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SENATE

Thursday, March 24, 1977

Senate called to order by the President.
Prayer by the Honorable Andrew Redmond of North Anson.

Mr. REDMOND: Oh God make us go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

Teach us to speak our truth quietly and clearly: and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant: they too have their story.

May we take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield us in sudden misfortune, but do not stress ourselves with imaginings, many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, may we be gentle with ourselves.

Therefore, may we be at peace with God, whatever we conceive Him to be and whatever our labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with our souls. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Out of Order and Under Suspension of the Rules:

On motion by Mr. Huber of Cumberland, ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they adjourn to Monday, March 28 at eleven o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 345)

Which was Read and Passed.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

(Off Record Remarks)

**Papers from the House
Non-concurrent Matter**

Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Producers, Refiners and Distributors of Motor Fuels from Engaging in the Retail Sales of Gasoline." (H. P. 680) (L. D. 972)

In the House March 10, 1977, referred to the Committee on Energy.

In the Senate March 22, 1977, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation, in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that Body having Adhered.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pierce.

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. President, I move we adhere.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky.

Mr. TROTZKY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: If the Senate today adheres to its Motion to send this Bill to Business Legislation, the Bill is going to die without a public hearing. The lobby is very effectively right now trying to put this Bill into non-concurrence, but the Bill is no different than any other, and I would like to, if I may, read something from a Committee study that was done by the Energy Committee.

On July 23, 1975, which is the last Session, the Legislative Council approved a study proposal directing the Joint Standing Committee on Energy to investigate means to reduce the cost of gasoline to Maine consumers, and to investigate changes needed to make Maine's excess profits statute workable.

This Bill concerns a few large oil distributors in Maine, and many of the small independents: Small businesses are complaining that they are putting the small businesses out of business. The Report also, at the end of it, recommended that this precise Bill be submitted to the next Legislature. The Bill did come out of an Energy Committee study.

I believe the people of the State of Maine, including small businesses, have a right to be heard, and it is the tradition of this Legislature to hear all Bills that come before it. It is unworthy of the Maine Senate to kill this Bill now.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley.

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I am sure that the Senate has far more important things to debate than the reference of one particular Bill, knowing that we have some 2,000 Bills to be heard through public hearing and taking action in both branches.

I commend the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky, for trying to save the Bill at least from its demise before it has the opportunity of a public hearing.

The leadership from time to time has discussed what road or what means it would use to try to resolve a dispute between a reference of one particular Bill, and I think it is unfortunate this morning that we find ourselves still in non-concurrence with the other Body, and I do not mean to say that they are right, nor do I say that we are right. But I think in all fairness and all honesty, knowing that the good Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky, has done an outstanding job serving on the Committee on Energy, and wishing to be as fair as he can, that at least this Bill be tabled for a day or two to let calmer emotions prevail, and I do not want to get into a dispute over Business Legislation again, because I think the good Chairman down in Business Legislation has a great number of Bills before him today, without worrying about this particular document.

I hope that some Member of the Senate would table this at least until the next Legislative day, and perhaps the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House may get together and resolve this matter.

On Motion of Mr. Danton of York,

Tabled for One Legislative day pending the Motion of Senator Pierce of Kennebec that the Senate adhere.

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing that: The Red Riots of South Portland High School have won the State Class "A" Girls' Basketball championship for the Academic year, 1977. (H. P. 956)

Comes from the House, Read and Passed.

Which was Read and Passed, in concurrence.

House Papers

Bills and Resolution received from the House requiring reference to Committee were acted upon in concurrence.

Legislative Council

March 23, 1977

The Honorable May M. Ross

Secretary of the Senate

Senate of Maine

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Madam Secretary:

This is to inform you that the members of the Legislative Council pursuant to Legislative Joint Rule 38 have selected Mr. Robert McKernan and Mr. James Mundy as the Partisan Staff Assistants for gubernatorial Nominations. Each of these assistants shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority during the present biennium. Partisan Staff Assistants for nominations shall provide all necessary assistance to each Joint Standing Committee required by law to recommend action on a gubernatorial nominee.

Sincerely,

Signed:

JOHN L. MARTIN

Chairman, Legislative Council

(S. P. 346)

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate Papers

Mr. Pierce of Kennebec (Cosponsors: Mr. Merrill of Cumberland, Mrs. Snowe of

Androscoggin and Mr. Conley of Cumberland) present, Bill, "An Act to Provide Home Health Care Coverage in all Health Care Policies and Contracts."

