reporting of Elderly Abuse.

SUMMARY: This bill mandates that certain persons who, in the course of their occupation, have reasonable cause to suspect elderly abuse, neglect or exploitation, report that information to the department.

119 AN ACT to Amend the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act.

SUMMARY: This bill establishes a better method of computation of refund claims under the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act and revises the criteria for eligibility.

201 AN ACT Appropriating Funds and Setting Wage Reimbursement Levels for Employees of Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded.

SUMMARY: In the fall of 1980 private, non-profit ICF/MR residential facilities began to be set up as part of the state's commitment under the Pineland Consent Decree. At that time the commissioner of Human Services arbitrarily established an employee salary ceil-

ing for these Facilities. This ceiling was a \$4.19 an hour average for virtually all personnel working with the retarded in the newly developed ICF/MR facilities.

Presently the Commissioner of Human Services has no plans to increase the \$4.19 rate. This means that, if the legislature does not act now, ICF/MR employees will be forced to live under this ceiling until at least July of 1983, almost 3 years with no increase.

CONNERS, MAYNARD G. - REP. - FRANKLIN

137 AN ACT to Prohibit Interference with the Lawful Act of Hunting.

SUMMARY: This bill establishes a penalty of \$300 for persons deliberately interfering with a hunter lawfully in the act of hunting for wild game. This is a growing trend which should be stopped before the practice expands to this state by groups that have targeted Maine and Rhode Island for such actions.

149 AN ACT Relating to the Lobster Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: This bill transfers responsibility for appointment of Lobster Advisory Council members from the Governor to the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

CONNOLLY, LAURENCE E. - REP. - PORTLAND

028 AN ACT to Provide Flexibility with Respect to the School Entrance Age.

SUMMARY: The bill would provide flexibility in the school entrance age and allow a child who shows a readiness to start school work to begin school even though the child's birthdate falls a few weeks or a month or 2 after the October 15th cutoff date.

070 AN ACT to Permit Local Control of Condominium Con-

version Regulations.

SUMMARY: Current law allows municipalities to regulate the process of condominium conversions, but not the amount of conversion within the municipality and the extent of conversion permitted in each condominium project. This bill will allow municipalities to regulate that aspect of condominium conversion to meet local needs.

206 AN ACT to Establish Priorities for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program in Response to Federal Cutbacks.

SUMMARY: Federal changes in the AFDC laws will result in several thousand families in Maine having their grants reduced or terminated. All of these families will be those with income from working. This bill establishes priorities for the Department of Human Services on how to use the savings from these cuts.

254 AN ACT to Declare what shall be Legal Tender in the Payment of Debts. (BY REQUEST).

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to force Congress to abide by its duty to provide for a uniform money system in U.S.

317 AN ACT to Amend the Transfer Statutes.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to amend the transfer statutes to provide that, prior to a prisoner being transferred from a county jail or the Maine Correctional Center, a hearing must be held before the sentencing judge. At the hearing the Department of Corrections would have to justify its decision to transfer the prisoner. The prisoner would be given the opportunity to show why such a transfer would not be in his best interest for the purpose of rehabilitation.

CROWLEY, NATHANIEL J. SR. - REP. - STOCKTON SPRINGS

306 RESOLVE, Authorizing David Condon to Bring Suit Against the State.

SUMMARY: This will authorize a civil suit for charges resulting from assistance given the Division of Special Investigation.

310 AN ACT to Require the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Approve Waste Discharges to Coastal Waters.

SUMMARY: This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to get the approval of the Commissioner of Marine Resources' approval before they issue a license to discharge pollutants to coastal waters.

101 CURTIS, DOUGLAS E. - REP. - WALDOBORO
AN ACT Relating to Bail Procedures.

SUMMARY: This bill allows a police officer to act as a bail commissioner in ordering release on personal recognizance when a judge or bail commissioner is not available. The bill also establishes minimum penalties for failure to appear for persons released on personal recognizance bond.

164 AN ACT to Authorize Lincoln County to Withdraw from the Maine State Retirement System.

SUMMARY: This bill authorizes the county commissioners of Lincoln County to withdraw the county as a participating local district under the Maine Retirement system.

DAMREN, CATHARINE L. - REP. - BELGRADE

253 AN ACT to Require Removal of Motor Vehicles from Great Ponds, Rivers and Streams.

SUMMARY: This bill would require owners of

motor vehicles that fall through the ice on great ponds, rivers and streams of the state to remove the vehicles from the water body within one year or to reimburse the state for the cost of removal. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife would be given responsibility for administering this law.

DAVIES, RICHARD S. - REP. - ORONO

320 AN ACT to Revise the Terms of Members of the Public Utilities Commission.

SUMMARY: This bill would reduce the Commissioner's terms from 7 to 6 years and place them on a fixed rotation, with one term expiring on June 30th of each odd numbered year. At present there is no fixed rotation of terms. The change would allow each Governor to appoint a member and designate the chairman in the first year of the Governor's term, and appoint a second member in the third year. This should increase the accountability and responsiveness of the PUC while maintaining its quasi-judicial quality. A similar bill (LD 1652) was reported favorable out of committee last year, but was indefinitely postponed because it might have been considered a competing measure to the PUC referendum. Now that the referendum has been defeated, this is the next logical step in PUC reform.

334 AN ACT to Establish the Position of Director of Engineering Within the Public Utilities Commission.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this legislation is to establish the positions of director of engineering and director of finance within the Public Utilities Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the commission. The position of director of finance already exists pursuant to Title 2, sections 6 and 6-A; this bill simply includes a reference to the position in Title 35, as well. The position of director of engineering would replace that of

director of transportation, which was eliminated by PL 1981, c. 469; an existing vacant position will be used for this employee so that no additional position will be created.

DAVIS, LELAND C. - REP. - MONMOUTH

046 AN ACT Concerning Work Incentive for Persons Receiving Public Assistance.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to make people work for welfare if they are able to make the welfare program an incentive to work.

DAY, RUSSELL R. - REP. - WESTBROOK

122 AN ACT to Permit the Establishment of a One-week Hunting Season for Antlered Deer only.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to permit the commissioner to limit up to 6 days of the open season to hunting for antlered deer only.

DEVOE, DANA C. - SEN.- PENOBSCOT

007 AN ACT to Provide the District Courts with Concurrent Jurisdiction over Mechanics Lien Actions.

SUMMARY: This bill gives the District Court original jurisdiction, concurrent with the Superior Court, over actions to enforce mechanics liens under Title 10, chapter 603.

033 AN ACT to Require the Recording of Certain Zoning Actions.

SUMMARY: A public record of variances and special permit granted by zoning boards of appeal or planning boards provides a secure and permanent storage service for owners and purchasers of parcels of land. The bill requires that a notice of that type of zoning action be filed in the registry of deeds

before it becomes effective.

057 AN ACT Concerning Payment of School Committee Debts.

SUMMARY: This bill would permit school committee debts to be approved by a finance committee.

058 AN ACT Concerning Declaration of Value for Deeds of Distribution.

SUMMARY: This bill would eliminate the necessity of filing a declaration of value for deeds of distribution.

091 AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the East Eddington Public Hall Company.

SUMMARY: Private and Special Legislation which is necessary to amend the Charter of the East Eddington Public Hall Company.

136 AN ACT Concerning Annuity Agreements With the University of Maine.

SUMMARY: This bill amends the provisions regarding Annuity Agreements with the University of Maine, Title 24-A, Chapter 30. Chapter 30 allows persons to make gifts to the University and receive in return annuity payments. The amendments modify requirements such as reporting to the Superintendent of Insurance and residue requirements to make it easier for the University and donors to come to agreement. The amendment are expected to increase the amount of gifts made to the University.

143 AN ACT to Create a Commission to Prepare a Revision of the Public Utilities Law.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to create and to fund a Public Utilities Law Revi-

sion Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to undertake a thorough and fundamental review of the Maine Public Utilities Law, and to propose legislation that will result in a more effective legal framework for the regulation and delivery of public utilities services on the most efficient and least expensive basis possible.

- 144 AN ACT to Provide a Property Tax Exemption for Real Estate Owned by Irrevocable Trust Operated for the Benefit of the University of Maine.

SUMMARY: This will grant exemption for any real estate owned by an irrevocable trust which is operated for the sole benefit of the University of Maine.

- 153 AN ACT to Establish a Small Claims Court.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to establish a small claims court whereby litigants with claims under \$800 can appear without attorneys and present their claims to the court. This bill simply authorizes a small claims proceeding leaving the details of procedure to the rulemaking authority of the Supreme Judicial Court.

- 167 AN ACT Clarifying the Laws Governing Bail in Murder

SUMMARY: This bill makes it clear that neither a District Judge nor a bail commissioner has any authority to admit a murder defendant to bail and that neither a Supreme Judicial nor Superior Court Justice has any authority to admit a murder defendant to bail, where the proof is evident or the presumption great.

- 182 AN ACT to Establish a Uniform Take-over Act.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to provide protection to officers and to the public

by requiring that an officer make full, fair and effective disclosure of all material facts necessary for the making of an informed decision about a take-over offer and to provide substantive rights of withdrawal and proration to offerees where such rights are not accorded to them under federal law.

193 AN ACT to Clarify Venue in Civil Matters.

SUMMARY: It has come to the attention of the Judicial Council that in some counties there are significant backlogs in the processing of civil trials. At the same time, there is a statutory provision which forbids transfer of a case from one county to an adjoining county unless all parties to the action consent. The proposed bill would give authority to a superior court justice to make such a change of venue, in his or her discretion, when it appears that it is necessary in the interests of justice and in the context of such a backlog to transfer a civil matter to an adjoining county for purposes of trial.

