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SENATE

February 1, 1978

Senate called to Order by the President.
Prayer by Father William Bartoul, St. Joseph's Maronite Church, Waterville.

Father BARTOUL: Let us bow our heads in prayer. Here me O Lord as I pray with this assembly. A gathering of well developed minds, endowed talents, and those wise through experience. Strengthen and guide this fellowship, who have won the confidence of their peers, and support their neighbors. Help each person here present to carry their heads high under the weight of their responsibility, the responsibility of insuring justice and honesty according to their laws of Country, State, and conscience and God.

Heavenly Father, the office of State Senator carries a history of dedicated persons, utilizing the law to serve man not to enslave him. The history of persons dedicated to hearing the voices of the people from all directions and guaranteeing them the action that comes from the words of thought and deliberation, fairness and truth. A State Senator must live in the very surroundings that he guards. Enlighten their minds O Lord to the temptation that will come upon them most abundantly. For wherever the power and authority of person is strong so to will the temptings to misuse and abuse that power and authority. Whenever man is given great tools to work with, he is always threatened by the ever present opportunity to work selfishly and to use in a corrupt way that which was entrusted to him. And finally O Lord, enlighten the very souls of the men and women gathered here that they may seek the truth in the spirit of service, for when the Legislators compromise on what is good for the persons of Maine they are sacrificing the very grounds for their election, and are abandoning the faith of the people whom they serve. To be a State Senator is an honorable position, but honorable only because it is an office of service. The greater the effect of their service, the greater will be their office. Guide these Senators O Lord and grant them your light, wisdom and strength to love and to serve you and their neighbor this we ask O Father; Amen.

Reading the Journal of Yesterday.

(Off Record Remarks)

Senator Hichens of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Mr. President; Members of the Senate:

Having a few moments to myself this morning which is a rare occasion, indeed, I decided to sit in at the Governor's press conference. Going to the second floor, I opened the door of the room and was immediately approached by Mr. Ralph Lowe and told that I could not sit in, as it was a closed conference. Without argument, but duly chagrined, I visited the Senate President's office to inquire whether the same policy had been in force during his press conference a few minutes earlier. I was told that his press conference had been open to the public. I then went to a member of the press whom I had been told had been assigned to issue passes to those of the press privileged to sit in and was informed that the conference was closed by order of the Governor.

I stand here this morning questioning the decision of our Chief Executive who has been an advocate of open government and supporting open work sessions of the Legislature and local governments. Why, Mr. Governor, are your press sessions so sacred that I or any citizen of the state cannot sit in rather than have to wait for the press to edit your statements before publication on T.V., radio and the newspapers. I challenge you, Mr. Governor, to practice what you preach and allow those who are interested in what you have to say, to attend future

conferences and listen firsthand as to what is said. Thank you.

Communications
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

To: Edwin Pert, Clerk of the House
May Ross, Secretary of the Senate
Otto Siebert, State Budget Office
From: H. Sawin Millett, Jr., Commissioner
Re: Recommendation for 1978-1979 Funding Levels for Adult Education
Pursuant to the provisions of 20 MRSA, Section 2385, I am required to certify annually, prior to February 1st, to the Legislature and to the Bureau of the Budget my recommendation for the funding levels for the various program categories in adult education.

Column 1 indicates the amounts appropriated in the Current Services budget for the year 1978-1979. Column 2 indicates the amounts which I certify as being necessary for 1978-1979.

Education: Adult Education	Column 1	Column 2
Personal Services	\$31,800	\$ 31,800
All Other	1,467,712	1,404,024
Unallocated	30,000	30,000
		1,465,824

This represents a \$63,688 reduction from the original appropriation made available for adult education subsidies.

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

The Chair would ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers, to the Rostrum to assume the duties of President Pro Tem.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Senator Speers of Kennebec to the Rostrum where he assumed the duties of President Pro Tem; and escorted the president to the seat.

The PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Sewall.

Mr. SEWALL: Mr. President and Members of the Maine Senate. It is with a true sense of regret that I felt I had to make the statement I did this morning and which has been distributed to each of you, and it is also with regret that I feel I must come before you this morning. Jim Longley is a personal friend...but, unfortunately, the time has come for me, as an elected leader, to divorce my personal inclinations from my public responsibilities.

