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LEGISLATIVE RECORD
OF THE
One Hundred and Twelfth
Legislature
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

VOLUME I
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
January 8 - April 2, 1986

The House was called to order by the Speaker.
Prayer by Reverend Richard L. Waddell, First
Congregational Church, United Church of Christ,
Farmington.

The Journal of Wednesday, March 12, 1986, was
read and approved.

Quorum call was held.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication:

JOBS
PARTNERS IN TRAINING

March 10, 1986

Ed Pert
Clerk of the House
Maine House of Representatives
State House Station #2
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Pert:

Attached is a PY '86/'87 JTPA Title II-A Summary Job
Training Plan for Maine's 15-County Service Delivery
Area (SDA). The Summary JTP is developed as a draft
response to planning instructions from the Maine
Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment and
Training Programs and the Maine Job Training Council
(MJTC).

This Summary JTP has been sent to you as part of a
review and comment procedure in hopes that any
questions your review might raise could be responded
to and/or appropriately addressed in the JTP's final
version. Accordingly, any issues you wish to
communicate to us should be communicated in writing
to me by close of business on March 24, 1986.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/George R. Ezzy
SDA Director

Was read and with accompanying report ordered
placed on file.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative McSWEENEY of Old
Orchard Beach, the following Order:

ORDERED, that Representative Richard W. Armstrong
of Wilton be excused March 14 for Legislative
Business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative
Harland Bragg of Sidney be excused March 13 and 14
for Legislative Business.

Was read and passed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Unanimous Leave to Withdraw

Representative SALSURY from the Committee on
Local and County Government on Bill "An Act Relating
to the Acceptance of Public Easements by
Municipalities" (H.P. 1285) (L.D. 1802) reporting
"Leave to Withdraw"

Was placed in the Legislative Files without
further action pursuant to Joint Rule 15 and sent up
for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

SECOND DAY

In accordance with House Rule 49, the following
items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second
Day:

(S.P. 763) (L.D. 1927) Bill "An Act to Allow the
Freeport Sewer District to Acquire the Freeport
Branch of the Maine Water Company" (Emergency) (C.
"A" S-404)

No objections having been noted at the end of the
Second Legislative Day, the Senate Paper was Passed
to be Engrossed as Amended in concurrence.

BILLS IN THE SECOND READING

LATER TODAY ASSIGNED

Bill "An Act to Revise the Statutes Pertaining to
Use and Sale of Live Fish as Bait" (S.P. 858) (L.D.
2169)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the
Second Reading and read the second time.

On motion of Representative Diamond of Bangor,
tabled pending passage to be engrossed and later
today assigned.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The following matter, in the consideration of
which the House was engaged at the time of
adjournment yesterday, has preference in the Orders
of the Day and continues with such preference until
disposed of as provided by Rule 24.

The Chair laid before the House the first matter
of unfinished business:

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine
Vocational-Technical Institute System" (Emergency)
(S.P. 860) (L.D. 2174)

- In Senate, Referred to Committee on Education.
 TABLED - March 12, 1986 (Till Later Today) by
 Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.
 PENDING - Reference in concurrence.

On motion of Representative Diamond of Bangor,
 retabled pending reference in concurrence and later
 today assigned.

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled
 and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Application of Water
 Quality Standards to Hydroelectric Projects" (H.P.
 1440) (L.D. 2032)

- In House, Majority "Ought to Pass" in New Draft
 (H.P. 1495) (L.D. 2107) Report of the Committee on
Energy and Natural Resources read and accepted and
 the New Draft Passed to be Engrossed in the House on
 March 3, 1986.

- In Senate, Bill and Accompanying Papers
 Recommitted to the Committee on Energy and Natural
 Resources in non-concurrence.

TABLED - March 12, 1986 by Representative MICHAUD
 of Medway.

PENDING - Further Consideration.

On motion of Representative Michaud of Medway,
 retabled pending further consideration and later
 today assigned.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled
 and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Promote Intensive Spruce-fir
 Management" (H.P. 1468) (L.D. 2070)

- In Senate, Passed to be Engrossed as amended by
 Senate Amendment "B" (S-392) in non-concurrence

TABLED - March 12, 1986 by Representative DIAMOND
 of Bangor.

PENDING - Motion of Representative CONNOLLY of
 Portland to reconsider whereby the House adhered to
 its previous action whereby the Bill was Passed to be
 Engrossed.

On motion of Representative Connolly of Portland,
 the House reconsidered its action whereby the House
 adhered to its previous action whereby the Bill was
 Passed to be Engrossed.

