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

**VOLUME III**

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MAINE LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
3rd Legislative Day  
Tuesday, January 12, 1988

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

Prayer by Reverend Darryl Lavway, Damariscotta Baptist Church.

National Anthem by the Wiscasset High School Band.

The Journal of Thursday, January 7, 1988, was read and approved.

Quorum call was held.

At this point Representative Martin of Van Buren was added to the Roll.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 749)

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LEADERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND UNION OF THE SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS FOR THEIR HISTORIC TREATY ELIMINATING INTERMEDIATE RANGE NUCLEAR MISSILES

WHEREAS, it has been said "we are participants whether we would or not, in the life of the world. The interests of all nations are our own also;" and

WHEREAS, leaders of the strongest nations of the world have engaged in historic summit negotiations toward significant arms reductions leading to peace between the United States and Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald W. Reagan has stated that "this summit has lit the sky with hope for all people of good will;" and

WHEREAS, Soviet Leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev added that "we are all part of one and the same civilization, we are interconnected" and that "we should be united in our thoughts and actions;" and

WHEREAS, history will record that the Intermediate-range Nuclear-force Missile Treaty eliminating intermediate-range nuclear missiles was successfully executed by these 2 national leaders on Tuesday, December 8, 1987 at Washington, D.C.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the 113th Legislature of the State of Maine, in Second Regular Session now assembled, pause to mark with pride and congratulations this historic event and to add our commendations to President Ronald W. Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this Resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to these leaders commending their contributions to world peace and urging them to negotiate additional significant reductions in nuclear arsenals at the Moscow summit in 1988.

Came from the Senate, read and adopted.

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 724)

JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF

L.L. BEAN ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

WHEREAS, it is said that "an institution is the lengthened shadow of one man"; and

WHEREAS, Emerson's words have special significance in the case of the Maine Hunting Shoe, a Yankee seaside town and a farmer orphan from Oxford Hills; and

WHEREAS, established on the principal that a sale is not complete until "goods are worn out and the customer still be satisfied" a company was founded in 1912; and

WHEREAS, the enduring shadow of Leon Leonwood Bean has spread from Freeport Square across America and to the markets of the world; and

WHEREAS, since its birth the L.L. Bean Company and its special family of experienced employees has continued the commitment to the great outdoor experience and to reap the admiration and rewards of 75 years of satisfied customers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, We the Members of the 113th Legislature of the great and sovereign State of Maine, now assembled, in the Second Regular Session, on this occasion honor and congratulate the officers and staff of L.L. Bean, Inc. on this its 75th anniversary; hail its remarkable achievements in the mail order catalog industry; and hold in esteem its unique position as outfitters to the world; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Leon A. Gorman, the President of this outstanding company.

Came from the Senate, read and adopted.

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

LATER TODAY ASSIGNED

Bill "An Act to Prevent Mental Health Service Reductions" (Emergency) (S.P. 737) (L.D. 1996)

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

On motion of Representative Manning of Portland, tabled pending reference in concurrence and later today assigned.

LATER TODAY ASSIGNED

Bill "An Act to Provide Elderly Mental Health Service Needs" (Emergency) (S.P. 742) (L.D. 2001)

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

Was read.

On motion of Representative Manning of Portland, tabled pending reference in concurrence and later today assigned.

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administration to Implement the Final Plan for Expenditure of the \$6,000,000 Bond Issue to Identify and Correct Asbestos Problems in State Facilities (Emergency) (S.P. 727) (L.D. 1986)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Correct the Implementation of the New Corporate Filing Fees" (Emergency) (S.P. 748) (L.D. 2007)

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

(The Committee on Reference of Bills had suggested reference to the Committee on State and Local Government.)

Was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Bureau of Banking, Securities Division, to Adopt a Simplified Registration Statement for Limited Public Offerings" (S.P. 738) (L.D. 1997)

Bill "An Act to Require Insurance Companies to Make an Early Determination of Fault and Release All Other Innocent Parties" (S.P. 739) (L.D. 1998)

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 Strengthen the Disciplinary Authority of Various State Regulatory Boards" (S.P. 733) (L.D. 1992)

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 Amend the Law Concerning the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program" (Emergency) (S.P. 730) (L.D. 1989)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Concerning the Blaine House Scholars Program" (S.P. 735) (L.D. 1994)

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

Were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ban Importing Solid Waste" (S.P. 743) (L.D. 2002)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission" (S.P. 746) (L.D. 2005)

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

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

Bill "An Act Relating to the Powers of the Maine Youth Center Employees" (S.P. 729) (L.D. 1988)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Human Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Offense of Furnishing Liquor to a Minor" (S.P. 736) (L.D. 1995)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Marine Recreational Fisheries" (S.P. 732) (L.D. 1991)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Marine Resources in concurrence.