194 AN ACT Relating to the Selection and Services of Traverse and Grand Jurors.

SUMMARY: This bill will establish and implement procedures so that persons selected for jury service be chosen at random from a broad cross section of the population of the area served by an individual superior court. The bill specifies that a list prepared by the Department of Transportation of licenses drivers and persons issued identification cards be the primary source for obtaining prospective jurors. At present, local courts use municipal voting lists, a practice which has already been criticized and which, in fact, does not provide as full a cross section of the population as does the drivers license list. In addition, the bill would clarify qualifications and exemptions with respect to individual jurors, would establish uniform practices throughout the state, and delegate to the Supreme Judicial Court rule

making power to further delegate selection and service of jurors.

195 AN ACT to Authorize One Corporation to Permit its Name to be Used by Another Corporation.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to clarify the authority of one corporation to permit its name to be used by another corporation and the authority of one corporation with a name similar or identical to that of a name already reserved by another corporation to do business in Maine under a different assumed name.

205 AN ACT Relating to Taxes Prorated between Seller and Purchaser.

SUMMARY: This bill repeals the current law whereby taxes are prorated between seller and purchaser and reenacts the former law which is much more equitable and covers less hardships.

299 AN ACT to Aid in the Implementation of the Single Trial Law.

SUMMARY: This would make certain statutory changes with respect to the implementation of the Single Trial Law that takes effect on January 1, 1982. In particular, it would levy then the appeal period in matters involving the District Court from 5 to 10 days and it would allow District Court trials to be presided over by Superior Court justices using the electronic recording system now in use in the District Courts.

DIAMOND, G. WILLIAM - REP. - WINDHAM

244 AN ACT to Provide that Employees of School Superintendent's Office be Recognized as Members of the Maine State Retirement System.

245 AN ACT to Improve the Unemployment Compensation Program.

246 AN ACT to Improve the Worker's Compensation Program.

DIAMOND, JOHN N. - REP. - BANGOR.

099 AN ACT to Reform the Bail Statutes in Certain Situations.

SUMMARY: This bill would establish guidelines for the denial of bail for persons accused of capital offenses and would give the courts a tool that will allow them to deny bail in certain instances such as when the defendant is a repeated offender and is a threat to the community.

DILLENBACK, ROBERT G. - REP. - CUMBERLAND

191 AN ACT to Clarify the Regulation of Sewer Districts.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to exempt from regulation under Chapter 12 of Title 38 those sewer districts which do not set rates or have discretion in the placement of collectors but only operate collection systems under a contract with the municipality where the system is located.

DRINKWATER, LLOYD G. - REP. - BELFAST

081 AN ACT to Revise the Vicious Dog Law and to make the Violation a Class E Crime.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the violations involving vicious dogs.

082 AN ACT to Clarify the Concealed Weapons Law for Law Officers on Duty in any jurisdiction.

EMERSON, JEROME A. - SEN. - PENOBSCOT

139 AN ACT to Retain Weight Tolerance for Certain Vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Law.

SUMMARY: This bill seeks to retain the weight tolerance for certain vehicles by amending the tri-axle truck weight law of the Motor Vehicle Code.

FOWLIE, GARY W. - REP. - ROCKLAND

190 AN ACT to Clarify the Discharge Requirements for the Processing of Certain Marine Resources.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to assure that any sardine processing facility which has installed and is practicing treatment acceptable under applicable federal law will not be subject to prosecution under more stringent state laws without prior approval of the Legislature.

GAVETT, KATHARINE J. - REP. - ORONO

109 AN ACT Concerning Kindergarten in Schools Belonging to a School Administrative District.

SUMMARY: This bill would permit schools in S.A.D.'s to provide grades 1-12 rather than requiring that they provide grades kindergarten - 12.

150 AN ACT to Permit the Employees from the Town of Orono to Withdraw from the Maine State Retirement System.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to permit the employees from the Town of Orono to Withdraw from the Maine State Retirement System.

326 AN ACT to Permit Mortgage Loan Companies to Make Federally Guaranteed Mobile Home Loans.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to permit mortgage loan companies to make federally guaranteed mobile home loans at interest rates set from time to time by the federal agencies which rates may exceed 18%.

GILL, BARBARA A. - SEN. - CUMBERLAND

067 AN ACT to Enact the Unfair Price Discrimination Act.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to prevent destructive competition by persons selling or distributing merchandise in more than one location within the state by prohibiting the sale of merchandise at a lower price in one municipality, plantation or unorganized place than in another.

172 AN ACT Relating to In-home and Community Support Services for Adults with Long Term Care Needs.

SUMMARY: This bill would require the Department of Human Services to utilize funds under Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act to carry out those services. This bill would also include developmentally disabled, mentally retarded, mentally ill and other developmentally disabled persons with non-elderly severely physically disabled persons.

248 AN ACT to Provide Home-based and Support Services for Development of Disabled Mentally Ill and Mentally Retarded.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to provide in-home and community support services for Maine's elderly and disabled citizens. This bill addresses the goal of increasing the availability of these services.

249 AN ACT to Provide for Discount Automobile Insurance for those Persons 55 years or Older for 3 Years, after completing a Motor Vehicle Accident

Prevention Course.

SUMMARY: This bill provides that any schedule or rates or rating plan rules for private passenger automobile liability and physical damage insurance submitted to or filed with the superintendent of insurance shall provide for an appropriate reduction in premium charges for those insured 55 years of age and over for a 3-year period after successfully completing a motor vehicle accident prevention course approved by the motor vehicle division.

250 AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Finance the Advocates of the Developmental Disabled.

GOWEN, MARIAN E. - REP. - STANDISH

059 AN ACT Authorizing the Bureau of Public Lands to Convey the States Interest in Certain Land in West Gorham.

SUMMARY: This bill would clarify the title to a piece of property in West Gorham.

HANSON, HAROLD L. - REP. - KENNEBUNKPORT

280 AN ACT Concerning Tie Votes in Municipal Elections.

SUMMARY: This bill would provide a procedure for breaking ties in municipal election when the municipal charter does not cover that subject.

282 AN ACT Concerning Write-in Candidates in Municipal Elections.

SUMMARY: This bill will clarify the Procedures for write-in candidates in municipal elections which has been a large problem in several recent municipal elections.

HIGGINS, LINWOOD M. - REP. - SCARBOROUGH

- 008 AN ACT to Phase out the Maine Milk Pricing Power over a Period of 5 years.
- 010 AN ACT to Amend Exemption from Sales and Use Tax the Sale of Certain Instrumentalities of Interstate or Foreign Commerce.
- SUMMARY: This bill provides for extending the time for placing the instrumentality in use in interstate or foreign commerce from 10 to 30 days and allows an additional 30 day extension. Under certain circumstances, it is not possible to place the instrumentalities in use in interstate or foreign commerce within 10 days.
- 042 AN ACT to Create a Cumberland County Stadium.
- SUMMARY: This bill would provide for a county bond issue to construct a Cumberland County Stadium.
- 063 AN ACT to Establish A Commission to Guide the Legislature on Matters Involving Criminal Conduct.
- SUMMARY: Legislative office is a trust to be performed with integrity in the public interest. To protect the honor of the Law making body where personal example and admonition of members whose behavior threaten a commission is proposed to guide the body in its actions providing a remedy.
- 065 AN ACT to Discourage Frivolous Claims.
- SUMMARY: This bill tends to limit or prevent ground less claims and all the needless expense and time required for processing them.
- 066 AN ACT to Provide for Reimbursement of Sales Taxes Collected under the Sales Tax Law where Exemption

was precluded without Fault of Purchaser.

SUMMARY: This bill gives the state tax assessor authority to refund sales taxes collected where purchases of vehicles through no fault of their own have not had sufficient time to register and qualify for sales tax exemption and been required to pay a tax.

084 AN ACT to Reduce the Tenure of Public Utilities Commission Members from 7 Years to 6 Years.

SUMMARY: This bill reduces the current term from 7 years to 6 years which is compatible with the Governors term.

086 AN ACT Relating to the Storage of Malt Beverages Under the Liquor Law.

SUMMARY: This bill permits distributors to place malt liquor in stock of any State licensed store, a practice which is prohibited under current law.

102 AN ACT to Provide Low Interest Mortgages for Residential Construction through Investments through Maine Lending Institutions Utilizing Retirement Funds.

SUMMARY: This bill would allow the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System the option of investment of system funds in low-cost mortgages and allow: (a) System members to have first option; and (b) Board to be able to offer lower rate than current notes if necessary.

HICHENS, WALTER W. - SEN. - YORK

113 AN ACT to Provide for Guide Dogs for the Deaf.

162 AN ACT to Amend the Maine Medical Compact

SUMMARY: This bill would eliminate the

payback provision required under current law and change the location of some of the available slots under the compact.

HOBBSINS:BARRY J. - REP. - SACO

073 AN ACT to Make Joint Custody of Children the First Preference in Separation, Annulment or Divorce Orders.

SUMMARY: Current law simply lists custody options for a court to order but does not establish an order of preference among these options. This bill will require that the court, with attention to the best interest of the child, will consider joint custody as the most preferable custody alternative to order.

107 AN ACT to Provide Equal Compensation for Justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

SUMMARY:

324 AN ACT to Clarify the Term Account in the Probate Code.

SUMMARY: The intent of this bill is to clarify the term account in the Probate Code in order that repurchase agreements and other deposit-type instruments are included within the definition of account. This will also enable the survivor of a joint account to receive the proceeds.

HOLLOWAY, MURIEL - REP. - EDGEComb

023 AN ACT to Require that all Bicycles be Equipped with Safety Flags.

SUMMARY: This bill would require that bicycles be equipped with safety flags to make them more visible to motorist.

