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**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**  
OF THE  
**One Hundred And Thirteenth Legislature**  
OF THE  
**State Of Maine**

**VOLUME I**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
December 3, 1986 to May 22, 1987

An Act to Clarify a Sewer District's Responsibility for the Maintenance and Repair of Public Drains or Common Sewers

H.P. 51 L.D. 54

Which was PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act to Reduce the Fee for a Trapper's License for Servicemen Stationed in the State

H.P. 502 L.D. 674

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending ENACTMENT.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the Tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

An Act Relating to the Administrative Council of the University of Maine System

H.P. 183 L.D. 227

(H "A" H-9)

Tabled - March 16, 1987, by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Pending - ENACTMENT

(In House, March 12, 1987, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

(In Senate, March 10, 1987, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9), in concurrence.)

Which was PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Off Record Remarks

HELD BILL

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Clark.

Senator CLARK: Mr. President, is the Senate in possession of L.D. 75?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would answer in the affirmative, the Bill having been held.

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, the Senate RECONSIDERED its action whereby it PASSED TO BE ENACTED:

An Act to Provide Complimentary Archery Licenses and Muzzle-loading Hunting Licenses to Residents Over 70 Years of Age

H.P. 72 L.D. 75

(In Senate, March 16, 1987, PASSED TO BE ENACTED, in concurrence.)

(In House, March 12, 1987, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

On further motion by the same Senator, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending ENACTMENT.

Off Record Remarks

Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot, ADJOURNED until Thursday, March 19, 1987, at 9:00 in the morning.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

33rd Legislative Day

Thursday, March 19, 1987

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Carlton Gunn, Prides Corner Congregational Church, Westbrook.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 17, 1987, was read and approved.

Quorum call was held.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Recodify the Animal Welfare Laws" (S.P. 285) (L.D. 811)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Control Points in First Mortgage Transactions" (S.P. 278) (L.D. 788)

Bill "An Act Relating to Check Cashing" (S.P. 274) (L.D. 784)

Bill "An Act to Create the Maine Property and Casualty Joint Underwriting Association" (S.P. 284) (L.D. 810)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Limit the Administrative Charge on Sales of New Motor Vehicles to the Actual Administrative Cost" (S.P. 272) (L.D. 782)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Permit Inventory and Testing of Underground Storage Tanks by Owner when Checked by the Department of Environmental Protection" (S.P. 282) (L.D. 792)

Bill "An Act to Permit Certain Abandoned Residential Underground Oil Storage Tanks to be Drained and Filled with Sand or other Approved Materials" (S.P. 276) (L.D. 786)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and Ordered Printed. W

ere referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Fees for Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Persons 65 Years of Age or Older" (S.P. 271) (L.D. 781)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Smoking in Restaurants with at Least 50 Seats in the Dining Area" (S.P. 279) (L.D. 789)

Bill "An Act to Provide a Bill of Rights for Persons with Long-term Mental Illness" (S.P. 283) (L.D. 793)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Certificate of Need Act of 1978" (S.P. 281) (L.D. 791)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on Human Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Qualifications for a Hotel Liquor License" (S.P. 277) (L.D. 787)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Training for Law Enforcement Officers" (S.P. 280) (L.D. 790)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Standards for Transfer of Title of Motor Vehicles" (S.P. 273) (L.D. 783)

RESOLVE, to Designate a Portion of Route 9 in Clifton the R. Leon Williams Highway (S.P. 275) (L.D. 785)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Transportation and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES

REQUIRING REFERENCE

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

Agriculture

Bill "An Act to Establish a Bakery and Milk Products Container Law" (H.P. 603) (L.D. 821) (Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo) (Cosponsors: Representatives COTE of Auburn, ALIBERTI of Lewiston, and Senator WHITMORE of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act to Require Beekeepers to Effectively Protect Hives Placed in Areas with Dense Bear Populations" (H.P. 605) (L.D. 823) (Presented by Representative CONLEY of Portland) (Cosponsor: Representative BAKER of Portland)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Expand Pregnancy Related Services" (H.P. 600) (L.D. 818) (Presented by Representative PARADIS of Augusta) (Cosponsors: Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senators BERUBE of Androscoggin and GILL of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Create Housing Options for Homeless Mentally Ill People" (H.P. 610) (L.D. 828) (Presented by Representative CARTER of Winslow) (Cosponsors: Representative MANNING of Portland, Senator GILL of Cumberland, and Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Provide for Competitive State Funding of Workers' Compensation" (H.P. 617) (L.D. 835) (Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsors: Representatives BAKER of Portland, McHENRY of Madawaska, and Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Provide Training for New School Bus Drivers" (H.P. 606) (L.D. 824) (Presented by Representative BAILEY of Farmington) (Cosponsor: Representative HUSSEY of Milo)

(The Committee on Reference of Bills had suggested the Committee on Education)

On motion of Representative Handy of Lewiston, was referred to the Committee on Transportation, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

Energy and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Establish Field Offices of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission" (H.P. 604) (L.D. 822) (Presented by Representative GOULD of Greenville) (Cosponsors: President PRAY of Penobscot and Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Improve the Assessment of Floods, Droughts, Ground Water Contamination, Stream Water Quality and Hydropower Potential in this State" (H.P. 612) (L.D. 830) (Presented by Representative McGOWAN of Canaan) (Cosponsors: Representatives JACQUES of Waterville and MICHAUD of East Millinocket)

(The Committee on Reference of Bills had suggested the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.)