At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Senator CLARK of Cumberland of that Body proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to His Excellency, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of Maine,

an invitation to attend the convention and to make such communication as he may be pleased to make.

Representative DIAMOND of Bangor was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate announcing that the House concurred in the above proposition for a Joint Convention.

Bill "An Act to Make Certain Personnel Records Maintained by the Bureau of Human Resources Available to the Bureau of Employee Relations" (Emergency) (S.P. 726) (L.D. 1985)

Bill "An Act to Bring the Computer Services Section of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation into the Division of Administrative Services" (S.P. 734) (L.D. 1993)

Bill "An Act Converting the Unorganized Township of Big Squaw into the Town of Big Squaw" (S.P. 741) (L.D. 2000)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Ordered Printed.

Were referred to the Committee on State and Local Government in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reorganize the Legal Division of the Department of Transportation" (S.P. 747) (L.D. 2006)

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

Was referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Modernize the Definition of Telecommunications Utilities Subject to the Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission" (S.P. 740) (L.D. 1999)

Bill "An Act to Authorize an Increase in Membership of the Brewer Water District" (S.P. 744) (L.D. 2003)

Bill "An Act to Make Changes to the Public Utilities Law" (S.P. 745) (L.D. 2004)

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

Were referred to the Committee on Utilities in concurrence.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication: (S.P. 750)

113TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 6, 1988

Senator Ronald E. Usher

Representative Michael H. Michaud

Chairpersons

Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

113th Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Chairs:

Please be advised that Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. has nominated Eugene L. Gendron, Jr. of South Portland for appointment as a member of the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38, M.R.S.A. Section 361, 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.

The following Communication: (S.P. 751)  
113TH MAINE LEGISLATURE  
January 6, 1988

Senator Ronald E. Usher  
Representative Michael H. Michaud  
Chairpersons  
Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
113th Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Chairs:

Please be advised that Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. has nominated Elizabeth Swain of Pownal for reappointment as a member of the Land Use Regulation Commission.

Pursuant to Title 12, M.R.S.A. Section 683, 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.

The following Communication: (S.P. 752)  
113TH MAINE LEGISLATURE  
January 6, 1988

Senator Joseph C. Brannigan  
Representative Patrick E. Paradis  
Chairpersons  
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary  
113th Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Chairs:

Please be advised that Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. has nominated L. Damon Scales, Jr. of Lewiston for appointment as Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, M.R.S.A. Section 157-B, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary 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 Judiciary.

Was Read and Referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

The following Communication: (S.P. 753)  
113TH MAINE LEGISLATURE  
January 6, 1988

Senator Joseph C. Brannigan  
Representative Patrick E. Paradis  
Chairpersons  
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary  
113th Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Chairs:

Please be advised that Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. has nominated Harriet P. Henry of North Windham for reappointment as Judge-at-Large of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, M.R.S.A. Section 157, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary 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 Judiciary.

Was Read and Referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

The following Communication: (S.P. 754)  
113TH MAINE LEGISLATURE  
January 6, 1988

Senator Stephen C. Estes  
Representative Stephen M. Bost  
Chairpersons  
Joint Standing Committee on Education  
113th Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Chairs:

Please be advised that Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. has nominated Joseph Sewall of Old Town for reappointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 771, Section 428, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education 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 Education.

Was Read and Referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

The following Communication: (S.P. 755)  
113TH MAINE LEGISLATURE  
January 6, 1988

Senator Ronald E. Usher  
Representative Michael H. Michaud  
Chairpersons  
Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
113th Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Chairs:

Please be advised that Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. has nominated Marion Fuller Brown of York, Robert E. Suminsby of Northeast Harbor, Clinton B. Townsend of Canaan and Richard J. Warren of Bangor for appointments to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to P.L. 1987, Chapter 506, Section 6204, 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.