(S. P. 341)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Pierce of Kennebec presented, Bill, "An Act to Eliminate the Requirements that Registrars View Naturalization Papers of Naturalized Citizens." (S. P. 343)

Which was referred to the Committee on Election Laws and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mrs. Snowe of Androscoggin presented, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Special Education Facilities for Children at Drug Treatment Centers." (S. P. 342)

The same Senator presented, Bill, "An Act to Require Implementation of Standards of Treatment for Residential Drug Treatment Centers Related to Special Education." (S. P. 339)

Which were referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hichens of York presented, Bill, "An Act Appropriating Funds to Provide Services to Older Blind Persons to Assist them in Remaining in their own Homes and in Caring for Themselves." (S. P. 338)

Mrs. Snowe of Androscoggin presented, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Child Abuse and Neglect Laws." (S. P. 337)

Which were referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Danton of York presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to Employment of Minors." (S. P. 335)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Pierce of Kennebec (Cosponsor: Mrs. Snowe of Androscoggin) present, Bill, "An Act to Require Telephone Companies to List the Name of a Customer's Spouse in the Telephone Directory if the Spouse so Chooses." (S. P. 344)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Curtis of Penobscot presented, Bill, "An Act to Provide that Regular Annual Reports of the Executive Branch be Made Through the Maine State Government Annual Report." (S. P. 336)

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Carpenter of Aroostook presented, Bill, "An Act to Clarify and Correct Laws Relating to Aeronautics." (S. P. 340)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On Motion of Mr. Huber of Cumberland, ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs shall report out a bill concerning educational funding as required in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 3747. (S. P. 350)

Which was Read and Passed.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Committee Reports

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Physicians' Assistants." (Emergency) (H. P. 268) (L. D. 345)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services on, Bill, "An Act to Repeal Certain Statutory Provisions Relating to the Regulation of Food, Cosmetics and Work Places." (H. P. 372) (L. D. 461)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

The Committee on Judiciary on, Bill, "An Act to Provide Supervision of Persons Released from the Maine State Prison and the Maine Correctional Center Under Furlough, Work or Rehabilitative Release." (H. P. 357) (L. D. 522)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

The Committee on Local and County Government on, Bill, "An Act to Clarify and Confirm the Municipal Boundary between the City of South Portland and the Town of Scarborough." (H. P. 524) (L. D. 642)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which Reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, and the Bills, Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Judiciary on, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Authority of Members of Volunteer and Governmental Organizations to Render Emergency Assistance." (H. P. 278) (L. D. 343)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Committee on Local and County Government on, Bill, "An Act Establishing County Commissioner Districts in Cumberland County." (H. P. 40) (L. D. 57)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-80).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Committee on Local and County Government on, Bill, "An Act Converting Caratunk Plantation into the Town of Caratunk." (H. P. 362) (L. D. 454)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-79).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Committee on Marine Resources on, Bill, "An Act to Repeal Fishing Regulations on the Pemaquid River." (H. P. 336) (L. D. 427)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-78).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which Reports were Read and accepted in concurrence, and the Bills Read Once. Committee Amendments "A" were Read and Adopted in concurrence, and the Bills, as amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act Concerning Membership on Municipal Charter Commissions." (H. P. 381) (L. D. 470)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title. (H. P. 926) (L. D. 967)

Comes from the House, the Bill, in New Draft, Passed to be Engrossed.

The Committee on Public Utilities on, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Borrowing Capacity of the Fort Fairfield Utilities District and to Provide for the Imposition of Liens to Secure Payment of Sewer Rates of the District." (Emergency) (H. P. 293) (L. D. 350)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title. (H. P. 928) (L. D. 968)

Comes from the House, the Bill, in New Draft, Passed to be Engrossed.

The Committee on State Government on, Resolve, "Authorizing the Commissioner of Conservation to Convey Land to Somerset County Formerly Known as the Women's Correctional Center at Skowhegan." (H. P. 10) (L. D. 27)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title. (H. P. 927) (L. D. 1017)

Comes from the House, the Bill, in New Draft, Passed to be Engrossed.

Which Reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, and the Bills and Resolve, in New Draft, Read Once, and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Liquor Control on, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Purchase of Liquor at a Reduced Price in the Town of Sanford." (H. P. 285) (L. D. 369)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Representatives:

TWITCHELL of Norway
GRAY of Rockland
IMMONEN of West Paris
RAYMOND of Lewiston
JACQUES of Lewiston
LIZOTTE of Biddeford
MARSHALL of Millinocket

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to pass as amended, by Committee Amendment "A" (H-70).

Signed:

Senators:

LOVELL of York
DANTON of York
LEVINE of Kennebec

Representatives:

MAXWELL of Jay
NADEAU of Sanford
CONNERS of Franklin

Comes from the House, the Minority Report Read and Accepted, and the Bill and accompanying papers, Indefinitely Postponed.

Which Reports were Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Lovell.