On motion of Representative Michaud of East Millinocket, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

Energy and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Establish a Comprehensive Ground Water Protection Plan" (H.P. 618) (L.D. 836) (Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Casco) (Cosponsors: Representatives JACQUES of Waterville, HOGlund of Portland, and HOLLOWAY of Edgecomb)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act Pertaining to the Placing of Bear Bait" (H.P. 607) (L.D. 825) (Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville) (Cosponsors: Representatives GREENLAW of Standish, DUFFY of Bangor, and CLARK of Millinocket)

Ordered Printed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Ad Damnum Clause in Cases Involving Unliquidated Damages" (H.P. 602) (L.D. 820) (Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsors: Representatives PARADIS of Augusta, MARSANO of Belfast, and PRIEST of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Profits in Criminal Activities" (H.P. 609) (L.D. 827) (Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsors: Representatives PARADIS of Augusta, MELENDY of Rockland, and THISTLE of Dover-Foxcroft)

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Civil Liability for Volunteers" (H.P. 614) (L.D. 832) (Presented by

Representative SMITH of Island Falls) (Cosponsors: Representatives SOUCY of Kittery, MICHAUD of East Millinocket, and STROUT of Corinth)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Use of Force in Property Offenses" (H.P. 615) (L.D. 833) (Presented by Representative STEVENSON of Unity) (Cosponsor: Representative HICHBORN of LaGrange)

RESOLVE, to Establish the Commission to Study Adoption Laws and Practices (Emergency) (H.P. 619) (L.D. 837) (Presented by Representative ANTHONY of South Portland) (Cosponsors: Representative CLARK of Brunswick and Senator GILL of Cumberland)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Concerning the Examination of Law Enforcement Officials" (H.P. 608) (L.D. 826) (Presented by Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsors: Representatives HUSSEY of Milo and JOSEPH of Waterville)

Bill "An Act to Change the Date for Statewide Primary Elections" (H.P. 611) (L.D. 829) (Presented by Representative ARMSTRONG of Wilton) (Cosponsor: Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act Relating to the Aquaculture Industry" (H.P. 601) (L.D. 819) (Presented by Representative SCARPINO of St. George)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Relating to the Appointment of Persons to Superintendent Positions Within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation" (Emergency) (H.P. 616) (L.D. 834) (Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsors: Representatives ALLEN of Washington, RYDELL of Brunswick, and Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Utilities

Bill "An Act to Extend the Time for the Rangeley Water District to Purchase the Rangeley Water Company Plant" (H.P. 613) (L.D. 831) (Presented by Representative MILLS of Bethel) (Cosponsor: Senator ERWIN of Oxford)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative TARDY of Palmyra, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 624) (Cosponsors: Senators MATTHEWS of Kennebec, TWITCHELL of Oxford, BLACK of Cumberland, Representatives ALIBERTI of Lewiston, MAHANY of Easton, NUTTING of Leeds, HUSSEY of Milo, SHERBURNE of Dexter, PARENT of Benton, BRAGG of Sidney, WHITCOMB of Waldo, and PINES of Limestone)

JOINT RESOLUTION IN TRIBUTE TO AGRICULTURE: AMERICA'S HEARTBEAT ON AGRICULTURAL DAY

WHEREAS, the real wealth, not only of America but the world, is in the resources of the ground on which we stand; and

WHEREAS, the land is the only thing we have in the world which ungrudgingly yields abundance and asks for nothing more in return than diligence; and

WHEREAS, one fifth of our work force are farmers in the business of food and fiber production for world markets and accounts for 18% of the gross national product; and

WHEREAS, the Maine farmer provides \$400,000,000 in total farm income and is credited with a \$2,000,000,000 contribution to Maine's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Maine agrarian society makes a pivotal contribution to the cultural and social foundations of our rural way of life and in turn to the very heartbeat of America; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That it is appropriate for the 113th Legislature of the great and sovereign State of Maine to pause in its deliberations to honor Maine farmers and innovators who have contributed so much to the betterment of our State and to pledge its support and encouragement, and urge the youth of Maine to pursue the growing opportunities for careers in today's technologically advanced agricultural industry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in token of the esteem to which those in this vital field are held.

Was read and adopted and sent up for concurrence. By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Marine Resources reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to the Use of Paravanes" (H.P. 15) (L.D. 13)

Signed:  
Senators: CAHILL of Sagadahoc  
MATTHEWS of Kennebec  
ESTES of York  
Representatives: SALSBURY of Bar Harbor  
KETOVER of Portland  
COLES of Harpswell  
MITCHELL of Freeport  
CROWLEY of Stockton Springs  
RICE of Stonington  
RUHLIN of Brewer  
HOLT of Bath  
LOOK of Jonesboro

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought to Pass" on same Bill.