On motion of the same Representative, the House
 voted to recede.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-392) was read.

On further motion of the same Representative,
 Senate Amendment "B" was indefinitely postponed.

The same Representative offered House Amendment
 "A" (H-571) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-571) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the
 Representative from Portland, Representative Connolly.

Representative CONNOLLY: Mr. Speaker, Men and
 Women of the House: I appreciate the patience of the
 Chair and the House for allowing this bill to be
 tabled for several days until we could work out an
 acceptable amendment. I think that we have finally
 done it.

There has been an issue with this bill, as there

has been with other bills before the Energy and
 Natural Resources Committee, dealing with the
 question of the use of chemicals as part of forest
 management practices. This particular amendment
 amends the section of the bill that deals with
 eligible activities that can be funded under this
 legislation. It says, if this amendment is adopted
 that only the non-aerial application of herbicides
 will be allowed. So if the amendment is adopted,
 herbicides would still be used under the program,
 there would just be no spraying allowed from planes.

I have talked to people on the committee on both
 sides of the issue about the use of chemicals and
 this amendment appears to be acceptable to everyone.

Subsequently, House Amendment "A" (H-571) was
 adopted.

The bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by
 House Amendment "A" (H-571) in nonconcurrence and sent
 up for concurrence.

The following items appearing on Supplement No. 1
 were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

PAPERS FROM THE SENATE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Strengthen State-Local
 Cooperation through Regional Councils" (H.P. 837)
 (L.D. 1181) which was passed to be engrossed as
 amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-558) in the
 House on March 10, 1986.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as
 amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-558) as amended
 by Senate Amendment "A" (S-409) thereto in
 non-concurrence.

The House voted to recede and concur.

Non-Concurrent Matter

LATER TODAY ASSIGNED

Bill "An Act Concerning State Contribution to
 Pollution Abatement" (H.P. 1469) (L.D. 2071) which
 was passed to be engrossed as amended by House
 Amendment "A" (H-540) as amended by House Amendment
 "A" (H-564) thereto and Senate Amendment "A" (S-389)
 in the House on March 10, 1986.

Came from the Senate with that body having
 adhered to its previous action whereby the Bill was
 passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment
 "A" (S-389) and House Amendment "A" (H-540) in
 non-concurrence.

On motion of Representative Michaud of Medway,
 tabled pending further consideration and later today
 assigned.

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIRST DAY

In accordance with House Rule 49, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 796) (L.D. 2003) Bill "An Act to Establish a Toll-free Statewide Hot Line for Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence" Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-407)

There being no objections, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of later in today's session under the listing of Second Day.

(Off Record Remarks)

Representative Nelson of Portland was granted unanimous consent to address the House:

Representative NELSON: Men and Women of the House: I speak today on behalf of the Displaced Homemaker Program. In 1977, an "Act Concerning Displaced Homemakers" was passed by the 108th Legislature for the establishment of a pilot multi-purpose service program. After a competitive statewide request for the proposal, funds were set up of \$10,000 and they were awarded to the University of Maine in Augusta and services began in August of 1978 with a one staff person. The program has expanded to seven Resource Centers located around the state as additional funding was made available from various federal, state and community resources. Centers are located in Presque Isle at the Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, in Bangor at the University College, Waterville at the Waterville Housing Authority Community Building, the University of Maine at Augusta, Lewiston-Auburn, University of Maine at Augusta, Woolwich at the Bath Center at the University of Maine, and Portland at 865 Forest Avenue.

The program provides outreach information and referrals, career and job counseling, training, placement and other support services for economically dependent mid-life and older homemakers forced to re-enter the job market because of separation, divorce, death or disability of their spouse. 6,500 women have been served since the program's inception.

This year, with the increase of funds, the program has expanded to Aroostook County to help those women in rural areas. This particular program received the most outstanding program of its kind in America in 1982. On behalf of the few of you who are still here from the 108th, who voted for this program at the beginning, the Displaced Homemaker Program thanks you and for all of you who continue to fund it and to support it, they thank you. I, on their behalf, also thank you for those women who never asked for a hand-out, but for a hand up. I hope you will join us today in our program.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Representative Carrier of Westbrook, Recessed until four o'clock in the afternoon.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon earlier in the day requiring Senate concurrence were ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The following item appearing on Supplement No. 2 was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Divided Report

Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act to Extend for One Year the Long-term Operating Lease Provision of the Railroad Excise Tax" (H.P. 1398) (L.D. 1972) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft under New Title Bill "An Act Concerning the Railroad Excise Tax" (H.P. 1545) (L.D. 2182)

Signed:

Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives: DIAMOND of Bangor
MAYO of Thomaston
CASHMAN of Old Town
McCOLLISTER of Canton
SWAZEY of Bucksport
NELSON of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-570) on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators: TWITCHELL of Oxford
EMERSON of Penobscot

Representatives: JACKSON of Harrison
INGRAHAM of Houlton
ZIRNKILTON of Mount Desert
WEBSTER of Cape Elizabeth

Reports were read.

