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**SENATE**

Saturday, December 2, 1961

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Ernest D. Smith of Strong.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, Journal of yesterday, read and approved.

Mr. DAVIS of Cumberland: Mr. President, pursuant to Joint Order, S. P. 631, I present a bill and move its passage.

The Secretary read the report:

Senate Committee Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Order S. P. 631 reporting bill, "An Act Making Miscellaneous Appropriations for Expenditures of State Government and Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 1962 and June 30, 1963."

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed. Ordered sent forthwith to the House.

The PRESIDENT: In the Senate balcony we have a group of Cub Scouts, Pack 158 of Lewiston, accompanied by Den Mother Mrs. Louis Talon, and Cub Master Marcelle Corriveau, both of Lewiston. It is certainly a pleasure to have this group with us. I know they have been in to visit the Governor this morning and we hope they will enjoy their stay here in the State House. I know the Senators are pleased to have them here. We also notice that Representative Jalbert is with them at this time. (Applause)

**HOUSE PAPERS**

**Enactors**

**The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following Bills:**

Bill, "An Act Repealing Law Creating a Lien on Real Property of Beneficiaries of Public Assistance. (H. P. 1210) (L. D. 1663)

Bill, "An Act Providing for Additional Funds for State Grants

to Municipalities for Sewage Treatment Works." (S. P. 602) (L. D. 1642)

Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws." (S. P. 615) (L. D. 1692)

Which Bills were passed to be enacted.

**Joint Order**

Whereas, a Bates College team recently achieved its fourth consecutive win in the TV College Bowl by defeating a Trinity College team, 205 to 140; and

Whereas, this win paved the way for Bates College to seek a fifth win in nationally televised educational competition; and

Whereas, Bates College has received a substantial amount in scholarship grants as the result of previous wins and will receive, if successful in its next appearance, additional scholarship awards as well as a silver bowl with the name of the team members engraved on it; and

Whereas, Bates College has received letters of congratulations from alumni and well wishers from coast to coast for its splendid record; now therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature of the State of Maine extend congratulations to the team coach, Dr. George Goldat and to team members Nicholas Maistrellis of Peabody, Mass., John Bart of Northampton, Mass., Casimer J. Kolaski, Jr. of Ridgefield, Conn. and Jeffrey A. Rouault of Fayetteville, N. Y. for their achievements and wish them every success in their forthcoming appearance on the College Bowl program December 10th when they will meet a team from Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn. for their fifth and final competition; and be it further

ORDERED, that attested copies of this Joint Order be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President of Bates College, to Coach Goldat and individually to each of the aforementioned members of his team. (H. P. 1245)

Which order was read and passed in concurrence.

**Joint Order**

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Finance Officer be supplied with necessary office space and equipment to carry on his duties and, with the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, be authorized to employ the necessary clerical assistance to perform his duties. (H. P. 1246)

Which order was read and passed in concurrence.

**Additional Enactor**

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following Bill:

Bill, An Act Making Miscellaneous Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1962 and June 30, 1963. (S. P. 633)

Which Bill was passed to be enacted.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair notices in the Senate Chamber a very distinguished citizen of our State, one who served as President of the Senate and who served in these halls for a long time. He also served as Governor of our State. It gives me great pleasure at this time to introduce to the Senate former Governor Burton M. Cross.

Former Governor Burton M. Cross was escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

GOV. BURTON M. CROSS: Mr. President, I was sitting over next to the door where I thought I would not be seen. I have told everybody that I am up here on my day off to watch you on your day on, so I will continue to watch. (Applause)

Mr. Erwin of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. ERWIN: Mr. President, I do not want to presume on anybody's time but I do not think I have the reputation of saying

things I do not mean and I hope you all will realize that I am still trying to say things that I do mean, and I think this is an appropriate time for many of us, and I think particularly myself to say to you and to the Majority Leader, Senator Noyes, that this has been an extremely smooth running and well directed legislative week. I, for one, have enjoyed the week, whereas I cannot say that was so in the long and tiring session that we went through before, but this has been something that has been a pleasure to see, to see it directed and to see just how well you people have done your work. I wish to compliment you. I speak for myself and I hope I speak for the other members of the Senate.