Signed:  
Representative: SCARPINO of St. George  
Reports were read.

Representative Mitchell of Freeport moved that the House accept the Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from St. George, Representative Scarpino.

Representative SCARPINO: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I have no illusions about what is going to happen to this bill. However, I would like to take this opportunity, perhaps, to present some information that I think this legislature, as a whole, should become aware of. Quite simply, over the past couple of years, there has been some major changes in the fishing industry and we are starting

to see the results of that now in gear conflicts and problems and concerns within all parts of the industry being able to operate in a compatible manner. That basically was the reason for this bill.

During the past five years, we have seen the Georges Bank decision, where we lost a great deal of traditional fishing ground. We have seen where an increase in the economic value of marine products and the increase in economic values led to an increasing intensity of the fishing of the inshore areas. The Georges Bank decision has taken marine operators, primarily dragmen, who normally used to be offshore operators and forced them into the inshore waters in order to maintain a livelihood, to keep their businesses operating.

This bill is one of probably many that we will be facing in the future because of the increased intensity in the fisheries and restricted areas that we have. It is an issue that this legislature is going to have to look at and deal with in order to ensure the long-term viability of the industry and the allowance of all aspects of the industry to operate in a complimentary rather than adversarial manner.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Mitchell of Freeport, the House accepted the Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report. Sent up for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 129) (L.D. 155) Bill "An Act to Recodify the Liquor Laws" Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-23)

(H.P. 84) (L.D. 87) Bill "An Act Relating to Building Inspections" Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)

(H.P. 30) (L.D. 31) Bill "An Act to Amend the Preferred Provider Arrangement Laws of Maine" Committee on Banking and Insurance reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of Friday, March 20, 1987, under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

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

(H.P. 249) (L.D. 322) Bill "An Act to Allow Reasonable Attorneys Fees for Court Appointed Counsel on Appeals by the State to any Federal Court" (C. "A" H-21)

No objection having been noted, the House Paper was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence.

(H.P. 229) (L.D. 297) Bill "An Act to Improve the Informal Conference Process for Workers' Compensation Claims" (Emergency) (C. "A" H-22)

On motion of Representative McHenry of Madawaska, was removed from the Consent Calendar, Second Day. Thereupon, the Committee Report was read and accepted, the Bill read once.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-22) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Bill was assigned for second reading Friday, March 20, 1987.

(H.P. 300) (L.D. 386) Bill "An Act Relating to the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation"

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Paper was Passed to be Engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

TABLED AND TODAY ASSIGNED

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

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Penalty Provisions for the Late Filing of Corporation Reports" (H.P. 122) (L.D. 147)

TABLED - March 17, 1987 by Representative ALLEN of Washington.

PENDING - Passage to be Engrossed.

Representative Allen of Washington offered House Amendment "A" (H-20) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-20) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-20) and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Permit the Disclosure of Information on a Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration of Value Form" (H.P. 553) (L.D. 740)

TABLED - March 17, 1987 by Representative DIAMOND of Bangor.

PENDING - Passage to be Engrossed.

Representative Tupper of Orrington offered House Amendment "C" (H-29) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "C" (H-29) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orrington, Representative Tupper.

Representative TUPPER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As it was the pleasure of the House to make known the selling price of property to the public, I would like to offer this amendment for your consideration and that is having the disclosure of the Declaration of Value back at the Registry of Deeds as it always was before 1975.

I would hope that you would accept this amendment today, which, for many of us, who voted against L.D. 740 on behalf of our small municipalities, is more acceptable.

Mr. Speaker, I would request a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Town, Representative Cashman.

Representative CASHMAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would move indefinite postponement of House Amendment "C."

The effect of this amendment is to put the bill back into the original form that it was when first referred to the Committee on Taxation.

The bill originally sponsored would have required that this information be provided at the Registry of Deeds Office. The reason that the Taxation Committee chose to change that was, as we discussed the other day, that the primary purpose of this whole bill is to make this information available to appraisers and to do it in a manner that is cost effective for the consumer, who is paying for the appraisal.

I used the example the other day of a person buying a house in Lincoln and their appraiser having to drive to Bangor to get this information and the

person paying for the appraisal paying for the cost of that trip, both in time and expense.

You can carry that into Millinocket, Medway or any of the other towns that are far removed from Bangor and, if this amendment were to pass, it would not address that problem where the consumer is paying the bill for that trip.

There is no requirement in the bill that assessors offices in small towns be opened any more than they already are. There is no requirement in the bill that assessors in small towns make themselves any more available to appraisers or members of the public than they already do. I think that the argument that this will cost money in the smaller towns doesn't really hold water.

Lastly, I guess, you all received a letter from a group of assessors saying they opposed this and I think you all received a letter on March 16th from the city of Bangor assessor written on his stationary that states that, unfortunately, there is a small group of assessors who oppose allowing public access to information upon which the assessor bases the assessment of property. Most professional assessors believe, however, that they have nothing to fear from public access of all the information they use to value property.

There is an old joke that says, "If you laid all the economists end to end, they wouldn't reach a conclusion" and perhaps that applies here. But I don't think that all assessors are against this bill and I think this letter indicates that.