Representative Mayo of Thomaston moved that the House accept the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report.

On motion of the same Representative, tabled pending his motion that the House accept the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report and specially assigned for

Monday, March 17, 1986.

The following items appearing on Supplement No. 3 were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

PAPERS FROM THE SENATE

Unanimous Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Local and County Government reporting "Leave to Withdraw" on Bill "An Act Concerning Enforcement of Violations Relating to Handicapped Parking" (S.P. 780) (L.D. 1964)

Was placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 15 in concurrence.

Divided Report

TABLED AND ASSIGNED

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act to Amend the Requirement that All Part-time Law Enforcement Officers be Trained by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy" (S.P. 798) (L.D. 2005)

Signed:

Senators: ANDREWS of Cumberland
KERRY of York

Representatives: HICHBORN of LaGrange
LACROIX of Oakland
GWADOSKY of Fairfield
NADEAU of Saco
DESCOTEAUX of Biddeford
WENTWORTH of Wells
DILLENBACK of Cumberland
SPROUL of Augusta

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-410) on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator: HICHENS of York

Representatives: COTE of Auburn
BOUTILIER of Lewiston

Came from the Senate with the Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report read and accepted.

Reports were read.

Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield moved that the House accept the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report.

Representative Hayden of Brunswick moved the matter be tabled pending the motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield to accept the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report.

Representative Nadeau of Saco requested a vote on the tabling motion.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is the motion of Representative Hayden of Brunswick to table one legislative day. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 30 in the negative, the motion to table did prevail.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS
STATE HOUSE STATION 45
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

March 13, 1986

Speaker John L. Martin
House of Representatives
Station #2
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Martin:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 26 MRSA, Section 1724 the following Report is respectfully submitted for your review and consideration.

This report contains information on the experience of the Bureau of Labor Standards under the Chemical Substance Identification Law.

Sincerely,

S/P. Daniel Coyne,
Director
Bureau of Labor Standards

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

The following Communication: (S.P. 865)

112th Maine Legislature

March 13, 1986

Senator Ronald E. Usher
Representative Michael E. Michaud
Chairpersons
Joint Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
112th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Chairs:

Please be advised that Governor Joseph E. Brennan has nominated Kenneth C. Young, Jr. of Hallowell for appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38 M.R.S.A. Section 341, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Charles P. Pray
President of the Senate

S/John L. Martin
Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, Read and Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Was Read and Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in concurrence.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bill was received and, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, was referred to the following Committee, Ordered Printed and Sent up for Concurrence:

Business and Commerce

Bill "An Act to Correct Eligibility Requirements for Licensure as a Master Electrician" (Emergency) (H.P. 1547) (Presented by Representative VOSE of Eastport) (Cosponsors: Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives ALIBERTI of Lewiston, and WHITCOMB of Waldo) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Unanimous Ought Not to Pass

Representative JOSEPH from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act to Require Prompt Payment of Medical Bills under the Workers' Compensation Act" (H.P. 1487) (L.D. 2099) reporting "Ought Not to Pass" (Representative BEAULIEU of Portland - of the House - abstaining)

Was placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 15 and sent up for concurrence.

Unanimous Leave to Withdraw

Representative PARADIS from the Committee on

Utilities on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Mandatory Local Measured Service and to Preserve Traditional Flat-rate Telephone Service at as Low a Cost as Possible" (H.P. 1315) (L.D. 1831) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Representative SIMPSON from the Committee on Human Resources on Bill "An Act to Revise the Certificate of Need Act as it Affects Hospitals, to Simplify the Section 1122 Program and to Require the Establishment of a Methodology for Imposing Reasonable Limitations on Additional Capital and Operating Costs Associated with new Projects" (H.P. 1357) (L.D. 1901) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Representative CARROLL from the Committee on Human Resources on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Certificate of Need Act Relating to Departmental Authority to Define Categories of Health Services Subject to Review" (H.P. 1302) (L.D. 1818) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Representative MANNING from the Committee on Human Resources on Bill "An Act to Require that the Department of Human Services, when Reviewing Certificate of Need Applications from Health Facilities Located Near the State Border, Consider the Impact from Hospitals Located Outside the State" (H.P. 1323) (L.D. 1858) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Were placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 15 and sent up for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIRST DAY