Mr. LOVELL: Mr. President, as Chairman of the Liquor Control Committee, in going over this Bill, with the population of Sanford at 17,000 and several hundred persons, going to Rochester, New Hampshire, 18 miles away, purchasing their liquor, and thousands of dollars worth of merchandise, with no sales tax, the merchants of Sanford have felt, for many years, that they were treated unfairly and lost a great deal of business to New Hampshire, and back in the 100th Session of the Legislature we defeated a decrease in the sales tax to three percent, because of the towns on the New Hampshire border.

But I think we have had quite a number of liquor Bills in this Session, and probably too many, and so I would rule Indefinite Postponement of this Bill and all its accompanying papers.

On Motion of Mr. Lovell of York, Bill and all accompanying papers Indefinitely postponed.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Performance Audit on, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Performance of the State Lottery." (H. P. 212) (L. D. 222)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-82).

Signed:

Senators:

MORRELL of Cumberland
WYMAN of Washington
MINKOWSKY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

BENOIT of South Portland
BRENERMAN of Portland
BERUBE of Lewiston
AULT of Wayne
SHUTE of Stockton Springs
AUSTIN of Bingham
LIZOTTE of Biddeford
WILFONG of Stow

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Representative:

DOW of West Gardiner

Comes from the House, the Majority Report Read and Accepted and the Bill, Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-82).

Which Reports were Read. Majority Report accepted. Committee Amendment "A" Read and Adopted in concurrence.

Bill, as amended, tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Mr. Collins for the Committee on State Government on, Bill, "An Act to Facilitate the Sale of Community Industrial Buildings." (S. P. 134) (L. D. 376)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which Report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

House

Bill, "An Act to Clarify Authorization for Payment of Witness Fees for State Witnesses in Criminal Prosecutions." (H. P. 326) (L. D. 417)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Update Validation of Street Installations of Certain Utility Structures." (H. P. 438) (L. D. 545)

Which was read a second time.

On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec,

Tabled until Tuesday next pending passage to be engrossed.

Senate

Bill, "An Act to Remove Restrictions on the Salary of County Commissioners who Hire Full-time County Administrators." (S. P. 154) (L. D. 394)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

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

"An Act Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to Issue Temporary Contract Carrier Permits." (H. P. 130) (L. D. 164)

"An Act Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to Use a Modified Procedure in Considering Certain Contract Carrier Permits." (H. P. 133) (L. D. 167)

Which were Passed to be Enacted and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

"An Act to Provide for a Trade-in Credit for

Self-propelled Vehicles used in Lumbering or Agriculture." (H. P. 61) (L. D. 82)

"An Act Appropriating Funds for the Purchase of Copies of the History of Newfield." (H. P. 137) (L. D. 138)

"An Act to Appropriate Funds for Repair, Operation and Maintenance of Androscoggin Lake Dam." (H. P. 367) (L. D. 458)

"An Act Relating to the Distribution of Statutes and Session Laws." (S. P. 210) (L. D. 620)

"An Act Appropriating Funds for the Purchase of Copies of "The Penobscot Expedition". (S. P. 7) (L. D. 12)

"An Act Appropriating Funds for Replacement Volumes of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated." (S. P. 11) (L. D. 28)

On Motion of Mr. Huber of Cumberland, Placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.

RESOLVE, Reimbursing Certain Municipalities on Account of Taxes Lost Due to Lands being Classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. (H. P. 92) (L. D. 119)

RESOLVE, Reimbursing Certain Municipalities on Account of Property Tax Exemptions of Veterans. (H. P. 91) (L. D. 117)

On Motion of Senator Huber of Cumberland, placed on Special Appropriations Table Pending Final Passage.

Emergency

RESOLVE, Reimbursing Certain 1976 County Taxes on Account of Insufficient Appropriation. (H. P. 82) (L. D. 102)

On Motion of Senator Huber of Cumberland, placed on Special Appropriations Table Pending Final Passage.

Emergency

"An Act to Amend the Charter of the Freeport Sewer District." (H. P. 439) (L. D. 546)

These being emergency measures and having received the affirmative votes of 32 members of the Senate were Passed to be Enacted, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

"An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Maine Chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation of America." (H. P. 5) (L. D. 8)

On Motion of Senator Huber of Cumberland, placed on Special Appropriations Table Pending Enactment.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate, Bill, "An Act to Provide an Excise Tax Credit for Construction and Operation of Breweries within the State." (H. P. 340) (L. D. 431)

Tabled — March 23, 1977 by Senator Merrill of Cumberland

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Troitzky.

Mr. TROITZKY: Mr. President, I present Senate Amendment "A" to L. D. 431, (S-40) and move its adoption.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Troitzky, now presents Senate Amendment "A" to L. D. 431 and moves its adoption. The Secretary will read Senate Amendment "A".