I urge the House to join with me and indefinitely postpone this amendment and support the unanimous committee report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harrison, Representative Jackson.

Representative JACKSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I, too, rise this morning to oppose the amendment that has been presented.

I would like to take Representative Cashmans' argument one step further. He spoke of the costs that are associated with ascertaining this information or obtaining it. I would like to bring to point one other case that could be argued. At the local level with your municipal assessors, when the Declaration of Value form is filled out and submitted to the local assessor, the computations, the figures, everything, is supplied at that time. If it were to go back to the county as the original bill stated and as this amendment attempts to do, then you would have the additional costs, the additional burden, of having those stamps or that figure placed on the deed at the county level. I think to keep in tune with the process, and I think the committee came up with a good and valid idea to keep it at the local level, I certainly hope that the members of this body today would reaffirm that decision and vote to defeat this amendment and put this bill in its proper place.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lisbon, Representative Jalbert.

Representative JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill has a lot of merit. Last year I spoke against it and I feel there is still a lot of work to be done. The idea of making this information available has a lot of merit.

I have been in contact with the Registry of Deeds and there is a problem that has arisen there because there is not a copy of the Declaration of Value kept at the Registry of Deeds. There are only two copies, they both go to the state assessor and the state assessor sends a copy to the municipalities. I would like to say again, I am not against the merits of this particular issue, but I contacted the assessor in Lisbon and a few other places and the problem is,

there should be some kind of a guideline set up. I know they have it within their power to do it, but there should be some kind of a guideline that the assessors can set when the information is to be made available.

One point that was brought up by the assessor is the fact that, since it is confidential, they must keep it forever -- that part should be taken care of. I asked the assessors and they said, they usually use it for two years. I believe there should be some provision and, if possible, I would submit an amendment that there would be a provision that, after two years, this information could be disposed of by the local assessors. This kind of information after two years doesn't have much value anyway to anyone that is an appraiser.

At this time, I would like to bring out the fact that there is more work to be done on this bill before everyone will be satisfied.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Norton.

Representative NORTON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have had communications from four of the five towns that I represent urging me to vote against having further burdens placed upon them at the local level, which this bill would do. I feel that is valid. I would certainly go along with the amendment. I believe it belongs at the registry where most people have to visit anyway.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Soucy.

Representative SOUCY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to pose a question to the Representative from Old Town.

I would like to know, will the cost of an appraisal go down if this bill is accepted?

The SPEAKER: Representative Soucy of Kittery has posed a question through the Chair to Representative Cashman from Old Town, who may respond if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes that Representative.

Representative CASHMAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The intent of the bill is to reduce the cost of an appraisal. If you want a guarantee from me, Representative Soucy, my prices for my appraisals will go down.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Stevens. Representative STEVENS: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I think it might be worthy to note that last year this bill was considered and Representative Cashman and Representative Jackson both voted that the Declaration of Value should be available at the Registry of Deeds, as Representative Tupper suggests. That was a unanimous committee report saying, the information should be available at the Registry of Deeds.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harrison, Representative Jackson.

Representative JACKSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I don't know if I am a thorn between two roses here or a rose between two thorns but I would just like to respond to the Representative from Bangor that, with age comes wisdom, and that is where I lie this trip.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Thomaston, Representative Mayo.

Representative MAYO: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: I find myself in a funny position this morning since I originally introduced this bill in the form that Representative Tupper wants to change it back to. Many people think that is a good idea.

We worked this bill in committee and the committee considered all the angles. I think we

spent a lot of time discussing what form this bill should take. The committee felt, and I agreed to go along with them, the best place for that information to be released would be at the local office.

I would like to point out to you and remind you that Maine is only one of two states in the country that does not allow this information, that if we pass the bill out as the committee recommended, we would be doing exactly what the state of Vermont does.

I think this bill is a good way to assist our home buyers in keeping their costs down and also in speeding up the closing on homes and that is why the bill was introduced.

I would ask you to go along with the motion of the Representative from Old Town, Representative Cashman, that this amendment be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lisbon, Representative Jalbert.

Representative JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to pose a question through the Chair. Would there be any provision to instruct the Bureau of Taxation that, when they mail those Declarations of Value to the Registry of Deeds to be made out, that they will have an additional copy so that they can keep a copy in the Registry of Deeds? As it stands now, both copies that are made out are sent to the Bureau of Taxation and there is no way that the Registry of Deeds can have that information available.

The SPEAKER: Representative Jalbert of Lisbon has posed a question through the Chair to any member, who may respond if they so desire.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Racine.

Representative RACINE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: We seem to be forgetting one thing here this morning. It seems that everybody is talking about facilitating the appraisal process, that may be so -- however, I feel that property owners that are having difficulty in getting answers on assessing practices have a right to know how assessors arrive at an evaluation. If I am going to have to go to the Registry of Deeds every time I have a discussion with my assessor, I don't think that is fair. People are forgetting that this information should be made available to everyone, not only assessors or people that are in the real estate business. I think that that information should be made available to everyone. If you put a restriction requiring us to go down to the Registry of Deeds every time there is a question on how property evaluations were arrived at, I think that you are defeating the purpose of the bill and it is one way to kill it.