I have made the comments I have made because I felt they had to be said. This Legislature, and each and every member elected to it, are too important to me to sit idly by and watch our integrity and our motives and our decency be questioned.

This Legislature is a good legislature. The people who serve it are good people. For the Chief Executive to cast shadows of doubt on the motives of its members is to cast shadows of doubt on all the people of Maine who chose to serve them.

I made the constructive criticism I did because it was time to speak out. Unfortunately, the Chief Executive of this state responded in a regretfully typical manner.

After my statement, the Governor called and since I was at a meeting, relayed a message through my assistant that I should be ashamed of myself and also, almost unbelievably, said my actions would result in great harm to a candidate I support for governor of this state. This kind of idle threat is the very thing I object to...the broad brush approach...the guilt by association.

The charge that Governor Longley has made is that my statements were politically motivated. This is totally untrue! I spoke today as President of the Maine Senate, period. I do not appreciate this kind of innuendo and it is this very kind of rhetoric to which my statement was addressed this morning.

My colleagues, I have great faith that we will discharge our responsibilities in a responsible, mature and professional manner. I plead with the Chief Executive to do the same.

And now let's get on with the people's business!

(Applause, the Members rising.)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair thanks the support of everyone here. The Chair also thanks the Majority Leader for doing his usually competent job.

Committee Reports
House
Ought to Pass

The Committee on Local & County Government on, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Town of Otisfield to Meet its Obligations to Cumberland County for Existing Bonded Indebtedness Through a Lump Sum Payment" (Emergency) (H. P. 1930) (L. D. 2003)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-994)

Which Report was Read and Accepted in concurrence and the Bill Read Once. House Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted.

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

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. President, I move that under suspension of the rules, the bill be given a Second Reading at this time.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley, moves that the Senate suspend its rules in order to give this Bill its Second Reading by title only at this time. Is it the pleasure of the Senate? It is a vote.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill, as amended a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Law Concerning the Posting of Bonds by Electric Companies with the Department of Environmental Protection for Certain Licenses of Permits. (H. P. 1925) (L. D. 1986)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-986)

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

Which Report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted and the Bill, as amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services on, bill, "An Act to Permit Portable Breath Testing Equipment." (H. P. 1920) (L. D. 1981)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under new title, "An Act to Permit Self-contained Breath Testing Equipment." (H. P. 2054) (L. D. 2113)

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

Which Report was Read.

Which Report was Read and Accepted. The Bill in New Draft Read Once and Tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Incinerator Particulate Emission Standard for Wood Waste Teepee Burners." (H. P. 1924) (L. D. 1985)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title. (H. P. 2053) (L. D. 2112)

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

Which Report was Read and Accepted in concurrence.

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

Mr. TROTZKY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate; the Environmental Protection Agency has ordered the shut down of the Wood Waste Teepee Burners in Aroostook County which burn waste bark. What this Bill will do is it will allow increase omission standards and increase opaqueness of omission standards on the regimen chart from one to two. It in no way will decrease Maine's strict ambient air quality standards. The companies involved, the Great Northern Paper Company, has stated that it will put forth funds, its own funds, to demonstrate to the EPA that its emissions from its Teepee Burners will not violate the Standards we are trying to pass today here. And I have a letter from the Great Northern Paper Company, the department of Environmental Protection which I would like to put on the record right now. The first letter comes from Henry Warren Commissioner of DEP.

"As I indicated to the Committee on Monday this Department can support L. D. 1985, in the amended form reported out by the Committee, as an attempt to address a problem by those firms now using wood waste teepee burners. However, the studies which must be undertaken to convince the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to authorize this change, if adopted by the Legislature, cannot be undertaken with existing Department of Environmental Protection resources.

As a result of discussions with Great Northern Paper Company people on this issue, GNP has agreed to provide the resources necessary to generate the data required by EPA. Attached is a letter from GNP dated January 23, 1978 outlining this commitment."

This letter coming from Great Northern Paper Company states the following.