024 AN ACT to Prohibit Hunting on Davis Island.

SUMMARY: This bill would establish a continuous closed hunting season on Davis Island.

053 AN ACT Concerning the Preservation of Archeological Sites.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to amend the 1981 law to provide for a waiting period so that archeological sites will be protected while the historic preservation commission considers application excavations.

HUBER, DAVID G. - SEN. - CUMBERLAND

030 AN ACT to Limit the State's Ability to Make Lease Purchase Agreements.

HUBER, SHERRY F. - REP. - FALMOUTH

288 AN ACT to Clarify the Purposes for which Solar Energy Tax Exemptions May be Made.

SUMMARY: This bill clarifies solar energy tax exemptions dealing with passive and owner built solar systems, with photo voltaic cells and voluntary municipal level exemptions.

HUNTER, GUY I. - REP. - BENTON

197 AN ACT to Exempt Seeds Under the Sales Tax Law as a Crop Which is Raised Primarily for nourishment for Humans and Animals.

SUMMARY: This bill is necessary at this time in order to prepare for the spring growing season.

HUTCHINGS, MARJORIE C. _ REP. - LINCOLNVILLE

141 AN ACT to Authorize the Town of Appleton to Withdraw from its Supervisory Union with the Town of Hope and School Administrative District 28 (Camden-Rockport).

SUMMARY: This bill would permit the Town of Appleton to withdraw from its supervisory union with the Town of Hope and School Administrative District 28. In the present supervisory union, School Administrative District 28 holds a majority of voters and can override the wishes of the other school administrative units in the union.

108 AN ACT to Allow the Town of Appleton to Withdraw from S.A.D. No. 55.

SUMMARY: This bill would permit Appleton to withdraw from S.A.D. No. 55.

INGRAHAM, GENNETT MACNAIR - REP. - HOULTON

068 AN ACT to Authorize Erection of A Directional Sign on I-95 at Houlton Identifying Houlton and Junction of I-95 and Trans-Canada Highway.

SUMMARY: This bill authorizes erection of directional sign at Houlton to Locate that community and the junction of I-95 and Trans-Canada Highway which will help the 1982 summer tourist and visitors.

069 AN ACT to Permit the Sale and Consumption of Liquor at Indoor Swim Clubs.

SUMMARY: Indoor tennis clubs currently have authorization under the law for sale and consumption of liquor. This bill extends that authorization to indoor swim clubs.

JACKSON, PATRICK T. - REP. - YARMOUTH

131 AN ACT to Clarify License Requirements for Municipal Work under the Electrician's Law.

SUMMARY: This bill clarifies confusion under the Electrician Licensing Law to perform municipal work.

130 AN ACT to Exempt the Red Cross Under Certain Property Tax Laws.

SUMMARY: This bill would restore the property tax exemption which had been granted the American National Red Cross from 1941 until 1979 when the exemption was repealed through error: The 109th Legislature believed the Red Cross was incorporated in the State of Maine and therefore eligible for the general exemption granted charitable and benevolent institutions. No change has been made in the language which was the law until 1979.

325 AN ACT to Clarify the Deposit Authority and Conversion Procedures Savings and Loan Associations.

SUMMARY: This bill would give to state-chartered savings and loan associations the same checking account powers given to state-chartered savings banks by Regulations 116 issued by the Maine Superintendent of Banking on May 19, 1980.

This bill would make the voting procedures by members for conversion of mutual financial institutions to stock financial institutions consistent with the voting procedures for mergers or consolidations of mutual financial institutions.

JALBERT, LOUIS - REP. - LEWISTON

011 CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Prevent Combining more than One Bond Issue Item in a Single Bond Issue Bill.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this constitutional resolution is to prevent combining more than one bond issue item in a single bond issue bill.

012 CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Prohibiting Bond Issues of Less than \$2,000,000.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this constitutional resolution is to prohibit bond issues of less than \$2,000,000. This prohibition will prevent needless proliferation of bond issues for unusually small amount.

013 AN ACT Prohibiting Bond Issues of Less than \$2,000,000.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit bond issues of less than \$2,000,000. This prohibition will prevent needless proliferation of bond issues for unusually small amounts.

KANY, JUDY C. - REP. - WATERVILLE

147 AN ACT to Establish a Select Committee to study the requirement for training of law enforcement officers.

148 AN ACT to Authorize and Fund Physical Improvements for the State and Blaine House and Provide a Guidebook to Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the State House.

SUMMARY: See Attached Envelope.

187 AN ACT to Allocate Funds from the Low Level Waste Siting Fund.

SUMMARY: The Low-level Waste Siting Commission is actively engaged in various studies. These studies incur expenses that need to be paid. A significant expense is out-of-state travel in order that Maine can participate with other states in the development of a regional solution to the low-level siting problem.

The 1st Regular Session of the 110th Legislature allocated \$5,000 for both FY 1982-83. It is anticipated that this will be inadequate, hence there is a need to allocate ad-

ditional funds in order that the commission may continue to be an effective voice in the development of low-level waste solutions.

321 AN ACT to Require a Waiting Period Between Changes in Rates of Public Utilities.

SUMMARY: This bill would prohibit any change in rates by any public utility within one year after a change in rates is allowed by the PUC, whether without suspension under Title 35, section 64 or after suspension under section 69. At present section 295 contains such a prohibition with respect to rates set by the commission under section 294. Past practice extended the same principle to sections 64 and 69, but the November 3, 1981 decision of the Law Court in C.M.P. vs. Maine PUC struck down that extension.

This bill is designed to prevent administrative panicking - the burdensome accumulation of pending rate change filings because such panicking could subvert careful, methodical, reasonable and just rate making by overloading the PUC docket. In the event that unforeseen circumstances produce a need for a rate change sooner than allowed under the procedures modified by this bill, the utility and the PUC would have recourse to a temporary rate change under Title 35, section 311 of existing law at any time.

339 AN ACT to Require that Moneys Collected for Disposal of Nuclear Spent Fuel be Kept in a Segregated Account.

SUMMARY: All moneys collected for disposal of nuclear spent fuel must be put in a segregated escrow account.

KELLEHER, EDWARD C. - REP. - BANGOR.

093 AN ACT to Revise the Maine State Retirement Law to Provide Local Participating Districts the Option of Paying Employee's Mandatory Contributions to

the Maine State Retirement System.

SUMMARY: By act signed by the Governor on June 11, 1981, designated as Chapter 453, Public Laws of 1981, provision was made for the State to pay for its employees' mandatory contributions to the Maine State Retirement System. It is the desire of the City and others on the municipal level to provide a similar option to local participating districts for their employees.

123 AN ACT Concerning Generation of Hydroelectric Power by the City of Bangor.

156 AN ACT Concerning the Rate of Return on Investment Factor Under the Railroad Excise Tax.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to make permanent the inclusion of long-term freight car leases in the definition of operating investment for calculation of the railroad excise tax. This provision was enacted by the 109th Legislature to be effective for 2 years and by the 110th Legislature, First Regular Session to be effective for 1 year.

207 AN ACT to Amend the Law Enabling the Supply of Water to the City of Bangor.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to clarify the authority of the City of Bangor to maintain its dam across the Penobscot River for the purpose of generating hydroelectric power and to authorize the City to lease or convey its rights to others to maintain the dam for such purpose. This bill further reduces the height to which the dam may be maintained from the presently authorized height of 12 feet above mean high tide to 8 feet above mean high tide.

209 AN ACT to Establish Statutory Guidelines for the Planning and Expenditures of Social Services Funds.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to provide legislative oversight and guidelines for how state agencies plan for and expend federal social services block grants, other federally authorized social services, as well as state appropriations and grant-in-aid statutes. Specific provisions will cover submission of plans and allocations for legislative consideration, and development of proposals in consultation with communities, social service providers, the general public, and advisory groups.

210 AN ACT to Adjust Payments for Aid to Families With Dependent Children.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to increase aid to families with dependent children payments via a % increase in the standard of need or via updating the 1973 standard, or via a combination of both methods.

267 AN ACT Concerning the Rate of Return on Investment Factor Under the Railroad Excise Tax.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to make permanent the inclusion of long-term freight care leases in the definition of operating investment for calculation of the railroad excise tax. This provision was enacted by the 109th Legislature to be effective for 2 years.

KIESMAN, LAURENCE L. - REP. - FRYEBURG

076 AN ACT to Clarify the Boundary Between the Town of Waterford and the Township of Albany.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to establish the Waterford-Albany town line, recently surveyed pursuant to the perambulation requirements of Title 30, chapter 205.

KETOVER, HARRIET A. - REP. - PORTLAND

035 AN ACT Concerning the Sunday Sales Law.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to allow certain business establishments to remain open on Sunday between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

045 AN ACT Concerning Continuing Education for Electricians.

SUMMARY: This bill would require continuing education for electricians, who are now installing pools and other things which they are not trained for or familiar with.

055 AN ACT Concerning Out-of-State Use of State Parks and Facilities.

SUMMARY: This bill would provide a reorganization of fees for out-of-state residents who use State Parks and State facilities.

LEWIS, HARRIET B. - REP. - AUBURN

032 AN ACT Concerning Blood Testing of Animals Producing Raw Milk for Consumption.

SUMMARY: Currently, farmers who are licensed to sell raw milk are required to provide blood samples of their animals, for brucellosis testing. All farmers, including those selling raw milk, are subject to quarterly milk tests for the same disease. Reblood test requirement results in a cost to the farmer who must pay a veterinarian to draw the sample. This bill would require that the cost of the duplicate test, if requested by the department, would be paid by the department.