I would also like to say that I think our good friends, the Democrats in the Senate, should be applauded for their own sense of responsibility in measuring up to the challenge that faced all of us. It has been a very moving and rewarding week for me and I for one wanted to go on record as saying, "Thank you for what you have done." (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: Thank you for those kind words, Senator Erwin, and I am sure I speak for the Senator from Franklin, Senator Noyes, and our good Democratic members. It has been a pleasure for me to work with you. I have never seen a more harmonious group and when I say that I am referring to all of us, than we have had to work with this past week. We have had harmony continuously and unity. I think it is one of the finest things that has been accomplished in the times that I have served as a Senator. I don't know what the papers will say or what the radio or television folks are going to say but I am positive that we have done our job as well as we could. There may be an error but I hope there isn't. Again I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed working with you. I also think it was nice to have Governor Cross come up and be with us on our last day. (Applause)

From the House:

**JOINT ORDER**

WHEREAS, the football team of St. Louis High School of Biddeford, Maine won the Class A High School Championship and was unbeaten during the season, now therefore be it ordered, the Senate concurring, that the State of Maine extend congratulations to Coach Herbert Cote for his team and achievement and wish them well in the future; and be it further

ORDERED, that an attested copy of this Joint Order be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Coach Cote of St. Louis High School.

In the House the order was read and passed.

In the Senate: The order received passage in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Franklin

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that body that the Senate has transacted all the business before it and is ready to adjourn without day.

Which was read and passed, and the President appointed Senator Noyes of Franklin to convey the message.

The PRESIDENT: While we are waiting for the Senator to return, I want to thank all the folks in this room who have done such a magnificent job too. We have enjoyed having them all here with us. I do not know of any time there has been any friction at all. I want to thank you all for the kindnesses you have shown to me in the office and I hope you all have a Merry Christmas.

At this point Senator Noyes of Franklin returned, saying that he had fulfilled the duty with which he was charged.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through Representative Baxter, stating that that body had acted upon all matters before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

The PRESIDENT: We thank Representative Baxter for the mes-

sage. And I want to say to this group, that this young man has been a terrific help to me in the past week, or in the past three weeks to be exact. He has been a human dynamo, running here and there, using good judgment, and Jack, I want to say to the Senators that it has been a pleasure for me to work with you. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted on all matters before them, and are ready to receive any further communication he may be pleased to make. (S. P. 634)

The President appointed as Senate members of such Committee: Senators:

COLE of Waldo  
WYMAN of Washington  
BOISVERT

of Androscoggin

Subsequently, the Committee reported that his Excellency, Governor JOHN H. REED would attend the Senate forthwith.

Governor John H. Reed, accompanied by the Executive Council, then entered the Senate Chamber amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

The PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen and guests, His Excellency, the Governor of Maine.

GOVERNOR JOHN H. REED: Mr. President and members of the Maine Senate of the 100th Maine Legislature: I submit to you herewith a tabulation of the results of this Special Session of the 100th Maine Legislature:

There were 46 Acts approved, there were 5 Resolves approved, there was one veto presented.

I wish to take advantage of this opportunity to express my appreciation and my complete satisfaction for the prompt responsible disposition of the various matters which were placed before you. The 100th Legislature has truly earned an honored place in the annals of

Maine history for the decisive action taken here this week. The people of Maine have reason to be most grateful to you for your outstanding accomplishments.

Without delay you have provided the necessary funds for the Educational Foundation program; you enacted appropriate legislation to correct the oversight in Legislative Apportionment; you have wisely supported the proposal to establish an Educational Television Network in the State of Maine. In brief, you have completely fulfilled the purposes for which the Special Session was called.

In addition, you have taken appropriate action on a number of other problems of an emergency nature. I shall mention only those which I outlined to you on Monday of this week.

You recognized the need for additional funds for State grants to municipalities for sewage treatment plants and the necessity of providing a suitable emergency operating center to house State Government and Civil Defense. The recommendation to extend our sardine season was also accepted, and you also provided an expression of legislative intent which will be most helpful relative to the State employees pay plan.

At this time I wish to express my gratitude to the elected leaders of this body for their untiring efforts and excellent cooperation toward making this an eminently successful special session. The

many hours they spent on advance preparation, together with their dedication to the tasks at hand throughout the long legislative days was of immeasurable value. I am certain that all of us congratulate them for a job well done. In my opinion, tremendous credit is due to both of our legislative branches. From the outset, your positive attitude and your sense of determination to complete your tasks properly and promptly was most evident. It has been an extreme pleasure working with you toward this goal.

Finally, as you leave for your homes, Mrs. Reed joins me in extending to each of you and to all the members of your staff a most pleasant Christmas and a very successful New Year. Thank you very much. (Prolonged applause)

Governor Reed and his Executive Council then retired from the Senate Chamber amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

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Mr. PARKER of Piscataquis: Mr. President and members of the Senate: This is the motion that we have all been waiting for. I now move that this Senate do now adjourn without day.

The motion prevailed, and on December 2, 1961 at 12:30 P.M. the President of the Senate, the Honorable Earle M. Hillman declared the Special Session of the One Hundredth Legislature adjourned without day.