In accordance with House Rule 49, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 1417) (L.D. 2001) Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Sewer District of the Town of Kennebunk" Committee on Utilities reporting "Ought to Pass"

There being no objections, under suspension of the rules, was given second day notification, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

SECOND DAY

In accordance with House Rule 49, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(S.P. 796) (L.D. 2003) Bill "An Act to Establish a Toll-free Statewide Hot Line for Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence" (C. "A" S-407)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Paper was Passed

to be Engrossed as Amended in concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED

Emergency Measure

An Act to Correct Some Inconsistencies in the Law Relating to the Financing of Services in the Unorganized Territory (S.P. 713) (L.D. 1838) (H. "B" H-567 to C. "A" S-385)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 103 voted in favor of the same and none against and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED

Emergency Measure

An Act to Decrease Mobile Home Park License Fees (H.P. 1354) (L.D. 1898) (C. "A" H-559)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 109 voted in favor of the same and none against and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED

Emergency Measure

An Act to Make Clarifications in the Laws of Maine Relating to the Workers' Compensation Act (H.P. 1441) (L.D. 2033) (C. "A" H-560)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 114 voted in favor of the same and none against and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

ENACTOR

TABLED AND ASSIGNED

An Act to Make Changes in the Reserve Fund for Municipal Water Departments and Quasi-municipal Water Districts (S.P. 649) (L.D. 1674) (C. "A" S-394)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative Vose of Eastport, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Monday, March 17, 1986.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED

An Act Relating to Financing the Capital Improvement of Local Bridges (S.P. 672) (L.D. 1740)

An Act Concerning Filing Fees to the Public Utilities Commission (S.P. 729) (L.D. 1852)

An Act to Clarify the Law Relating to Authorization for Disinterment or Removal (S.P. 846) (L.D. 2138)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

ENACTOR

TABLED AND ASSIGNED

An Act to Strip Crime of its Profit (S.P. 847) (L.D. 2139)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative Diamond of Bangor, tabled pending passage to be enacted and tomorrow assigned.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED

An Act to Amend the State Subsurface Waste Water Disposal Laws (S.P. 853) (L.D. 2153) (S. "A" S-401)

An Act to Amend the Medical Examiner Act and Related Provisions (H.P. 859) (L.D. 1218) (S. "B" S-405 to C. "A" H-530)

An Act to Establish a Land and Air Search and Rescue Procedure for Missing Aircraft Personnel (H.P. 1362) (L.D. 1906) (C. "A" H-563)

An Act to Prevent Discrimination Against Retired Maine Residents who have Previously been Members of the Maine State Retirement System (H.P. 1429) (L.D. 2020)

An Act to Grandfather Current Employees Regarding the Purchase of Military Service Time (H.P. 1528) (L.D. 2157)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The following item appearing on Supplement No. 4 was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES
REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bill was received and, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, was referred to the following Committee, Ordered Printed and Sent up for Concurrence:

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Services to be Rendered in Fiscal Year 1986-87" (Emergency) (H.P. 1549) Presented by Representative CASHMAN of Old Town) (Cosponsor: Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford) (Submitted pursuant to Title 36, section 1604)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

The following item appearing on Supplement No. 5 was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES
REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bill was received and, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, was referred to the following Committee, Ordered Printed and Sent up for Concurrence:

State Government

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Allocation of the State Ceiling on Bonds for Nongovernmental Purposes" (Emergency) (H.P. 1550) (Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsors: Senators CLARK of Cumberland, PERKINS of Hancock, and Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1551)

Whereas, the 112th Legislature, during the First Regular Session, enacted and the Governor approved "AN ACT Relating to the Administration of Vocational Education," Public Law 1985, chapter 497; and

Whereas, this Act requires that a proposal be presented to the 112th Legislature at the Second Regular Session that addresses several key issues relating to the administration and operation of the technical institutes; and

Whereas, this Act is expected to have a significant impact upon economic development and education in the State; now, therefore, be it

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Joint

Select Committee on Vocational-Technical Education be established, consisting of 3 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate from among the members of the Joint Standing Committee on State Government and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and; 10 other members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, 5 of whom shall be appointed from among the members of the Joint Standing Committee on State Government and 5 other members shall be appointed from among the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education; and be it further

Ordered, that the President of the Senate shall appoint a Senate Chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Vocational-Technical Education and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a House Chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Vocational-Technical Education; and be it further

Ordered, that all legislation pertaining to vocational-technical education during the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature be referred to the Joint Select Committee on Vocational-Technical Education, to be acted upon in the same manner as legislative documents and other papers that are referred to joint standing committees of the Legislature; and be it further

Ordered, that the Joint Select Committee on Vocational-Technical Education shall dissolve at the close of the 112th Legislature.