140 AN ACT Relating to Assigned Risk Plans in Workers' Compensation Insurance.

SUMMARY: Under Maine's present system of workers' compensation, about half of all

risks are assigned. These risks may be placed in the assigned risk pool for several reasons, only one of which is high exposure. Yet, premium rates for poor risks in the assigned risk pool do not differ from rates for other risks in the pool or from rates for risks insured in the voluntary market. While the assigned risk pool minimizes the exposure of any one carrier in regard to a given risk, some assigned risk rates clearly do not reflect true risk. Thus, better risks subsidize poorer risks and there is no economic incentive to improve safety in the work-place. This bill would require that premium rates for poor risks in the assigned risk pool reflect the true risk and would establish strict criteria for entry and exit from this category of risks.

157 AN ACT to Adjust the Salaries of the Sheriff and Registry of Deeds in Androscoggin County.

LISNIK, JOHN - REP. - PRESQUE ISLE

272 AN ACT to Raise the Property Tax Exemption for Church Parsonages.

SUMMARY: This bill increases the exemption under the property tax law for church parsonages from 20 to 40,000. With the increasing evaluation this exemption is necessary at the earliest possible time.

LIVESAY E. CHRISTOPHER - REP. - BRUNSWICK

202 AN ACT changing the Proration of Real Estate Taxes from the Fiscal Year to the Tax Year.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to provide for proration of real estate taxes based on the tax year rather than the fiscal year.

330 AN ACT Concerning Disposal of Nuclear Waste.

SUMMARY: This bill would provide that at a

certain time in the future any nuclear power generating facility could only have stored on the site, 2 or 3 years worth of spent fuel rods.

329 AN ACT to Prohibit State Mandates and Tax Shifts.

SUMMARY: This bill prohibits future state actions that would increase the property tax burden. The State would be prevented from requiring local units of government to finance from their existing bas any new or expanded program or function.

328 AN ACT Authorizing the Granting of an Easement Across Certain State Land in Boothbay to Chris Flower.

314 AN ACT to Revise the Charter of the Brunswick, Sewer District.

SUMMARY: The Town of Brunswick appointed a sewer district charter review committee last spring. That committee has reported to the Town Council, recommending adoption of a completely revised charter. Legislative action should be taken this session while the work of this study is still fresh.

LOCKE, STEPHANIE - REP. - SEBEC

115 AN ACT Governing the Closing of Public Elementary and Secondary School Buildings.

SUMMARY: This bill deals with the criteria for the closing and/or disposal of school buildings regardless of the type of administrative unit involved.

LUND, SYLVIA V. - REP. - AUGUSTA

181 AN ACT to Authorize a Self-liquidating Bond Issue for Kennebec County for the Construction of a New Detention Facility.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to authorize a self-liquidating bond issue for Kennebec County for the construction of a new detention facility.

260 AN ACT to Create an Independent Health Planning and Review Organization.

SUMMARY: This bill will provide a voluntary health planning and health project review agency in Maine independent of State government which will essentially take the place of the Maine Health Systems Agency, Inc. which will be phased out because of congressional and presidential directives. It is necessary to do this before the federal action impacts on the Maine Health Systems Agency - that action can occur at any point in the near future. It keeps in place the two-tiered method of review of hospital facilities which is currently in place with the Maine Health Systems Agency and insures the opportunity for full public participation in the proceedings. The new organization will be governed by a 15-member board consisting of one-third consumers, one-third providers of health care, and one-third of persons who pay for health care such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield and will include members from commercial insurance groups and 2 members from Maine State government. Maine hospitals will fund the agency themselves through an annual dues mechanism.

MACBRIDE, MARY H. - REP. - PRESQUE ISLE

060 AN ACT to Increase the Tax Exemption on Church Property to \$50,000.

SUMMARY: This bill would increase the property tax exemption on church property from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

MACOMBER, HAROLD M. - REP. - SOUTH PORTLAND

118 RESOLVE, Authorizing the City of South Portland to

Bring a Civil Action Against the State of Maine.

MAHANY, LUMAN P. - REP. - EASTON

089 AN ACT to Increase the Potato Tax.

SUMMARY: This bill provides for a 1[per hundredweight increase in the potato tax which will be used to offset inflation and in the promotion of Maine potatoes.

MANNING, PETER J. - REP. - PORTLAND

261 AN ACT to Prevent Discrimination in the Pricing and Sale of Drugs.

SUMMARY: This bill would prevent the use of coupons, discounts, co-pay and other devices which discriminate or are designed to control the market for the pricing and sale of drugs.

MARTIN, JOHN L. - REP. - EAGLE LAKE

097 AN ACT to Authorize and Provide Funds to the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Purchase of Law Books and Legal Literature to the Division Office of the Superior Court at Caribou.

SUMMARY: State Court Library Committee and/or County Law Library Committee meets on the 11th to authorize and designate supplying the Division Office of the Superior Court at Caribou with necessary legal publications and library supplies as part of the system of law librarians under Title 4, section 193.

175 AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Aid In Reconstructing Allagash School SAD 10 Destroyed by Fire.

SUMMARY: This bill provides financial assistance for constructing or reconstructing Allagash School, SAD 10 which has been destroyed or rendered unfit due to fire.

177 AN ACT to Remove St John from the Maine Forestry District.

178 AN ACT to Remove Winterville Plantation from the Maine Forestry District.

180 AN ACT to Remove Allagash from the Maine Forestry District.

295 AN ACT to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Prevent Public Utilities from Recovering Investment Costs in Plants that have not been in Service.

SUMMARY: Maine utilities have invested in numerous electric generating facilities that have been either cancelled or abandoned. Traditionally, the costs associated with utility plant are not paid for by ratepayers until such plant becomes used and useful. The used and useful concept needs clarification to promote the efficient use of capital and prevent the type of rate-making that requires Maine ratepayers to assume the costs of projects from which they never receive any benefit. The emergency nature of this legislation is necessary in order to cover investments in the Pilgrim II plant.

MCBREAIRTY, JAMES A. - SEN. - AROOSTOOK

183 AN ACT to Amend the Maine Potato Quality Control Program.

SUMMARY: The law creating the program passed earlier this year. The purpose of the bill is to correct technical errors and to make substantive changes that will permit use of inventories of potato bags that otherwise could not legally be used.

220 AN ACT Relating to Deer Yards.

SUMMARY: This bill allows the designation of

zoning for deer yards in organized areas of the State. It also provides that no more than 10% of any landowner's property may be zoned as deer yards.

229 AN ACT to Change the Potato Seed Board.

SUMMARY: This bill creates 2 additional members on the Potato Seed Board, limits the members terms to 2, prohibits the commissioner of Agriculture to be the chairman or voting member and relocates the Board to Central Aroostook County.

251 AN ACT to Allow Municipalities to Withdraw from the Maine Forestry District.

SUMMARY: Many municipalities within the Maine Forestry District are suffering serious financial hardship. Some feel that they would be able to provide adequate forest fire protection at a cost less than the amount they are assessed under the current Maine Forestry District Tax. This bill would allow municipalities who find themselves in this situation to withdraw from the Maine Forestry District. -

316 AN ACT to Clarify Count Accounting Procedures for Funds Received from the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund.

SUMMARY: This bill will do 3 things: It will amend the last sentence of Title 30 section 403-A, enacted last session, to make it clear that county-wide funds may be used for county services provided unorganized territories but may not be used for municipal services provided unorganized territories by a county. Second, it will amend section 403-A to require that county-wide funds and unorganized territory funds not be commingled. Third, it will set a limit on the amount of surplus unorganized territory funds that may be maintained in a contingent account at the end of a fiscal year.

MCPHERSON, ORLAND G. - REP. - ELIOT

026 RESOLVE, Authorizing Ian M. Walker to Bring Suit Against the State.

SUMMARY: This resolve would authorize suit against the State to recover damages allegedly caused by the State.

027 AN ACT to Clarify the Corporate Limits of the Kittery Water District.

SUMMARY: The intent of this bill is to change the corporate limits of the Kittery Water District so all rate payers may vote at district meetings.

MICHAUD, MICHAEL H. - REP. - EAST MILLINOCKET

271 AN ACT to Index the Income Tax Tables Based on the Average Weekly Wage.

MITCHELL, ELIZABETH H. - REP. - VASSALBORO

158 AN ACT Relating to the Collection of Signatures at Polling Places.

SUMMARY: This bill clarifies the right of petitioners to collect signatures at polling places.

338 AN ACT to Repeal the Sunset Provision of the Family Abuse Law.

SUMMARY: This bill will repeal the section of the original law which provided for the repeal of Title 19, section 761 et. seq. and will allow the current statutory provisions concerning family abuse to remain in the law.

MITCHELL, JAMES - REP. - FREEPORT

217 AN ACT to Promote Local Control of Hazardous Waste Facilities.

SUMMARY: This bill restricts hazardous waste facilities to areas that have been zoned by municipalities as commercial or industrial areas.

MURPHY, THOMAS W. - REP. - KENNEBUNK

014 AN ACT to Require the Towing of Unauthorized Vehicles from Parking Areas Designated for Handicapped Persons' Vehicles.

SUMMARY: This bill permits municipalities to provide for parking spaces designated for vehicles of handicapped persons only. Unauthorized vehicles would be towed at owner expense. It also permits municipalities to enter into agreements with the owners of private off-street parking facilities under which unauthorized vehicles would be towed from dedicated handicapped spaces.

015 AN ACT Establishing a Separate Class of Customer in Electric Utility Rate Structures for Quasi-Governmental and Governmental Users.

SUMMARY: Presently, governmental and quasi-governmental users are lumped in the commercial user category for electric rate purposes. A separate category should be created as these users have distinct identifiable features separating them from the other classes of customers.