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

January 7, 1988

TO: The Honorable Members of the 113th Maine Legislature:

I am returning, without my signature or approval, H.P. 1415 - L.D. 1919, "AN ACT to Encourage Prompt and Peaceful Settlements of Labor Disputes." This legislation, in my opinion, does not alleviate the very real concerns which forced me to reject its predecessor, L.D. 1690.

My objections to this legislation are based upon the procedure by which it was enacted as well as upon its content. This bill was introduced and enacted without benefit of public input during a Special Session called restrictively for an unrelated purpose. Moreover, this bill was sent to me for signature without my being afforded an opportunity to address in advance my objections thereto.

Earlier today, I requested that this legislation be recalled to provide an opportunity for judicial review of my legal and constitutional objections, as well as to reconsider those provisions within the bill which I already have found to be unacceptable. Absent a recall, in my opinion, this legislation cannot be given the scrutiny which it deserves. Such an opportunity was not accorded.

This bill would prohibit the hiring of employees of any firm which, in the ordinary course of business, customarily or repeatedly offers for employment persons to perform the duties normally assigned to employees involved in a labor dispute, strike or lockout. This restriction would apply without consideration given to the intent or primary business purpose of the corporation. Thus, as was the case with its predecessor, this bill is unacceptably over-inclusive.

As I stated last June, I would accept so-called "anti-strikebreaker" legislation if such legislation were more narrowly defined, and if, in addition, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court ruled or advised that such legislation did not violate federal law. I stated then, and I repeat now, the key consideration for such a prohibition ought to relate to the business purpose of the firm. While I respect this bill's attempt to address my original concern, the hiring proscription, in my opinion, remains unacceptably overbroad.

I remain deeply concerned about the events at the International Paper Company's Jay, Maine, plant and the workers there who have been displaced. Additionally, I remain committed to do whatever I can to ameliorate that situation. I pledge to work with you to adopt legislation which will satisfy the intent to prohibit corporate strikebreaking activity without running afoul of our Constitution or of federal law. I cannot, however, endorse legislation which mandates improper state intervention in the private collective bargaining process at the expense not only of the principals but also of potentially innocent third parties.

Because of the reservations and objections outlined above, I am in opposition to L.D. 1919 and respectfully urge you to sustain my veto.

Sincerely,  
s/John R. McKernan, Jr.

Governor  
Was read and ordered placed on file.

The accompanying Bill "An Act to Encourage Prompt and Peaceful Settlements of Labor Disputes" (H.P. 1415) (L.D. 1919). (H. "A" H-435; H. "B" H-436)

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is, shall this Bill "An Act to Encourage Prompt and Peaceful Settlements of Labor Disputes" (H.P. 1415) (L.D. 1919). (H. "A" H-435; H. "B" H-436) become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

On motion of Representative Diamond of Bangor, tabled pending reconsideration and specially assigned for Wednesday, January 13, 1988.

The following Communication:

BUREAU OF TAXATION  
STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

January 5, 1988

Honorable John L. Martin

Speaker of the House  
State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Enclosed please find the annual report evaluating the loss due to the tax exemption on ethanol-blended fuel. This report is required by 36 MRSA §2915.

For the 1987 calendar year, the tax rate on ethanol-blended fuel was 12 cents per gallon. This rate reflects a 2 cent exemption from the 14 cent per gallon gasoline tax rate.

There were no reported sales of ethanol-blended fuel in Maine for this period. Therefore, there was no loss of highway fund revenue attributable to this exemption.

This report was prepared with the assistance of the Office of Energy Resources.

Respectfully submitted,  
S/Anthony J. Neves,  
State Tax Assessor  
Bureau of Taxation

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

The following Communication:

SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY  
TEACHER TRAINING IN THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

January 8, 1988

President Pray

Speaker Martin

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Pray and Speaker Martin:

The Special Commission to Study Teacher Training in the University of Maine System is pleased to submit its report to the Legislature pursuant to Resolves 1986, c. 52.

Sincerely,  
S/Rep. Stephen Bost,  
Chair

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

The following Communication: (H.P. 1488)

STATE OF MAINE  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
STATE HOUSE STATION 27

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333  
January 4, 1988

Honorable John L. Martin, Speaker  
House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 250  
Eagle Lake, ME 04739  
RE: Rehabilitation Study -- 39 M.R.S.A. §90 (3)  
Dear Speaker Martin:

Title 39 M.R.S.A. §90 (3) provides that this agency will report to the Legislature on rehabilitation activity under subchapter III-A of the Workers' Compensation Act.