I would urge you to go along with the motion that was made by Representative Cashman. I realize assessors are trying to protect their turf. They don't want to be questioned as to how they arrive at an evaluation and I think that is wrong. This is why assessors are opposed to this, those that are. They just don't want to divulge the information which we should have access to as property taxpayers.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orrington, Representative Tupper.

Representative TUPPER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would just like to answer Representative Racine. Evaluation is not obtained at the Registry of Deeds, evaluation is obtained in the assessors office and all assessors are willing to share that evaluation. Selling price is what we are talking about here, not evaluation.

I also would like to have a roll call on Representative Cashman's motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Shapleigh, Representative Ridley.

Representative RIDLEY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to pose a question through the Chair. Is this information going to be made available for the assessors in the individual towns to give this information out to the appraisers that might be wanting this information?

The SPEAKER: Representative Ridley of Shapleigh has posed a question through the Chair to any member, who may respond if they so desire.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Thomaston, Representative Mayo.

Representative MAYO: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In answer to the Representative's question -- presently the information is confidential and can only be released under present statute to individuals who appeal their assessment. When someone goes through the process of appealing their assessment, they can have access to relative sales information. Other than that, it is confidential.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Shapleigh, Representative Ridley.

Representative RIDLEY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Evidently I didn't make my question clear -- if this bill goes through in its present form, is this information going to be given to the assessors of the town or is it going to be made available to the tax collector or the selectmen or who is this going to be made available to? Why I ask this is -- in many, many towns, the assessors do not have hours. The assessors that have the hours are the town clerk and tax collector. So, if you make it available to just the assessors alone -- in my town and many, many towns, the assessor and the selectman are one in the same and they meet once a week.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call, it must have the expressed desire of more than one-fifth of the members present and voting. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken and more than one-fifth of the members present and voting having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is the motion of Representative Cashman of Old Town that House Amendment "C" be indefinitely postponed. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 6

YEA - Aliberti, Allen, Anderson, Anthony, Carroll, Carter, Cashman, Chonko, Coles, Conley, Crowley, Dellert, Dexter, Diamond, Dore, Erwin, P.; Gurney, Gwadosky, Hale, Hepburn, Hichborn, Hickey, Hussey, Jackson, Jacques, Ketover, LaPointe, Lisnik, Macomber, Mahany, Manning, Martin, H.; Matthews, K.; Mayo, McGowan, McSweeney, Melendy, Michaud, Mitchell, Murphy, E.; Murphy, T.; Nadeau, G. G.; Nadeau, G. R.; Nicholson, Paradis, E.; Paradis, J.; Paradis, P.; Parent, Paul, Perry, Priest, Racine, Reed, Rice, Richard, Rydell, Seavey, Sheltra, Simpson, Small, Smith, Sproul, Stanley, Swazey, Tammaro, Tardy, Telow, Thistle, Vose, Walker, Warren, Webster, M.; Weymouth, Zirkilton.

NAY - Armstrong, Bailey, Begley, Bickford, Bott, Bragg, Brown, Callahan, Clark, H.; Clark, M.; Curran, Dutremble, L.; Farnum, Farren, Foss, Foster, Garland, Gould, R. A.; Handy, Hanley, Harper, Higgins, Hoglund, Holloway, Holt, Jalbert, Joseph, Kimball, Lacroix, Lawrence, Lebowitz, Look, Lord, MacBride, McHenry, McPherson, Mills, Moholland, Norton,



Nutting, O'Gara, Pines, Pouliot, Rand, Ridley, Rotondi, Salsbury, Scarpino, Sherburne, Soucy, Stevens, A.; Stevens, P.; Stevenson, Strout, B.; Strout, D.; Tracy, Tupper, Wentworth, Whitcomb, Willey.

ABSENT - Baker, Bost, Boutilier, Connolly, Cote, Davis, Duffy, Greenlaw, Hillock, Ingraham, Kilkelly, Marsano, Reeves, Rolde, Ruhlin, Taylor, The Speaker.

Yes, 74; No, 60; Absent, 17; Paired, 0; Excused, 0.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 60 in the negative with 17 being absent, the motion did prevail.

Representative Jalbert of Lisbon moved L.D. 740 be tabled one legislative day pending passage to be engrossed.

Representative Mayo of Thomaston requested a Division on the motion to table.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is the motion of the Representative from Lisbon, Representative Jalbert, that L.D. 740 be tabled one legislative day pending passage to be engrossed. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

Representative Racine of Biddeford requested a roll call vote on the motion to table.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call, it must have the expressed desire of more than one-fifth of the members present and voting. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken and more than one-fifth of the members present and voting having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is the motion of Representative Jalbert of Lisbon that L.D. 740 be tabled one legislative day pending passage to be engrossed. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 7