Senate Amendment "A" read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Merrill.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would like to briefly explain this Bill and the effect of the Amendment on it, due to the fact that I tabled it yesterday after raising some questions and wanting a chance to answer them.

We had a Bill similar to this two years ago and I played an instrumental part, or at least

some part, in killing it. The reason for that at that time was it would have had a revenue effect on the State before we ever realized the eventuality of a brewery being built here. Such an eventuality is still to come down the road. We have presently in our laws two different tax rates, excise tax rates on malt beverages which are produced. One would apply to malt beverages produced in the State, if we did have a brewery, which we don't, and the other applying to all the rest of the malt beverages.

The purpose of this Bill, the one two years ago, was to provide some sort of special treatment for a new brewery that came and have it take advantage of those breaks. The difference between this one and the one two years ago is that this will have no revenue effect on the State until the brewery is located here.

And under this Bill, at the time the brewery locates here, then for the two years preceding their operation, they will get a credit for the difference that they have been paying between the in-State and out-of-State rate on the beverages they sold here previous to their producing malt beverage here.

Under those circumstances I think it is probably, although I do not give it any great chance of producing a brewery, I think it is worth that opportunity, particularly in light of the fact of the requirement that the brewery use Maine produce, and as I understand it, if there was a brewery in the State it will help Aroostook develop a new market at least for a second crop in Aroostook; which brings us to the purpose of this Amendment which is offered by the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Troitzky, which removes the requirement in the law that the brewery exclusively use agricultural products of Maine. If this Amendment is adopted in the wisdom of the Senate, it would have the effect of allowing the brewery to use New York produce, or whatever, as well as Maine, as long as there was some use of Maine agricultural products. That is the purpose of the Amendment and that is why my position has changed with or without this Amendment, and I will support the Bill this year.

Senate Amendment "A" adopted.

The Bill, as amended, Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate:

Bill, "An Act Providing for the Revocation and Nonrenewal of Liquor Licenses for Nonpayment of State Taxes." (H. P. 383) (L. D. 474)

Tabled — March 23, 1977 by Senator Conley of Cumberland

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

On Motion of Mr. Lovell of York, Retabled and Specially Assigned for One Legislative Day.

The President laid before the Senate:

Bill, "An Act to Provide Accessible Polling Places for the Physically Handicapped and the Elderly." (H. P. 68) (L. D. 98)

Tabled — March 23, 1977 by Senator Speers of Kennebec

Pending — Enactment

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Mangan.

Mr. MANGAN: Mr. President, after receiving a great deal of enlightenment by the Honorable Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, I would now move enactment.

Which was Passed to be Enacted and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Out of Order and Under Suspension of the Rules, the Senate voted to consider additional Papers from the House.

Bills and Resolves received from the House

requiring reference to Committee were acted upon in concurrence with the following exception, Bill, "An Act to Restrict Oil Firms to One Phase of the Oil Industry." (H. P. 808) (L. D. 1052)

Committee on Business Legislation suggested.

Comes from the House. Referred to the Committee on Energy.

On Motion of Senator Pierce of Kennebec, tabled for one legislative day, pending reference.

Reconsidered Matter

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, directing the Senate's attention to Supplemental Senate Journal No. 1, L. D. 1061, "An Act to Authorize a School Nursing Health Consultant in the Department of Educational and Cultural Services", I move the Senate reconsider its action whereby this Bill was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, now moves the Senate reconsider its action whereby L. D. 1061 was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Is this the pleasure of the Senate? It is a vote.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, this is a proposed amendment to Title 20 of the type that is normally handled by the Committee on Education and I move that it be referred to the Committee on Education.

On Motion of Senator Katz of Kennebec, referred to the Committee on Education in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactor

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

Emergency

"An Act to Create the Eastport Port Authority." (H. P. 925) (L. D. 966)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative votes of 30 members of the Senate, was Passed to be Enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

(Recess)

Senate called to order by the President. Out of Order and Under Suspension of the Rules, the Senate voted to consider the following additional papers from the House.

Enactor

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

"An Act to Revise the Salaries of County Officers." (H. P. 738) (L. D. 752)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Jackson.

Mr. JACKSON: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This L. D. 752 is the County Salary Bill. The Bill that we originally sent up, we thought we had a sparrow with the wings of a goose and, as I stated earlier, we found out we had a goose with the wings of a sparrow. So we carried the Bill back to Committee and put it on a diet. While it was there it grew the wings of a goose and got its weight down, so evidently it has flown. So to put everybody at ease, the Bill is in order, and we do need this enacted today so that we can get the budgets hopefully out and approved by next Friday.

Which was Passed to be Enacted and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

(Off Record Remarks)

On Motion of Mr. Huber of Cumberland,
Adjourned to Monday, March 29, 1977 at 11:00
in the morning.