NADEAU, GREGORY G. - REP. - LEWISTON

138 AN ACT to Simplify the Procedure for Renewal of Liquor Licenses.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to simplify the procedure for renewing a liquor license by providing that: (1) Most requests would be handled by the State Liquor Commission; (2) If a particular renewal presents some problem, local officials may choose to have the commission require that the applicant follow the longer procedure; and (3)

Local officials may require that the local review procedure be followed in all cases.

NAJARIAN, MARY - SEN. - CUMBERLAND

- 239 AN ACT to Confirm the Authority of Municipalities to Reallocate Surplus General Obligation Bond Proceeds.
- 240 AN ACT to Facilitate the Enforcement of Personal Property Taxes.
- 241 AN ACT to Clarify Eminent Domain Procedures Under a Community Develop Act.
- 242 AN ACT to Clarify the Status of Self-Insurance Reserve Funds under Maine Tort Claims Act.
- 243 AN ACT to Authorize Deferral of Property Tax in Place of Abatements by Reason of Poverty.
- 196 AN ACT Relating to Fuel Adjustment Clause of Natural Gas Utilities.

SUMMARY: Under this bill, subject to the approval of the commission, each gas company shall include as part of its base rates a reasonable cost for the gas which it supplies to its customers. The cost of gas shall include the cost of the gas purchased by the company for use in Maine, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commission. Changes in the cost of gas purchased by the gas company for use in Maine shall constitute the only items subject to adjustment, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commission.

- 341 AN ACT to Require Blue Cross/Blue Shield to Seek Approval Prior to Raising Group Rates.

SUMMARY: This bill would require the approval of a state regulatory agency before

Blue Cross/Blue Shield could raise group rates.

NELSON, A. FORREST - REP. - NEW SWEDEN

016 AN ACT to Ensure a Minimum Tax Payment under the Property Tax.

SUMMARY: This bill ensures that all property taxpayers will pay at least a minimum amount. Some people eligible for certain exemptions end up paying no tax at all. This would require a payment of \$3.

NELSON, MERLE - REP. - PORTLAND

083 AN ACT Relating to Protective Detention of Dangerous Individuals.

SUMMARY: This bill provides public protection where an individual known to be dangerous under current law cannot be detained.

132 AN ACT to Amend the Concealed Weapons Law.

SUMMARY: This bill clarifies various ambiguities in the Concealed Weapons Law.

133 AN ACT to Provide a 30-day Period After Licensing Motor Vehicles instead of after Purchase, in which to Pay State Excise Tax.

134 AN ACT Relating to Time of Payment Fees and Charges as Required to be Paid to the County Treasurer by Certain County Officials..

302 AN ACT to Amend the Portland Harbor Commission.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to amend the charter of the Portland Harbor Commission.

NORTON, ROBERT W. - REP. - BIDDEFORD

255

AN ACT to Provide Financial Assistance to Students of Osteopathic Medicine.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to meet the emergency presently existing resulting from the shortage of osteopathic medical doctors in the less populated areas of the state by increasing the number of practitioners in rural areas through a program of loans for osteopathic medical students. The program will require as a condition of each loan that the student declare his intent that after licensure he will commence his practice of osteopathic medicine within one of the areas of the state designed by the Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration. This board shall be composed of 5 osteopathic physicians; 2 to be appointed by the Maine osteopathic medical association, 2 to be appointed by the board of osteopathic medical examiners and one appointed by the director of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.

PARADIS, EUGENE J. - REP. - OLD TOWN

025

AN ACT Authorizing the Use of Blue Lights on Vehicles by Constables.

SUMMARY: This bill would authorize constables to use blue lights under certain limited conditions.

044

AN ACT Concerning Look-alike Drugs.

SUMMARY: This bill would outlaw drugs which are made to resemble controlled substances and which may contain high amounts of stimulants (e.g. fake amphetamines).

PARADIS, PATRICK E. - REP. - AUGUSTA

048

AN ACT to Study the Cost and Feasibility of Constructing Safe Walkway Barriers on the Memorial

Bridge in Augusta.

SUMMARY: This bill would authorize a study of the cost and feasibility of constructing safe walkway barriers on the Memorial Bridge in Augusta to prevent people from jumping the bridge.

049 AN ACT to Appropriate Funds to Construct Safe Barriers on the Walkways of the Memorial Bridge in Augusta.

SUMMARY: This bill would appropriate funds to construct safe walkway barriers on the Memorial Bridge in Augusta to prevent people from jumping from the bridge.

PEARSON, MICHAEL D. - REP. - OLD TOWN

211 AN ACT to Provide Retired Teachers, State Employees and Beneficiaries with a Cost-of-Living Increase.

SUMMARY: This bill would provide a one-time across-the-board increase in retirement allowances to retired state employees, teachers and their beneficiaries. The increase is based on the number of creditable service the employee earned under the Retirement System.

293 AN ACT to Increase the Salary of the Governor.

PERKINS, ALFRED W. - REP. - BROOKSVILLE

017 AN ACT to Prevent the Pollution of Burntland Pond.

SUMMARY: This bill permits the Stonington Water Company to adopt bylaws regulating or preventing activities which may pollute Burntland Pond, a major water source.

PERKINS, THOMAS R. - SEN. - HANCOCK

018 AN ACT to Exempt Fishing Crews of Less Than 10

Individuals under the Employment Security Law.

SUMMARY: The Federal Economic Recovery Act removed fishing crews of less than 10 individuals from coverage under the Federal Employment Tax Act. This bill would assure that coverage under the Maine Employment Security Law could be consistent with Federal Law.

019 AN ACT to Correct the Statutory Salary of Certain Hancock County Officers.

SUMMARY: Increases in salary for 1981 for the Hancock County sheriff, judge of probate, register of probate and register of deeds were budgeted by the Hancock County commissioners and approved by the Hancock County legislative delegation. The changes in these statutory salaries for Hancock County Officers were inadvertently omitted from the the county officers' salary bill enacted by the First Regular Session of the 110th Legislature.

047 AN ACT to Provide for the Confiscation of Property Involved in Drug Offenses.

SUMMARY: This bill would provide that all property involved in drug offenses would be confiscated and the funds used to establish a special drug prevention unit.

096 AN ACT to Conform State Workers Compensation Laws with the Federal Requirements for Fishing Vessels of 10 Ton or Under.

SUMMARY: This bill is intended to bring state workers compensation laws in compliance with federal for fishing vessels of 10 ton or less.

098 AN ACT to Clarify the Submerged Lands Act As it Relates to Flats, Creeks and Coves.

SUMMARY: With the enactment of the Submerged Lands Act certain lands such as flats have not been included. This bill addresses those areas which have inadvertently been excluded from the act.

111 AN ACT to Provide an Equal Opportunity for Justice Act.

124 AN ACT to Clarify the Tax Status of Time-Sharing Condominiums.

SUMMARY: The segmenting of real estate into time-sharing units presents unmanageable bookkeeping difficulties to the assessors and tax collector. This bill would allow the municipalities to tax the real estate to the condominium's managing entity while retaining the option to separately assess each time-share unit if the municipality elects.

146 AN ACT to Provide Equal Access to Justice.

SUMMARY: This bill will provide that if a person is aggrieved by a state agency and is forced to file a suit against the agency for relief, the agency must pay the plaintiffs legal fees if the plaintiff wins.

152 AN ACT to Provide Further Interlocal Governmental Cooperation.

SUMMARY: This bill is designed to assist local governments who wish to provide health plans for their employees under the Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Statute.

PIERCE, RICHARD H. - SEN. - KENNEBEC

110 AN ACT to Stimulate New Housing Construction in the State of Maine.

SUMMARY: This bill is designed to provide mortgage funds for the construction of up to

one thousand new homes during the next building season.

- 145 AN ACT to Provide Financial Assistance for 18 Students of Osteopathic Medicine.

SUMMARY: This bill provides funding for 18 students of Osteopathic Medicine on an annual basis in the form of student loans.

- 161 AN ACT to Simplify and Clarify the Wording and Understanding Meaning of the School Finance Act.

SUMMARY: The current School Finance Act is not readily understood or clear in its meaning. This bill would clear up those areas of difficulty and improve the public understanding and wordability of this highly technical law.

- 208 AN ACT to Prioritize Employees Severance Pay Liens.

SUMMARY: This bill will insure that employees severance pay would receive the highest priority in cases where companies are going through bankruptcy and closing their facilities.

PRAY, CHARLES P. - SEN. - PENOBSCOT

- 054 AN ACT Concerning Need Under the School Lunch Program.

SUMMARY: This bill would provide a separate statutory section dealing with need under the school lunch program law.

- 332 AN ACT Concerning Grandfather Provisions Under the Oil Burnerman's Licensing Law.

SUMMARY: This bill would provide an extension on the time limitation provisions of recent laws amending the Oil Burnerman's

Licensing Law since not all oil burnermen where notified of the time limitation.

297 AN ACT to Limit the Life of Bonds.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to place a limitation on the life of bonds.

PRESCOTT, SANDRA K. - REP. - HAMPDEN

125 AN ACT to Provide for Establishment of a Board of Radiologic Technology, with Responsibility for the Licensing and Regulation of Person Administering Ionizing Radiation of Human Beings.

SUMMARY: In view of the Federal legislation that was passed September 1981 this legislation is important to the consumer. It protects the people of this State from excessive or improper radiation exposure. Presently there are no state regulations controlling the persons who administer ionizing radiation. This bill would establish a board to license all persons administering ionizing radiation for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

126 AN ACT to Use Receivership Law as an Enforcement Mechanism.

SUMMARY: This bill would authorize the use of receivership law as an enforcement mechanism for the licensing of long term care facilities.