YEA - Armstrong, Bailey, Begley, Bickford, Bott, Bragg, Callahan, Chonko, Clark, H.; Clark, M.; Curran, Dellert, Dexter, Dutremble, L.; Farnum, Farren, Foster, Garland, Gould, R. A.; Handy, Harper, Hepburn, Hichborn, Higgins, Hogleund, Holloway, Holt, Jacques, Jalbert, Joseph, Kimball, Lacroix, LaPointe, Lawrence, Lebowitz, Look, Lord, MacBride, Mahany, Martin, H.; McGowan, McHenry, McPherson, Michaud, Mills, Murphy, E.; Murphy, T.; Norton, Nutting, O'Gara, Paradis, E.; Parent, Perry, Pines, Pouliot, Rand, Reed, Rice, Ridley, Rotondi, Salsbury, Scarpino, Sherburne, Soucy, Stanley, Stevens, A.; Stevens, P.; Stevenson, Strout, B.; Strout, D.; Telow, Tracy, Tupper, Wentworth, Whitcomb, Willey.

NAY - Aliberti, Allen, Anderson, Anthony, Brown, Carroll, Carter, Cashman, Coles, Conley, Crowley, Diamond, Dore, Erwin, P.; Foss, Gurney, Gwadosky, Hale, Hanley, Hickey, Hussey, Jackson, Lisnik, Macomber, Manning, Matthews, K.; Mayo, McSweeney, Mitchell, Moholland, Nadeau, G. G.; Nadeau, G. R.; Nicholson, Paradis, J.; Paradis, P.; Paul, Priest, Racine, Richard, Rydell, Seavey, Sheltra, Simpson, Small, Smith, Sproul, Swazey, Tamaro, Tardy, Thistle, Vose, Walker, Warren, Webster, M.; Weymouth, Zirkilton.

ABSENT - Baker, Bost, Boutilier, Connolly, Cote, Davis, Duffy, Greenlaw, Hillock, Ingraham, Ketover, Kilkelly, Marsano, Melendy, Reeves, Rolde, Ruhlin, Taylor, The Speaker.

Yes, 76; No, 56; Absent, 19; Paired, 0; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 56 in the negative with 19 being absent, L.D. 740 was tabled

pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, March 20, 1987.

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Membership of the Maine Committee on Aging" (H.P. 582) (L.D. 780)

TABLED - March 17, 1987 by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

PENDING - Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion of Representative Diamond of Bangor, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, March 20, 1987.

(At Ease)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

MATTERS PENDING RULING

Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1988 and June 30, 1989" (Emergency) (S.P. 202) (L.D. 559)

- In Senate, referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

TABLED - March 2, 1987 by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

PENDING - Ruling of the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The question posed on this item was whether or not it was in violation of the rules. The Chair would rule at this time that the bill is not in violation of the rules, which require that matters requiring appropriations and raising of revenues originate in the Senate. However, depending on committee action, if action by the committee should attempt to change fees or add fees, it would be improper to consider this matter by this legislature pursuant to the Constitution of the state.

Subsequently, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1988, and June 30, 1989" (Emergency) (S.P. 198) (L.D. 555)

(Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested)

- In Senate, referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

TABLED - March 2, 1987 by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

PENDING - Ruling of the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would rule on this matter in the same manner as he did on the previous item.

Subsequently, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife in concurrence.

(Off Record Remarks)

At this point, the Speaker appointed the following members to escort the Agricultural Queens and the President of the Maine Future Farmers to the rostrum:

Laurel Fiscus of Gardiner, Maine Honey Queen, escorted by Representative Dellert of Gardiner.

Patricia Gorman of Fort Fairfield, Maine Potato Queen, escorted by Representative Mahany of Easton.

Kim Hatch of Auburn, Maine State Grange Queen, escorted by Representative Nutting of Leeds.

Tammy Batchelder of Windham, Downeast Horse Congress Queen, escorted by Representative Brown of Gorham.

Roxanne Grant of Warren, Maine Blueberry Queen, escorted by Representative Mayo of Thomaston.

Rebecca Carter of Bethel, Maine Farm Bureau Queen, escorted by Representative Mills of Bethel.

Brent Buck of Mapleton, President of Maine Future Farmers, escorted by Representative Lisnik of Presque Isle.

LAUREL FISCUS: Thank you. Did you know that it takes 550 bees traveling to two and a half million flowers to make one pound of honey? That is a pretty amazing fact but it is also amazing to think of all the pollination that these bees do as they travel from flower to flower. This pollination makes possible all the fruits and vegetables, especially grown in Maine, like blueberries for example. People recognize the fact that bees are very important for pollination so our friend, commercial beekeepers, will rent their hives to people who own blueberry fields or apple orchards, to have pollination done. A lot of these commercial beekeepers also travel down to Florida to do pollination in the citrus groves there.

A great number of people in Maine are hobby beekeepers and these people may keep bees just to pollinate their own gardens or just to have a little honey for their table.

I hope you all enjoy your samples of honey that we have given you. Thank you. (applause)

PATRICIA GORMAN: Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen: I was chosen Maine Potato Queen on July 20th during the Maine Potato Blossom Festival held annually in Fort Fairfield, which is also my hometown. The festival lasts four days and celebrates the blossoming of potatoes.