The rehabilitation report, summarizing rehabilitation activities since January 1, 1986, will contain full calendar statistics for 1987, and the results of surveys recently sent to the various parties in the rehabilitation process.

The month-long special session in October and November set back this study by several weeks.

We request until February 15, 1988 to prepare this report.

This agency looks forward to working with the Legislature and the labor committee in the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely,  
s/Ralph L. Tucker  
Chairman

Was read and ordered placed on file and sent up for concurrence.

(Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26)  
Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Establish a Public Defender Program" (H.P. 1475) (L.D. 2010) (Presented by Representative STEVENS of Bangor) (Cosponsors: Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representative WARREN of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26)

Bill "An Act to Establish Confidential Communications Between Certified Public Accountants and their Clients" (H.P. 1476) (L.D. 2011) (Presented by Representative MAYO of Thomaston) (Cosponsors: Representatives MARSANO of Belfast, THISTLE of Dover-Foxcroft, and Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code to Expand Notice Provisions" (H.P. 1486) (L.D. 2020) (Presented by Representative HANLEY of Paris) (Cosponsors: Senators BLACK of Cumberland, BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representative PAUL of Sanford) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for 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:

Education

Bill "An Act to Restore Driver Education Credit in Secondary Schools" (H.P. 1477) (L.D. 2012) (Presented by Representative STEVENSON of Unity) (Cosponsors: Representatives MAYO of Thomaston, BOST of Orono, and Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Energy and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Hazardous Waste Lien Law" (H.P. 1478) (L.D. 2013) (Presented by Representative WEYMOUTH of West Gardiner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Increase the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Authority to Manage Black Bear Populations" (H.P. 1480) (L.D. 2015) (Presented by Representative FARRIN of Cherryfield) (Cosponsors: Senator ERWIN of Oxford, Representatives CLARK of Millinocket and WEYMOUTH of West Gardiner) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 24)

Bill "An Act to Require a Turtle Trapping License" (Emergency) (H.P. 1484) (L.D. 2018) (Presented by Representative ROTONDI of Athens) (Cosponsor: Representative JACQUES of Waterville)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Postpone the Effective Date for the Use of Biodegradable Escape Panels on Lobster Traps" (Emergency) (H.P. 1487) (L.D. 2021) (Presented by Representative SALSBURY of Bar Harbor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Taxation

RESOLVE, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (H.P. 1481) (L.D. 2016) (Presented by Representative HICHBORN of LaGrange) (Cosponsors: Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford and Representative SEAVEY of Kennebunkport) (Submitted by the Department of Finance pursuant to Joint Rule 24)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act Requiring that Curb Ramps be Constructed in Accordance with the American National Standards Institute Standards" (H.P. 1483) (L.D. 2017) (Presented by Representative JALBERT of Lisbon) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26)

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Radar Detectors" (H.P. 1485) (L.D. 2019) (Presented by Representative SMITH of Island Falls) (Cosponsors: Representative SOUCY of Kittery and Senator COLLINS of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26)

Ordered Printed.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Make Additional Allocations from the Public Utilities Regulatory Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1988, and June 30, 1989" (Emergency) (H.P. 1479) (L.D. 2014) (Presented by Representative VOSE of Eastport) (Cosponsors: Senator KERRY of York and Representative WILLEY of Hampden) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26) (The Committee on Reference of Bills had suggested the Committee on Utilities).

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

ORDERS

On motion of Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1482) (Cosponsors: Representatives TAMMARO of Baileyville, McGOWAN of Canaan and CASHMAN of Old Town)

JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION IN BRINGING THE 1994 WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT TO THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, soccer is one of the world's most popular sports; and

WHEREAS, soccer is the fastest growing team sport in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Soccer Federation is an organization supporting and promoting soccer at all levels; and

WHEREAS, soccer provides an excellent opportunity for our youth to develop team and individual athletic skills; and

WHEREAS, the 1994 World Cup Tournament will be a major sporting and tourism event; and

WHEREAS, world-wide interest in the 1994 World Cup Tournament will focus world attention and interest on our nation; and

WHEREAS, the 1994 World Cup would greatly encourage the continued growth of soccer in the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 113th Legislature, on behalf of the people of Maine, declare its full support toward the efforts of the United States Soccer Federation in bringing World Cup play to the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature wishes to convey its enthusiastic support to the United States Soccer Federation in all its actions before the Federation Internationale de Football Association, with the goal of bringing the 1994 World Cup to our nation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the United States Soccer Federation headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado with the intent that this message be forwarded to appropriate federation members.