127 AN ACT to Amend the Licensure Laws Relating to Long Term Care

SUMMARY: This bill would amend Title 22, section 1811 and 7904 which relate to licensure of nursing homes and boarding homes, respectively, by establishing receivership provisions.

RACINE, NORMAN O. - REP. - BIDDEFORD

051 AN ACT to Prohibit Parking By Non-Handicapped Individuals in Areas Designated as Handicapped Parking.

SUMMARY: This bill would provide for enforcement when non-handicapped persons park in handicapped parking areas in shopping centers etc.

052 AN ACT to Prohibit County Departments from Overspending their Budgets.

SUMMARY: This bill would prohibit county departments from spending funds that are not appropriated to their department.

RANDALL, EDWIN C. - REP. - EAST MACHIAS

266 AN ACT to Clarify Specialty Announcement in Dentistry.

SUMMARY:

RIDLEY, VINTON T. - REP. - SHAPLEIGH

020 RESOLUTION, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to provide for the Assessment of Non-commercial Property based on Actual Current Use.

SUMMARY: This amendment to the Constitution would permit all non-commercial property to be assessed based on the actual current use of the property. Currently the Constitution does provide for that type of assessment in the cases of farmland, woodland and certain open spaces. It should be an available assessment mechanism for all non-commercial property. It is not uncommon for people living in ancestral homesteads to be forced to sell vacant land because the potential value of the land as a subdivision is great.

ROLDE, NEIL - REP. - YORK

078 AN ACT Relating to Use of Red Lights by Tow Trucks on Interstate Highways and the Maine Turnpike.

SUMMARY: This bill will allow wreckers that are called to haul off cars etc. on interstate highways including the Maine Turnpike to have and use red lights while on those highways.

079 AN ACT to Establish a Uniform Hunting Season for Raccoon in the State of Maine.

SUMMARY: Currently York County and part of Cumberland have been given 5 less days than the rest of the State.

080 AN ACT Relating to State-Entitlement of Certain School Administrative Districts.

SUMMARY: The phase out of PL 874 provided for by Congressional Action means that PL 874 receiving districts will have more funds subtracted from their state entitlement than they will receive to PL 874 monies. Districts enrolling B pupils only have already experienced the problem. The minor correction in wording resolves the problem.

199 RESOLUTION Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Preserve the Maine State Retirement System.

SUMMARY: This bill differs somewhat from legislation submitted last session but is designed to preserve the Maine State Retirement System as it currently exist.

SEWALL, CHARLOTTE Z. - SEN. - LINCOLN

198 AN ACT to Amend the Co-Signer Provision of the Maine Consumer Credit Code.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to

clarify the responsibilities of creditors offering open-end credit under the cosigner law. It eliminates disclosures that are inapplicable in the case of open-end credit and specifies the timing when disclosures must be made for such credit. It requires that disclosures be made before an account is used. This parallels the timing for other disclosures under related provisions of the code. It eliminates confusion in the statute relative to the possible need to make disclosures in connection with each charge on open-end credit. No such disclosures are required.

203 AN ACT Clarifying the Status of Independent Contractors under Workers Compensation.

SUMMARY: Although historically independent contractors have not been considered as "employees" under the provisions of the workers compensation law, several carriers have chose to include such persons in establishing their premium in real estate offices. This amendment would clarify the definition of "employee" under the Workers Compensation statute to expressly exclude such individuals from such coverage.

225 AN ACT to Assist the Establishment of Approved Solid Waste Disposal Sites.

226 AN ACT to Assist in the Collection of Spousal and Child Support from Persons outside the Jurisdiction of the State.

228 AN ACT to Establish a Workers' Compensation Hearing Exemption for Agricultural Employers' Liability Claim Disputes.

SUMMARY: This bill exempts agricultural employers who carry Employers' Liability from Workers' Compensation Hearings in settling a claims dispute.

331 AN ACT Concerning Extension of Easements Under Submerged Land Laws.

SUMMARY: This bill would amend the submerged land law which granted easements for wharves, etc., by establishing a review board to deal with requests for interests of greater duration.

342 AN ACT to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Present Reasonable Alternatives before Ordering the Closing of a Municipal Dump.

SUMMARY: This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection which has vast resources available to draw upon to help guide a municipality through prior to ordering the closing of a municipal dump.

343 AN ACT to Amend the Maine Consumer Credit Code.

SUMMARY: This bill amends the exemption from the Maine Consumer Credit Code for student loans to be consistent with federal law; exempts subsequent mortgages on real estate from the Consumer Credit Code when the subsequent mortgage is held by the same financial institution holding the first mortgage; exempts mobile homes from the Consumer Credit Code when the mobile home is the borrower's principal dwelling; amends the recently enacted co-signer law by making it clear that creditors who extend open-end credit would have to give the notices required by law only when the account was opened and not at the time of each separate extension of credit; and also amends the co-signer law by providing that only material disclosures need be given and by making a technical amendment to refer to the revised Truth in Lending article.

344 AN ACT Relating to Student Loans and Open-end Credit Under the Co-Signature of the Maine Consumer Credit Code.

SUMMARY: Section 1 of this bill amends the exemption for the Maine Consumer Credit Code for student loans to be consistent with federal law. Sections 2 and 3 of this bill clarify the responsibilities of creditors offering open-end credit under the co-signor law.

345 AN ACT to Amend the Maine Consumer Credit.

SUMMARY: Section 1 of this bill would also exempt mobile homes from the Consumer Credit code when the mobile home is the borrower's principal dwelling. Mobile homes when used as a principal dwelling are often nearly as big and expensive as certain modular housing or conventional homes which are also exempt from the Code. As with subsequent mortgages, the Truth in Lending requirements would still apply to loans for such mobile homes.

SHUTE, MELVIN A. - SEN. - WALDO

174 AN ACT to Require Municipal Approval Prior to Issuing Permits to Dumping Petroleum Products into the tidal waters of the State.

SUMMARY: Under current law the Environmental Protection Agency can issue waivers for dumping certain petroleum products into tidal waters. This bill prohibits such waivers until approval is given by the municipality abutting the dumping site.

SMITH, CARL B. - REP. - ISLAND FALLS

117 RESOLVE, Authorizing Bernard Nadeau of Oakfield to Bring A Civil Action Against the State of Maine.

SUMMARY: This bill requests permission of the Legislature to bring a civil suit against the State Environmental Protection Agency for expense he has been cause on his farm.

128 AN ACT to Abolish Notice Requirement if Account is

Overdrawn when the Account is already Closed.

SUMMARY: Under current law 10-day notice is required for overdrawing an account even if the account is already closed. This bill abolishes the 10-day notice requirement in cases where accounts are closed, thus allowing summons to be sent immediately upon receipt of a bad check.

129 AN ACT Reducing the Number of Board Members of the Southern Aroostook School District.

SUMMARY: This bill extends the 10 day temporary restriction period to 30 days to permit clearance of title and all necessary papers

STOVER, COURTNEY E. _ REP. - WEST BATH

075 AN ACT to Clarify the Right of Local Housing Authority to Issue Mortgage Revenue Bonds.

SUMMARY: Under current law there is an ambiguity as to whether or not local housing authorities have the right to issue mortgage revenue bonds. This bill corrects that situation.

SUTTON, ROLAND L. - SEN. - OXFORD

319 AN ACT Relating to Electrical Permits.

SUMMARY: Chapter 432 of the Public Laws of 1981 extended the electrical permit provisions so as to cover the installation of all electrical equipment unless specifically exempted. The intent was to provide a state permit system for those municipalities which had failed to adopt a local permit system by ordinance and to make a permit system applicable in the unorganized territory. Unfortunately, the Legislature inadvertently failed to include the longstanding exemption for industrial and manufacturing plants. It is totally impractical to require permits for such facilities as the result would be almost

daily permit applications and long delays and/or interference in manufacturing procedures. This bill merely continues the same exemption as has been in our statutes prior to the adoption of chapter 432.

STROUT, DONALD A. - REP. - CORINTH

087 AN ACT to Revise a Hunting Season for Raccoon.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to establish a hunting season for raccoon taking into consideration the population the value of the furs among other factors.

SWAZEY, DANA S. - REP. - BUCKSPORT

294 AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation.

SUMMARY: This bill would amend the Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation Charter to reduce the number of meetings which they must hold annually from 1 to 2 to coincide with the Town of Dedham.

TARBELL, SWIFT III - REP. - BANGOR

034 AN ACT to Bring the State Income Tax Return Form into Conformity with the Federal Income Tax Return Form.

SUMMARY: This bill would implement each of the federal tax code provisions to bring our state tax return form into conformity with that at the federal level.

041 AN ACT to Remove the 2¢ Excise tax on International Jet Flight Fuel.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to remove the 2¢ excise tax on international jet flights.

- 061 AN ACT to Exempt Jet Fuel used for International Flights from the 2¢ per Gallon Excise Tax.
- SUMMARY: This bill would exempt international jet fuel from the sales and excise tax imposed by the State of Maine.
- 160 AN ACT to Conform Maine Income Tax Law to the Federal Internal Revenue Code.
- SUMMARY: This bill would permanently conform Maine Income Tax Law to the federal changes in the Internal Revenue Code.
- 166 AN ACT to Permit Municipalities to Adopt Contract Zoning Under the Maine Zoning Laws.
- SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to amend the state enabling zoning legislation to permit Maine municipalities to adopt contract zoning.
- 227 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine, to prevent Maine from issuing more than 85% face value of bonds being currently retired.
- 238 AN ACT to Amend the Uniform Commercial Code Regarding Investment Securities.
- 230 AN ACT to Clarify the Worker's Compensation Law Pertaining to the Provision of Medical Services.
- SUMMARY: The second paragraph of Section 52 of the Worker's Compensation statute provides for chiropractic examination and treatment for injured employees. The statute should be revised to clarify that examination include but is not limited to diagnostic x-rays, so that other forms of diagnostic tests would also be clearly covered by the statute.
- 231 AN ACT for State Income Tax Charitable Deductions

for Volunteer Social Services.