"You asked what Great Northern Paper Company will do to justify for Environmental Protection Agency L. D. 1985 when passed by the Legislature. We are prepared to do the following:

- 1) We will continue to monitor ambient air in the area of the Portage chip plant and Pinkham Lumber Company mills.
- 2) We will, if required by EPA, obtain a proposal from Environmental Research & Technology, Inc. to determine that the emission standards in this legislation will not violate Federal ambient air standards.
- 3) We will establish that a wood waste cone burner can operate within those emission standards.

If you have questions please call."

PATRICK H. WELCH

Environmental Protection Supervisor

Bill Read Once. Tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Senate Ought to Pass

Mr. McNALLY For the Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act to Simplify Notice Procedures Required in Workmen's Compensation Cases." (S. P. 645) (L. D. 2012)

Reported that the same ought to Pass.

Mr. McNALLY for the Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act to Change the Name of the Industrial Accident Commission to Worker's Compensation Commission." (S. P. 641) (L. D. 2008)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Second Readers

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

House

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Amount which Qualifies a Financial Institution for Exemption from Insurance of Deposits on Accounts." (Emergency) (H. P. 1862) (L. D. 1920)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed To Be Engrossed, in concurrence.

House — As Amended

Bill, "An Act to Exempt Special Mobile Equipment from the Motor Vehicle Title Statutes." (H. P. 1901) (L. D. 1962)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed To Be Engrossed, as amended, in concurrence. Bill, "An Act to Reorganize Certain Boards and Commissions and to Affiliate Certain Boards and Commissions with Departments of Maine State Government. (H. P. 1907) (L. D. 1968)

Which was Read a Second Time.

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

Mr. TROTZKY: Mr. President, I move the Senate reconsider its actions whereby it adopted Committee Amendment "A" to (L. D. 1968).

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot Senator Trotzky, now moves that the Senate reconsider its actions whereby it adopted Committee Amendment "A". Is it the pleasure of the Senate? It is a vote.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky.

Mr. TROTZKY: Mr. President, I present Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" to (L. D. 1968) and move its adoption.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot Senator Trotzky now offers Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moves its adoption.

Senate Amendment "A" was Read (S-449)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President, I would oppose the proposed Amendment that has been offered. I think I told you yesterday, that this Bill is an attempt to affiliate some two hundred odd boards and commissions with particular units of Departments of State Government. It in no way, and I repeat in no way, does it take away any of the powers and duties or the Autonomy of the respective boards and commissions. It merely provides a umbrella, a line of communication, which seems to me to be a much better attempt than the present method of all these boards and commissions reporting to the Governor. It aligns we can best put together, a department with a board or a commission. Now there are several boards and commissions that are already aligned in such a manner. Within the Department of Business Regulation, within the Department of Agriculture, and many others and this is a structural attempt to make some order out of all the jangle of boards and commission that exist. The Bill provides very specifically that the budgets may not be altered by the department head. They must be placed intact and forwarded to the Bureau of Budget. I guess that I think that if we open this up, that the Bill will be no good. I guess that I have been lobbied by about everybody with respect to their particular commission or board and as to why it ought not to be included. This particular one concerns the board of Medicine. I have been lobbied by no less person than my brother Dr. Douglas Collins, who happens to be a physician, and I did not cave in there — and I do not intend to cave in here. I think that there is no reason for these boards and commissions to worry about this particular piece of Legislation. And with that I hope you will defeat this motion that provides for the amendment to eliminate the Board of Medicine.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I stand before you this morning to agree with the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins and Chairman of the State Government Committee and would hope that this Amendment not be accepted.

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

Mr. TROTZKY: Mr. President and Members

of the Senate, my interest in this Bill did not come from the board of medicine. It came from many, many call from members of the nursing profession. Who feel that they have an independent board which functions well and there is absolutely no purpose in putting this underneath the department of Human Services. There is also a conflict of interest the conflict here because as it states in the statement of fact, since the Department is a payer of fees to nurses and doctors, those provide with respect to licenses boards should be autonomous and not subject to review by the Department. In other words, the Department does hire nurses and their feeling is therefore the board of nursing should be an independent entity. The Bill was heard very quickly I believe in the beginning of this session so all of a sudden this morning pharmacist started calling. But therefore I feel that this issue should be given some consideration because many groups did not have I believe input into this because of the rush to get the Bill out of Committee.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President, there has been no rush on this Bill. It was before the Committee on State Government in the last session. It has been well discussed. It is a result of a task force report. It has had the consideration of the Committee on State Government from last session, this session, everybody was aware of what was happening. So I would dispute the allegation that it was rushed out of Committee. It certainly has not been. In fact it is long overdue. I hope that you will consider this and consider the work of the Committee when you adopt this in its present form without amendment.