Was read and adopted and sent up for concurrence.

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

ORDERED, that Representative Charles R. Priest of Brunswick be excused January 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Robert Tardy of Palmyra be excused January 12 and 13 for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Daniel R. Warren of Scarborough be excused January 14 through 22 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Neil Rolde of York be excused January 12 through 25 because of his participation with the State Department's Partners of the Americas Program in Brazil.

Was read and passed.

(At Ease)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

ORDERS OF THE DAY  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment on Thursday, January 7, 1988, has preference in the Orders of the Day and continues with such preference until disposed of as provided by Rule 24.

JOINT ORDER - Relative to Joint Rule 5-A - Mandate Legislation (H.P. 1442)

In House, Read on January 6, 1988.

TABLED - January 6, 1988 by Representative DIAMOND of Bangor.

PENDING - Passage.

On motion of Representative Diamond of Bangor, was referred to the House Committee on Rules and Business of the House.

TABLED AND TODAY ASSIGNED

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

Bill "An Act to Insure Payment of Reasonable Costs of Operating Boarding Care Facilities" (Emergency) (H.P. 1472) (L.D. 1983) (Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested)

TABLED - January 7, 1988 by Representative CARTER of Winslow.

PENDING - Reference.

Was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Concerning High Speed Chases" (H.P. 1450) (L.D. 1961) (Committee on Legal Affairs suggested)

TABLED - January 7, 1988 by Representative DIAMOND of Bangor.

PENDING - Reference.

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, retabled pending reference and specially assigned for Wednesday, January 13, 1988.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter: Bill "An Act to Prevent Mental Health Service Reductions" (Emergency) (S.P. 737) (L.D. 1996) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending reference in concurrence.

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

Representative MANNING: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: Not very often does the Committee on Human Resources stand up and find fault with Appropriations and Financial Affairs but this



issue and the next issue are issues that my committee has been dealing with on a special commission for the past year. Just because they have appropriations on them doesn't mean (to me) that they automatically should go to Appropriations.

I haven't fought any issues with Appropriations the last few years but I think it is time that the committee's of jurisdiction take a look at things — just because they are going to add on something or it has a dollar figure on it doesn't mean that it should automatically go to Appropriations. I think it is time that these committees have a chance to look at these things. I grant you that our committee has three that sits on Appropriations but I think that we should have the opportunity to look at this before it goes into effect.

Mr. Speaker, I request that this would go to the Committee on Human Resources and I would request a Division.

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, retabled pending reference in concurrence and specially assigned for Wednesday, January 13, 1988.

(Off Record Remarks)

Representative Wentworth of Wells was granted unanimous consent to address the House:

Representative WENTWORTH: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I request that when we adjourn today that we adjourn in memory of Roby P. Littlefield of Ogunquit, who served as State Senator in the 96th Legislature and was involved in many community organizations as well as the American Legion activities. He was 99 last June.

In motion of Representative Wentworth of Wells, Recessed until six-twenty in the evening in memory of Roby P. Littlefield, a former State Senator.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

At this point, the Senate entered the Hall of the House and a Joint Convention was formed.

In Convention

The President of the Senate, Charles P. Pray, in the Chair.

On motion of Senator TUTTLE of York, it was ORDERED, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Governor's Cabinet.

The Chairman appointed:

- Senators: TUTTLE of York  
BALDACCI of Penobscot  
GOULD of Waldo
- Representatives: CARROLL of Gray  
ROTONDI of Athens  
BOUTILIER of Lewiston  
LACROIX of Oakland  
HUSSEY of Milo  
ANTHONY of So. Portland  
WENTWORTH of Wells  
BICKFORD of Jay

LOOK of Jonesboro  
STROUT of Windham

Senator TUTTLE, for the Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty with which it was charged and the Honorable members of the Governor's Cabinet would attend forthwith.

The Chairman then welcomed the members of the Governor's Cabinet.