SUMMARY: Citizens who provide volunteer social services should be entitled to take a charitable deduction for a portion of their personal out-of-pocket expenses devoted to such services pursuant to a legitimate social service agency or function. The chief expense for which a deduction would be appropriate is mileage and travel costs incurred in providing such volunteer services.

232 AN ACT to Make Default on Payment of Civil Judicial Fines a Class E Offense.

SUMMARY: Currently it is difficult if not impossible for the judicial system to enforce the payment of civil fines to our Maine courts. Making such defaults a Class E offense would enable the courts to enforce the payment of such fines.

233 AN ACT to Clarify the Criminal Restraint Law.

SUMMARY: Section 303 of the Maine Criminal Code makes it a Class E crime for noncustodial parent to abduct or criminally restrain their children. Subsection 1 should be revised to make it not only a crime to remove the child from the State of Maine, but to also the removal of the child from the custody of the legal custodial parent, or to remove the child from another state which may be the home state of the child pursuant to the Maine Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act.

234 AN ACT to Revise the Law Pertaining to Bail in Criminal Cases.

SUMMARY: The bail law should be strengthened to permit Judges to deny the posting of bail where there is sufficient evidence that the defendant would commit other crimes or pose a public threat if released on bail prior to trial. Similarly, the law should be improved

to eliminate economic financial discrimination so that bail is equitably used only to guarantee appearance for trial in Court, not as a deterrent to allowing nonthreatening defendants from release pending trial.

235 AN ACT to Clarify the Maine Health Security Act.

236 AN ACT to Provide that Procedures Covered by the Maine Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid and Catastrophic Illness) shall be Reimbursable Whether Performed by a Physician or Dentist.

SUMMARY: This bill will ensure that services which are provided to eligible recipients under the Maine Medical Assistance Program shall be reimburseable whether they are performed by a physician or a dentist as long as either is licensed and qualified to perform the service. Presently, there are some services which have been provided by dentists to Maine Medical Assistance recipients for which the dentist is not being reimbursed even though the dentist was licensed and qualified to perform the service.

There is no rational justification for creating this distinction between physicians and dentists. No added expense will be incurred by the Department of Human Services. The Department will be required to pay any provider licensed to perform a service and eliminate its discriminatory policy.

237 AN ACT to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code.

SUMMARY: A clause should be placed in the Juvenile Code to permit the Court to order a juvenile's parent(s) to pay support for the child when the court has placed custody of said child with the State under auspices of the Human Services Department. Currently, there is no provision for the court to require parents to support their children at all when the State has been vested with formal custody of the juvenile pursuant to a

juvenile proceeding.

TEAGUE, THOMAS M. - SEN. - SOMERSET

155 AN ACT to Provide Cost-of-living Adjustments to Retired State Employees, Teachers and Beneficiaries.

SUMMARY: Chapter 73 of the P&SL of 1981, gave retirees of the Maine State Retirement System (retired teachers and retired state workers) a one-time 2% increase in the cost of living annual adjustment. This bill would make that continue in effect for 1982-83, and add 2% more for that year. This would have the effect of an 8% increase to the base benefit allowance for '82-83, (from 79-80).

THERIAULT, RAYNOLD - REP. - FORT KENT

179 AN ACT to Remove Wallagrass Plantation from the Maine Forestry District.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to remove Wallagrass Plantation from the Maine Forestry District.

THOMPSON, AGNES MAVOURNEEN - REP. - SOUTH PORTLAND

094 AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Greater Portland Public Development Commission.

SUMMARY: This bill will amend P&SL 1945, c. 123 which created the Greater Portland Public Development Commission. The amendment will redesign the composition of the managing board of directors to insure that representation reflects the municipal location of the Commission's property holdings in either Portland or South Portland. The procedures for appointing board members also be changed.

263 AN ACT to Prevent Abuses in Land Installment Contracts.

SUMMARY: Under current mortgage market conditions, more and more home buyers are turning to installment contracts in which no equity builds for the buyer because no title passes to him until the full purchase price is paid. Property purchased on installment is often in a poorer condition than mortgage-financed property, and since buyers have no legal title home improvement loans are very difficult to obtain. The result frequently is that buyers pay for poor quality housing that they cannot get credit to improve. In addition, installment purchasing offers many opportunities for abuse; minimal regulation will prevent many of these abuses. This bill would require clear disclosure of basic terms and conditions, recording of the installment contract, transfer of title to the buyer under a mortgage upon the buyer's payment of a certain percentage of the sale, certification that the property meets local code standards, and compliance with certain procedures to foreclose on a buyer in default.

300

AN ACT for Partial Forgiveness of Capitation Under the Health Professions Compact Based on Financial Need and Practice in Underserved Areas.

SUMMARY: This bill addresses the high cost of health professional education for Maine students (highest in the nation) under the compact and the serious maldistribution of health professionals in the State.

It will allow students of less affluent means to enter the health professions.

The first year of the revised compact produced a significant drop in the number of Maine students in health professional schools and especially students from rural Maine. The amount of forgiveness would depend on financial need and on practice in underserved areas within the State of Maine. Current law does not provide legislative control over location of practice or financial assistance for needy students.

311 AN ACT Amending the Charter of the Boothby-Boothby Harbor Community School District.

SUMMARY: The bill will change the method of approval of school construction projects in the private and special law which created the district in order to have it conform with general statutory requirements. The district is planning a major renovation at the Boothby Region High School and there is some doubt whether the present charter would allow for such a project.

TRAFTON, BARBARA M. - SEN. - ANDROSCOGGIN

213 AN ACT Relating to the Installation of Utility Poles.

SUMMARY: This bill permits municipal officers to establish a more flexible procedure for permitting utility pole placement.

214 AN ACT to Amend the Terms of the directors of the Auburn Water and Sewer District.

SUMMARY: This bill changes the terms of the Board of Directors of the Auburn Water and Sewer District from 6 to 4 years.

215 AN ACT to Encourage Food Banks.

SUMMARY: This bill provides immunity from suit for volunteer working for nonprofit corporations such as food banks.

216 AN ACT to Establish a Nature Preserve System on State-Owned Land.

SUMMARY: This bill establishes a procedure to protect ecologically sensitive areas presently owned by the State.

218 AN ACT to Encourage Land Application of Sludge.

SUMMARY: This bill provides incentives for municipalities to recycle sludge by using it as a soil conditioner rather than disposing of it in landfills.

219 AN ACT to Facilitate the Removal of Lands on Title to Proposed Unaccepted Streets in Subdivisions.

SUMMARY: This bill contains the recommendations of the Maine Bar Association to resolve the problems addressed by L.D.1250 (SP 428) last session.

307 AN ACT to Clarify the Fees for Recording Certain Documents in the Registry of Deeds.

SUMMARY: Fee schedule changed last session. Several fees were overlooked and should be brought in line with the other fees.

279 AN ACT to Provide for the Financing of the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel.

SUMMARY: This bill would provide a mechanism for the financing of spent nuclear fuel disposal.

291 AN ACT to Establish Support for Facilities to Treat Radiological Contaminated Patients.

SUMMARY: This bill would require the operators of any nuclear power plants in the State to pay the cost for improvement and development of treatment facilities.

TROTZKY, HOWARD M. - SEN. - PENOBSCOT

029 AN ACT to Study Proficiency Testing in Core Curriculum Subjects in Maine Schools.

036 AN ACT Concerning the Excise Tax on International Jet Fuel and the Sales Tax on Domestic Aviation Fuel.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to remove the 2¢ excise tax on international jet fuel and to remove the sales tax on domestic aviation fuel.

040 AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Provide Assistance for Certain School Roofing Projects.

SUMMARY: This bill would appropriate funds for several school roofing projects throughout the State.

074 AN ACT to Provide that Lessee of State Property Pay the Fair Market Value for Its Use.

SUMMARY: Several other laws of statewide application permit leasing of State owned property. However, they require that rents be reasonable according to the use granted or sufficient to cover costs - principal and interest. The principle of rents of just value for use of State property is well founded, either in a straight rental agreement or revenue bond situation where rents equal expected costs.

106 AN ACT to Prohibit Snowmobile Operation in Baxter State Park.

SUMMARY: This bill prohibit snowmobilers except use by rangers for maintenance and safety purposes.

151 AN ACT Authorizing Husson College to Confer a Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

SUMMARY: This bill will authorize Husson College to confer 4 year degrees in nursing (Bachelor of Science). This course of study will be coordinated with Eastern Maine Medical Center where the clinical courses will be given. Classroom courses will be given on the Husson College campus. This undertaking is necessitated by the shortage of professional nurses in the central and eastern Maine area.

142 AN ACT to Study Proficiency Testing In Core Curriculum Subjects in Maine Schools.

SUMMARY: Insuring a quality education and a solid grounding in basic skills occupies a place of increasing importance among those concerned about the public education system. This bill establishes a study to accomplish that goal.

185 AN ACT to Provide State Funding for Literacy Volunteers.

SUMMARY: There are an estimated 60,000 individuals in the State who cannot read at the 4th grade level. Literacy Volunteers reach many of these people in their homes. Because its outside grants have been drastically reduced, the bill would provide \$25,000 in State aid to help them maintain their program.