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

Mr. LOVELL: Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate it has just come to my attention this morning on this Bill by a pharmacist in the other Body and by the pharmacy lobby. I do not think that they had studied the Bill fully, and I do not think they realized that the implications of this Bill was not as strong as it seemed to them at the first glance of the Bill. In my opinion, I did not want the Board of Pharmacy to lose its rights, the money they had in their Treasury. Some twenty or thirty thousand dollars from fees and I did not want them to disappear as a separate entity in the Maine Government Commission of Pharmacy and possibly lose their commission members. Now I have been assured by my good seat mate Senator Collins from Aroostook that none of these things are going to occur. And I do not know just what I should do. Whether I should ask somebody to table the Bill for a day to check with the Pharmacy Board or whether we should go along with the Bill. But if what I have said is true it is not going to affect the medical board or the nursing board or the pharmacy board it is still going to keep them as separate entities then I would with draw my objection and I would ask Senator Collins of Aroostook if this is true.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: I can assure my good seat mate that this is true. The autonomy remains, the funds remain. I think that perhaps some people are confused slightly because there was a Bill in the last session which would have taken all of the Boards and Commissions money and put it into the General Fund. That Bill was killed in Committee. And rightfully so. So I can assure you all that this does not affect the autonomy of the several boards and commissions that are involved.

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

Mr. LEVINE: I move that this item be tabled for one legislative day.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kenne-

bec, Senator Levine, now moves that (L. D. 1968) be tabled for one legislative day, pending adoption of Senate Amendment "A"

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President, I would ask for Division.

The PRESIDENT: A Division has been requested.

Will all those Senators in favor of tabling this Bill for one legislative day, please rise in their places to be counted.

Will all those Senators opposed, please rise in their places to be counted.

14 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators in the negative, the Motion to table does not prevail.

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

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President the Senator from York, Senator Lovell, thinks he has problems Doctor Doug Collins is my constituent, and he disagrees with brother Don which puts me on a one and one bases. I think that the deciding thing in this debate to me would if I could hear from brother Sam.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, has posed a question through the Chair.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pierce.

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, just to clear up one minor point and to let the Senior Senator from Kennebec in on the facts of life, although Doctor Doug Collins, works in Augusta, he lives in Readfield and he is my constituent.

Senate Amendment "A" Adopted.

Committee Amendment "A", as amended, Adopted.

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

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, I am confused as to our procedure here. Is it my understanding that the Amendment offered by the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky has just been adopted by this Body.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would answer in the affirmative.

Mr. KATZ: I move that the Senate reconsider its action whereby it adopted the Amendment as Amended by Senate Amendment "A".

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz now moves that the Senate reconsider its action whereby it adopted Committee Amendment "A"; as amended.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky.

Mr. TROTZKY: I request a Division.

The PRESIDENT: A Division has been requested on the reconsideration motion.

Will all those Senators in favor of reconsideration please rise in their places to be counted.

Will all those Senators opposed please rise in their place to be counted.

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators in the negative, the Motion to reconsider does prevail.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ: I move that the Senate reconsider its action whereby it adopted Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A".

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, now moves that the Senate reconsider its action whereby it adopted Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A". Is it the pleasure of the Senate? It is a vote.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President I move that Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, now moves the indefinite postponement of Senate Amendment "A". Is it the pleasure of the Senate? It is a vote.

Committee Amendment "A" Adopted.