Being chosen to represent the industry that is a very important part of my county's economy gave me a great feeling of pride. I have traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts to attend the Eastern States Exposition and to Orlando, Florida to participate in the United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Convention. I have worked at the booth sponsored by the new Maine Potato Board. While promoting potatoes at these major functions and various other activities, I have met interesting people. The functions that I have attended to this point have been enjoyable as well as educational.

The experience of speaking in front of all of you today is one, I am sure, will stand in my mind for a very long time. Thank you. (applause)

KIM HATCH: Good Morning. I would like to extend my greetings from the Maine State Grange. The Grange is a family agricultural oriented group, which runs all through Maine and all through the United States.

We would like to see agriculture grow and prosper in the future. Thank you. (applause)

TAMMY BATCHELDER: Hi, I am the Downeast Horse Congress Queen. I have been representing the Congress since last August and I was selected to be queen by three judges. To become a queen, I was judged with other contestants on my personality, appearance, my riding ability and my general horse knowledge. The competition lasted the whole day. At the end of the ceremonies, I was awarded with the horsemanship trophy, a flower, a crown and a sash by last years queen.

The Downeast Horse Congress is a three day show for all breeds of horses from donkeys to saddle bred. It gives the Breed Association a chance to advertise and promote their club by showing the different styles of riding. At the end of the show, the Congress awards the association who best promotes and advertises with a trophy and recognition. The Congress, in the past years, has been held at the Lewiston Fairgrounds. This year, it will be held at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds. We hope that there will be a big turnout. Thank you. (applause)

ROXANNE GRANT: Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen: I would just like to say that it is an honor to be here. I was chosen Maine's Blueberry Queen for 1986-87 at the Union Fair in August. After I was crowned, I had the opportunity to go to two big factories in Maine to represent the blueberrie industry and see how they were processed.

I bet not many of you out there know that Maine is the blueberry capitol of the world. I went to Wyman's, which is the biggest blueberry processing factory in the country and I also went to the new factory, Maine's Blueberries, and it is interesting to see how they are processed. They are shipped all over the world.

Throughout the rest of my reign, I will try my best to let that fact be known and promote blueberries the best I can. Thank you. (applause)

REBECCA CARTER: I would like to present this to you (presents the Speaker with a basket of Maine products).

My name is Rebecca Carter, I am the Maine State Farm Bureau Queen. The Farm Bureau is basically a grassroots organization that deals mostly with politics, though it does have other services it provides farmers. We don't just represent one commodity like milk or blueberries; we try to represent several. We try to influence. We monitor bills and try to bring forth things to the legislature that would help farmers.

It is a national organization; it isn't just a Maine organization. They do a lot of stuff. A lot of people think it is just a political organization but it also has a lot of social facets. They do insurance and things. I think it is a good way to show how Americans can influence the government. Thank you. (applause)

BRENT BUCK: Good Morning. I would just like to thank you all for letting me have this opportunity to come down here and greet you all. I would like to remind you to keep Maine agriculture number one. Thank you. (applause)

The SPEAKER: On behalf of your legislators from your own districts and, of course, the entire membership of the House, I want to thank you, number one, for being here and, number two, for participating in the programs that got you where you are today and for you ably doing such a tremendous job in representing your particular industry.

I would also like to thank you for the gift items here. I want to make one additional comment in particular to the Maine honey program -- if they can provide me with a couple of hives, I would like to use them here under the desk. And, from time to time, I could use them on legislators, who are roaming the halls or for whatever other purpose I might choose.

Seriously, I want to thank all of you for this tremendous program and would now ask their escorts to escort them back to my office.

Subsequently, the Agricultural Queens and the President of the Maine Future Farmers were escorted from the Hall of the House, amid applause, the audience rising.

(Off Record Remarks)

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES  
REQUIRING REFERENCE

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

Agriculture

Bill "An Act Relating to the Labeling of Milk" (H.P. 620) (L.D. 839) (Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra) (Cosponsors: Representatives PARENT of Benton, WHITCOMB of Waldo and NUTTING of Leeds)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act to Provide Civil Enforcement of the Anti-strikebreaker Law to Encourage the Settlement and Peaceful Resolution of Labor Disputes" (H.P. 623) (L.D. 842) (Presented by Representative BAKER of Portland)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Repeal the 2-inch Clam Law" (H.P. 622) (L.D. 841) (Presented by Representative BEGLEY of Waldoboro)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Dedicate a Portion of the Real Estate Transfer Tax to Fund State Revenue Sharing Programs" (H.P. 621) (L.D. 840) (Presented by Representative JACKSON of Harrison) (Cosponsors: Senator WEBSTER of Franklin, Representatives ZIRNKILTON of Mt. Desert and MURPHY of Kennebunk)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 56 and Joint Rule 34, the following item:

Recognizing:

Fred and Laura Stone, of Arundel, one of 3 couples to receive the National Young Farmer of the Year Award from the American Farm Bureau Federation; (HLS 153) by Representative SEAVEY of Kennebunkport. (Cosponsors: Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo, Representative LORD of Waterboro, Senator DUTREMBLE of York)

On motion of Representative Whitcomb of Waldo, was removed from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

Was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waldo, Representative Whitcomb.