Was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the following item: Bill "An Act to Revise the Statutes Pertaining to Use and Sale of Live Fish as Bait" (S.P. 858) (L.D. 2169) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending passage to be engrossed.

Representative Bost of Orono offered House Amendment "A" (H-574) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-574) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

Subsequently, the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the following item: Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System" (Emergency) (S.P. 860) (L.D. 2174) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending reference in concurrence.

Subsequently, was referred to the Joint Select Committee on Vocational-Technical Education in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the following item: Bill "An Act to Clarify the Application of

Water Quality Standards to Hydroelectric Projects" (H.P. 1440) (L.D. 2032) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending further consideration.

(In House, Majority "Ought to Pass" in New Draft (H.P. 1495) (L.D. 2107) Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources read and accepted and the New Draft Passed to be Engrossed in the House on March 3, 1986.)

(In Senate, Bill and Accompanying Papers Recommitted to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in non-concurrence.)

At this point, the Speaker appointed Representative Diamond of Bangor to act as Speaker Pro Tem.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I thought I would take this opportunity to inform you of a decision which was just made and relayed to me about an hour ago. I thought it appropriate to handle it in this fashion in order to prevent rumors or other comments which perhaps should not be made about the matter.

As you know, we debated this bill at some length and it was sent to the other body. The other body saw fit not to do it quite the same way we did.

Yesterday, I received a phone call from Great Northern Paper Company who asked if we could table the matter for one day because they were in the process of arriving at a corporate decision, which they said they would be making sometime today. I had no idea what that decision was going to be but I am now aware what it is and would like to tell you and to tell you what I think we need to do, not today, but at some point in the future.

About three thirty this afternoon, I received a phone call from Bob Bartlett, the President of Great Northern. As you know, Great Northern is a Division of Great Northern Nekoosa. The decision has been made by the corporation to, as he put it, pull the plug on Big A. The Clerk will be notified tomorrow that Great Northern Paper Company is withdrawing the application for the Big A dam next to Millinocket. As he put it to me, "the application roughly has taken \$6 to \$8 million of corporate money to date. It has taken a tremendous amount of time out of the time they themselves had to fulfill other things which the company needs to do" and that, as he put it, "it simply has taken too much out of us" meaning the corporation. They have immediate needs which need to be solved at Millinocket and East Millinocket and, as a result of the work which they believe they need to do in order to survive in the paper business, they need to do it now and they need to concentrate their efforts on that. So, they are presently releasing a statement to the press which will be carried, I am sure, by every newspaper tomorrow. Perhaps by this evening, a news statement will be made relating to what I have just told you.

In addition, he asked one thing of me which I am conveying to you and that was that he wanted to thank everyone who had attempted to help the company in its

efforts to try to solve the problem. That is really the extent of the conversation that we had.

I said to you when I stood before you on the floor on this issue that I personally believed and I am totally convinced that, for me, it has never been a Big A question because I have never taken a public posture on the construction of a hydroelectric dam north of Millinocket. I have taken the position, and my position remains the same this evening, that the process is flawed and it needs to be corrected. I don't believe that that has changed. Even though the application has been withdrawn by Great Northern, it is still my opinion tonight that the process that we established is flawed and we need to correct that. Whether we do it this session or in the immediate future, I think we need to solve the problem. There is just no reason, in my opinion, that anyone, whether it be the lowest of Maine citizen's in terms of economic income or one of its richest or be it a corporation or anyone else, need to be put through what this corporation has been put through.

Finally, I will simply say that to the major news papers of this state, I now hope you are happy.

At this point, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of Representative Diamond of Bangor, tabled unassigned pending further consideration.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter: "An Act Concerning State Contribution to Pollution Abatement" (H.P. 1469) (L.D. 2071) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-540) as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-564) thereto and Senate Amendment "A" (S-389) in the House and was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending further consideration.

(Came from the Senate with that body having adhered to its previous action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-389) and House Amendment "A" (H-540) in non-concurrence).

The House voted to recede and concur.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Representative Brannigan of Portland, Adjourned until Friday, March 14, 1986 at twelve o'clock in the afternoon.