252 AN ACT Relating to the Development and Conservation of Maine Waterways.

SUMMARY: The Legislature declares that it is the policy of the State to support and encourage the development of hydroelectric generating facilities by simplifying and clarifying requirements for permits while protecting the natural resources and the public use rights in waters of the State. It is the purpose of this subarticle to require a single application and permit for all hydroelectric facilities. It is also the purpose of this subarticle to require a single application and permit for proposals to construct dams to be used for any other purposes including but not limited to irrigation, water storage and flood control. The permit application shall be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection except that for hydroelectric facilities or dams for other purposes within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, the commission shall administer the permit application process under this Act.

The amount of information and scale of review of the project required by the department or commission shall be commensurate with the amount of probable impact on the environment that will result from the project. It is also the purpose of this subarticle to identify and protect river sections and waters in the state which have the highest public recreational or most unique resource values.

- 333 AN ACT Relating to the Salaries of the Members and Certain Employees of the Public Utilities Commission.

SUMMARY: This bill would require that the Commission's budget for personal services be increased by \$40,171.00 for the next fiscal year. That increase is reflected in the Commission's proposed amendment to Title 35, section 17, to increase the amount of utility assessments to be paid to the Regulatory Fund.

- 335 AN ACT to Raise the Annual Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund Assessment to \$1,300,000.

SUMMARY: This bill raises the annual Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund assessment to \$1,300,000 which together with General Fund appropriation, will provide the Public Utilities Commission sufficient funds to carry out its duties during fiscal year 1982-83. The bill is denominated emergency legislation because the statutory assessment formula must be changed prior to May 1, 1982, the assessment date under Title 35, section 17 in order to assure sufficient commission funding for the 1982-83 fiscal year.

- 336 AN ACT Relating to Approval by the Public Utilities Commission of Purchases and Sales of Electrical Generating Capacity.

SUMMARY: This bill requires electric utilities to secure the approval of the Public Utilities Commission prior to purchasing or

selling significant amounts of electrical generating capacity. It also provides that the commission's costs incurred in evaluating the utility's petition may be billed to the petitioning utility.

337 AN ACT to Establish a One-year Moratorium between changes in utility rates.

SUMMARY: This bill puts into effect a one-year moratorium on utility initiated rate changes. The one-year period runs from the date of an order entered, after hearing, by the Public Utilities Commission substituting rates found to be just and reasonable in place of rates filed by a utility pursuant to Title 35, section 64.

TUTTLE, JOHN L. JR. - REP. - SANFORD

056 AN ACT to Provide for Matching Funds for Gypsy Moth Control.

SUMMARY: This bill provides for a State and Municipal Matching fund program to deal with the gypsy moth problem.

290 AN ACT to Reorganize the Payment Structure of the Employment Security Law.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to change the payment eligibility structure from quarters to a yearly basis.

TWITCHELL, R. DONALD - REP. - NORWAY

289 AN ACT to Regain Local Control over School Lunch Program.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the mandated school lunch program and replace it with simpler meals such as soups and sandwiches.

USHER, RONALD E. - SEN. - CUMBERLAND

223 AN ACT Establishing a Directional Sign at Exit 8 of the Maine Turnpike Indicating St. Joseph's College.

274 AN ACT Relating to Child Snatching.

SUMMARY: This bill deals with the problem of child snatching between 2 parents who are separated. An area of the law which is not covered at present.

VIOLETTE, PAUL ELMER - SEN. - AROOSTOOK

170 AN ACT TO Adjust the Rates for Reimbursement to Boarding Homes and Provide for a Cost Reimbursement.

SUMMARY: This bill revises the reimbursement amounts and categories for boarding care facilities and adult foster homes and its designed to provide a more equitable system of reimbursement on routine costs.

171 AN ACT to Revise the Van Buren Light and Power District Charter.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to redefine the territorial limits of the Van Buren Light and Power District.

256 AN ACT TO Clarify the Certificate of Approval Holder and Maine Wholesale Licensee Agreement Act.

SUMMARY: Title 28, section 667 prohibits the dual distribution of wine and beer on a wholesale basis in that a certificate of approval holder once it has designated a sales territory cannot sell product to another wholesaler within that territory. This amendment would prohibit a second certificate of approval holder from selling the same brand product to another wholesaler in the same territory thus closing a potential

loophole in the law.

VOSE, HARRY L. - REP. - EASTPORT

114 AN ACT to Revise the Lubec Water and Electric District Charter.

SUMMARY: This bill would make certain revisions in the Lubec Water and Electric District Charter to conform the charter to PL 1981, chapter 447.

278 AN ACT Concerning the Regulation of Winter Shut-off of Power.

SUMMARY: This bill would transfer the authority concerning the regulation of winter shut-off of power from the PUC to another state agency.

312 AN ACT to Revise the Charter of the Lubec Water and Electric District.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to conform the charter of the Lubec Water and Electric District to the new statutes on water districts, as established by chapter 438 and 447 of the Public Laws, enacted in the first regular session of the 110th Legislature.

313 AN ACT to Study the Physical and Environmental Effects of Canadian Tidal Power Development on the Gulf of Maine.

SUMMARY: Planning is going ahead for a major tidal power development in Nova Scotia. Canadian studies show that this development could cause a significant change in the tidal range on the coast of Maine. High tides would be higher, and low tides lower. The purpose of this bill is to establish a Maine sponsored independent evaluation of the physical effect on the tides of building a tidal barrage at any of the proposed sites. The study would also investigate the poten-

tial environmental effects on coastal areas due to a change in the tidal range. The study may be done in collaboration with Massachusetts and New Hampshire, which would share any impact.

315 AN ACT to Permit a Verdict of Guilty but Mentally Ill in Certain Criminal Cases.

SUMMARY: This amendment of the Criminal Code will permit a trier of fact, in any case where a defendant raises an insanity defense, to enter a verdict of guilty but mentally ill. A defendant receiving this verdict will be sentenced as any defendant found guilty of the crime. However, the defendant's incarceration will be accompanied by treatment for his mental illness. Should treatment no longer be needed during the period of incarceration, the defendant will still be required to serve out the remainder of his prison term within the general prison system.

318 AN ACT to Revise Winter Disconnection Requirements for Electric and Gas Utilities.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to transfer responsibility for determination of status as a customer who is unable to pay from PUC to the Division of Community Services. In addition, a sworn application for eligibility will be required from the customer in order to avoid fraud. Finally, a method is established for ultimate collection of the debt by the utility, in order to avoid the subsidy of nonpaying users by the other ratepayers.

WALKER, W. NORMAN - REP. - SKOWHEGAN

186 AN ACT to Reduce Discrimination by Allowing Employees of Local Districts Which Participate in the Social Security System the Option of Membership in the Retirement System.

SUMMARY: The proposed bill would allow with-

drawal from the retirement system for employees of local districts which participate in the Social Security system. New members who joined a district which contributed to both would have the option of joining the state retirement system on the date of entry, or the next 2 anniversaries thereof. Employees already covered under both systems could withdraw from the state system at any time. Once they had withdrawn, they could rejoin the system within 3 years on payment of what they had withdrawn, plus the interest (the amount which would be required of a terminated employee who had become reemployed and had elected to repay his contributions).

This provision would allow maximum flexibility to employees individually, and to administrators of local districts, and would also reduce the financial burden of a 13% contribution.

At present, Title 5, section 1092, subsection 5, makes membership in the retirement system optional for employees at the time when the district which employs them joins the retirement system. Once the district is in the retirement system, membership is compulsory for all new employees.

WEBSTER, CHARLES M. - REP. - FARMINGTON

022 AN ACT to Limit Bond Issues to Single Projects.

SUMMARY: This bill prevents bond issues which require voter approval from relating to more than one project or enterprise.

135 AN ACT to Require the Collection of Medicaid Co-Payments.

SUMMARY: This bill will prohibit a medicaid provider from using a co-payment as a promotion loss device.

WEYMOUTH, NORMAN E. - REP. - WEST GARDINER

088 AN ACT Preventing Candidates in Any Elections, or Members of their Immediate Families, who are justices of the Peace or Notaries Public, from Registering Voters or Witnessing Absentee Ballots.

SUMMARY: This bill makes it a Class E crime for a candidate in a primary or general election, or a member of his immediate family who is also a justice of the peace or notary public, to register a voter or witness an absentee vote. This bill was given leave to withdraw at the final regular session.

090 AN ACT to Raise the Maximum Population Requirement for Receiving State Snow Removal Assistance within Compact or Built-up Sections.

SUMMARY: Under this bill towns must have a population of 3,000 or less to obtain snow removal assistance on state highways within compact or built-up sections. The law now sets the limit at 2,500 in population.

192 AN ACT to Eliminate the Requirement that Changes in Public Utility Rate Prorated.

SUMMARY: Under present law changes in utility rates take effect on the date the rate change was actually approved by the Public Utilities Commission. This requires utilities to take all meter readings after the effective date and prorate the reading between service rendered before the rate increase and service rendered after the rate increase.

WOOD, FRANK P. - SEN. - YORK

283 AN ACT to Clarify the Authority of the Courts to Remand Persons to Alcohol Shelters.

SUMMARY: This bill would make it clear under what circumstances a court may remand a person to an alcohol shelter.

285 AN ACT to Establish Licensing Requirements for Alcohol Shelters.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to establish licensing requirements for alcohol shelters to make sure they comply with health and safety codes.

286 AN ACT to Clarify the % for the Art Law.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this is to clarify which agency is to have final approval over art purchased.

Special Request For Legislation to be Introduced in the Second Regular Session

346 AN ACT to Retain Control of Retail Liquor Sales Operations.

SUMMARY: In order that the policy favoring continued state control of liquor retailing be protected, we would strongly encourage the Council to provide for the Introduction of a bill to appropriate funds to allow the state to acquire or continue to rent adequate facilities for state liquor stores.

SEN. SHUTE - SENATE CHAIRMAN

REP. COX - HOUSE CHAIRMAN