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

(Off Record Remarks)

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reports as truly and strictly engrossed the following: "An Act to Provide Flexibility in the Organizational Structure of the Department of Environmental Protection." (H. P. 1949) (L. D. 2028)

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

RESOLVE, to Transfer a Land Parcel from the Bangor Mental Health Institute to the Region 4 Vocational District. (S. P. 631) (L. D. 1990)

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

Emergency

"An Act Concerning the Discount Factor and Capitalization Rate in the Tree Growth Tax Statutes." (H. P. 1882) (L. D. 1936)

Emergency

"An Act to Correct Certain Oversights in the Nonprofit Corporation Act" (S. P. 625) (L. D. 1942)

Emergency

"An Act Relating to the Taxation of Certain Property Owned and Operated by Telephone or Telegraph Companies." (H. P. 1878) (L. D. 1932)

These being emergency measures and having received the affirmative votes of 28 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.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate: Bill, "An Act Relating to Assessment for Public Services Tax on Unorganized Townships." (Emergency) (H. P. 1922) (L. D. 1983)

Tabled — January 31, 1978 by Senator Jackson of Cumberland

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed

Which was Passed to be Engrossed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to consider the following:

Papers from the House

House Papers

Bill, "An Act to Readjust Disbursement of the Potato Tax Fund." (H. P. 2067) (L. D. 2128) Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Ordered Printed in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Town of Lincolnville to Withdraw from the Appleton-Hope-Lincolnville Community School District." (Emergency) (H. P. 2066) (L. D. 2129)

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Education and Ordered Printed.

On Motion of Mr. Katz of Kennebec, Tabled for Two Legislative Days, Pending Bill, "An Act to Establish Standard Interest and Penalty Provisions for the Tax Laws." (H. P. 2070) (L. D. 2130)

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Ordered Printed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation and Ordered Printed in concurrence.

Committee Reports

House

Study Report A — Transportation

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred the study relative to the necessity or desirability of retention of the Maine Turnpike Authority, the possibility of implementing

alternative toll collection methods and the interrelating federal and state agreements governing the existence of the Maine Turnpike, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill, "An Act to Revise the Powers and Duties of the Maine Turnpike Authority and to Provide Commuter Passes for Turnpike Users" (H. P. 2061) (L. D. 2124) be referred to this Committee for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 17.

Study Report B — Transportation

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred the study relative to the necessity or desirability of retention of the Maine Turnpike Authority, the possibility of implementing alternative toll collection methods and the interrelating federal and state agreements governing the existence of the Maine Turnpike, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill, "An Act Relating to the Maine Turnpike Authority" (H. P. 2062) (L. D. 2125) be referred to this Committee for public hearing and printed pursuant to joint Rule 17.

Study Report C — Transportation

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred the study relative to the necessity or desirability of retention of the Maine Turnpike Authority, the possibility of implementing alternative toll collection methods and the interrelating federal and state agreements governing the existence of the Maine Turnpike, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill, "An Act Concerning the Administration and Operation of the Maine Turnpike" (H. P. 2063) (L. D. 2126) be referred to this Committee for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 17.

Come from the House, the Reports Read and Accepted and the Bills referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Which Reports were Read and Accepted and the Bills referred to the Committee on Transportation, in concurrence.

Enactors

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

"An Act to Restore Notice to Policyholders of Right to a Hearing upon Nonrenewal of their Automobile Insurance Policy." (S. P. 613) (L. D. 1901)

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

Emergency

"An Act to Increase the Bonding Limit of the Maine State Housing Authority." (H. P. 1880) (L. D. 1934)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 28 Members of Senate, with 1 Senator voting in the negative, was Passed to be Enacted, and having signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

(Off Record Remarks)

Senator Conley of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, at first I would like to address my remarks to the presiding officer and I wish to commend him for his early press conference held this morning. Most importantly, I commend him for his second press conference at the commencement of this session this morning.

I think it is unfortunate this Legislature that is trying to get about the State's business is going to become involved in sort of a shouting match between the Chief Executive and the

Legislative Leadership of both Branches. I have respect for the Chief Executive, and I know that he has an important job and he is obviously over worked with many of the problems he has come before him every day. But I agree with you Mr. President, that when the integrity or the motives of individual Legislators of this Body and of the other Branch are under attack by the Chief Executive. I just cannot stand idly by and allow that to happen also. I know you made the statement earlier that we are under a great deal of tension here this morning, but I would like to say at the commencement of this session, I thought we needed more than a morning prayer, that we actually needed a Novena.

On Motion of Mr. Huber of Cumberland,
Adjourned until 11:00 in the Morning, Thursday, February 2, 1978.