Representative WHITCOMB: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In the gallery, there is a couple from Maine who may have a unique distinction in the State of Maine as being the only couple to receive national recognition as an outstanding farm couple from Maine.

I think maybe the people from southern Maine have read about their operation in the Portland Press. The only thing I would like to add to that is, they are a fine example of the fact that agriculture is here to stay in Maine because we have some outstanding young people who are committed to it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunkport, Representative Seavey.

Representative SEAVEY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would just like to add to what Representative Whitcomb said because they are my constituents and I am very honored that they are. I would just like to say, down in York County, we have more than just restaurants and hotels, we have some farming and agriculture down there also.

We are very proud of them. I think it is important to note that, according to my research, that they are the only people from the State of Maine to receive this award so that makes it all the more distinguishing.

Subsequently, was passed and sent up for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Unanimous Ought Not to Pass

Representative TAMMARO from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Combining or Merger of Existing Bargaining Units Represented by a Single Bargaining Agent Under the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Law" (H.P. 287) (L.D. 372) reporting "Ought Not to Pass"

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

Unanimous Leave to Withdraw

Representative TAMMARO from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act to Make State Law Regarding Continuation of Group Health Insurance Coverage Consistent with Federal Law" (H.P. 280) (L.D. 363) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Representative TAMMARO from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Statutes Relating to Continued Group Health Insurance Coverage" (H.P. 260) (L.D. 343) 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 items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 271) (L.D. 354) Bill "An Act Relating to the Amount of Civil Penal Damages to be Awarded in Cases of Unlawful Discrimination" Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to Pass"

(H.P. 318) (L.D. 417) Bill "An Act to Grant Judges the Authority to Stay a License Suspension for a Period of Time not to Exceed 4 Hours" Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to Pass"

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of Friday, March 20, 1987, under the listing of Second Day.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED  
Emergency Measure

An Act to Continue the Central Filing System Established Pursuant to the United States Food Security Act of 1985 (H.P. 112) (L.D. 122) (H. "A" H-18 to C. "A" H-12)

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. 108 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

An Act Concerning the Fees Recoverable by a Municipality in a Nuisance Abatement (H.P. 54) (L.D. 57) (C. "A" H-14)

An Act to Reconcile State Law with Federal Law Regulating the Continuation of Group Health Insurance Coverage (H.P. 541) (L.D. 725)

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication:

House of Representatives  
State House, Augusta 04333  
March 18, 1987

John L. Martin  
Speaker of the House  
State House Station 2  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Speaker Martin:

Pursuant to Chapter 76, 1985 Resolves I am pleased to transmit to you the final report of the Special Commission to Study the Utilization of Vacant Buildings at Pineland Center.

Respectfully,  
s/Donnell P. Carroll  
State Representative

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 139) (L.D. 180) Bill "An Act Concerning Public Utilities Commission Approval of Transfer of Utility Property" Committee on Utilities reporting "Ought to Pass"

(H.P. 203) (L.D. 255) Bill "An Act to Increase the Annual Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund Assessment" (Emergency) Committee on Utilities reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-31)

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of Friday, March 20, 1987, under the listing of Second Day.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Representative Soucy of Kittery.  
Adjourned until Friday, March 20, 1987, at twelve o'clock noon.

STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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In Senate Chamber  
Thursday  
March 19, 1987

Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by Pastor Peter Inchcombe of the First Baptist Church in Hallowell.

REVEREND INCHCOMBE: Thank you Mr. President, with your permission I would like to make a comment. When I was here last year I counted it as a great privilege to be able to come and open the session with prayer. Since last year, I have become a naturalized citizen and it seems even a greater privilege to be with you this morning. Thank you Mr. President.

Let us pray. Father we are just so thankful that the United States of America is one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. We recognize Your blessing upon us, we recognize the way which You have led, guided and blessed our precious country. We think of King Solomon who asked for wisdom and we pray for that wisdom upon our President and Vice President and Members of Congress right down to this Senate today, as they gather together to take care of business of this country. We pray for them and thank You Lord for each one and ask that we might be mindful of Your blessing, that we might be mindful of the fact that it is God whom has blessed and watched over us down through the centuries.

We will turn to You, this morning, all the praise and glory for all the things which You have accomplished in this, our country. Father, we will turn to You all our thanks and be remindful of Abraham Lincoln who said that on many occasions when exhausted of his own strength and of his own wisdom he sought the sovereignty and the wisdom of God. Father, we pray that we might be mindful of those words today as we gather together. We ask again for Your wisdom and Your blessing upon this Session, for we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen

Off Record Remarks

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 17, 1987.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Reform the Animal Welfare Laws"  
S.P. 291 L.D. 838

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland  
Cosponsored by: Senator BLACK of Cumberland,  
Representative TARDY of Palmyra, Representative  
BRAGG of Sidney

Which was referred to the Committee on  
AGRICULTURE and ORDERED PRINTED.  
Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion by Senator ERWIN of Oxford the following Senate Order:

ORDERED, that all bills and resolves carrying or requiring an allocation of fisheries and wildlife revenue or involving a loss of fisheries and wildlife