On motion of Senator CLARK of Cumberland, it was ORDERED, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Governor John R. McKernan, Jr., and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are in Convention assembled, ready to receive such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Chairman appointed:

- Senators: PEARSON of Penobscot  
BERUBE of Androscoggin  
EMERSON of Penobscot
- Representatives: CARTER of Winslow  
CHONKO of Topsham  
LISNIK of Presque Isle  
NADEAU of Lewiston  
MCGOWAN of Canaan  
RIDLEY of Shapleigh  
HIGGINS of Scarborough  
FOSTER of Ellsworth  
FOSS of Yarmouth

Senator PEARSON, for the Committee, subsequently reported the Committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend the Convention.

Whereupon, Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. entered the Convention Hall amid prolonged applause, the audience rising.

The Governor then addressed the Convention as follows:

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Members of the 113th Legislature, Fellow Citizens of Maine:

January is a time of reflection and of hope. Reflection because a year has ended, and it's time to take stock. Hope because it's a new year; the days, finally, are getting longer; and my speeches are, I assure you, getting shorter.

I've learned much in the past year, and I've been reminded that the mark of a truly educated man is that he can talk for hours on any subject....and doesn't.

You will be happy to know that I am not going to be talking for hours tonight, but this is an important night and I want to take a moment to assess the past year and share with you my own resolutions for 1988 and my dreams for the people of our state.

It has been a full year — a very full year — since I first addressed you as Governor, and since I have talked of my vision of Maine as a state rich in opportunities for all its people, since Secretary of State Rodney Quinn, concluded swearing me in by asking, with what seemed to be just a little too much fervor, that "God save the State of Maine."

In the past twelve months, Maine people have benefited greatly from the ability of those of you in this chamber to work together with our administration.

And all of us have benefited from listening closely to the concerns and needs of the people we represent.

Realizing how important it is to talk face-to-face with those affected by the policies and programs we enact and implement, I have a point, through our Capital for a Day program, of taking our government to the people and spending time in communities across the state — in towns and cities as different as South Paris and South Portland, Biddeford and Bangor.

All of us involved in the program realized early on that what we had to say to those communities was not the most important part of the day. What was important in Calais and Presque Isle and Bath, was not what we said to local residents, but what we heard and saw.

In southern Maine, we saw continued signs of rapid growth and prosperity.

In the Portland area, where unemployment was 1.9 percent in November, most of those signs read "Help Wanted." And they are welcome signs for an area that, less than fifteen years ago, was experiencing a sluggish economy and 10 percent unemployment.

But while many of the signs in southern Maine are positive ones, they are not without their blemishes. In South Portland and Biddeford and Lewiston, I heard, over and over again, of the challenges brought by prosperity.

But we ought not to forget that the signs are different in other parts of the state.

In 1987, thousands of Maine workers were displaced -- either through plants closing or layoffs or strikes. Some of our traditional industries -- many of them located in rural areas of Maine -- posted discouraging signs that read "Closed for Business," "No Work Today," or "Out on Strike."

Some of Maine's rural areas, though, did make important economic strides in the past year, but when you get in a car in southern Maine and drive north, west, or east, it is still impossible not to recognize the tremendous distances -- economic as well as geographic -- that continue to separate parts of our state.

-Unemployment in the Madawaska and Van Buren area is close to 8 percent;

-more than 1 in 5 children in Washington County receive AFDC;

-and nearly half of the residents of Waldo County have had to go beyond their county's borders to find work.

If Maine is to be a State of Opportunity for all its people...one that offers choice and independence,...one that fosters dreams and aspirations,...one that provides its people a quality of life and an environment unsurpassed in this nation -- then there is much work still to be done.

We must get about doing, and doing it cooperatively.

Maine's Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once wrote that "we judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done."

Tonight, as we look ahead to our hopes for this session, we should be encouraged by what we have already achieved. In 1987, the legislature and executive branches, working together, made significant strides toward our common goal of making Maine a State of Opportunity.

We made a commitment to the children of this state and to Maine's future by increasing funding to our university system; by focusing attention and resources on child care; and by fighting for excellence in our schools.

We made a long-term investment in the working men and women of this state by creating a job training and retraining system that addresses the needs of our youth, our injured and our displaced workers.

By reforming Maine's deeply flawed workers' compensation system; by reorganizing our economic and community development efforts into a new, cabinet-level department; by creating Job Opportunity Zones in areas of high unemployment, we improved dramatically our ability to keep jobs in Maine and attract new ones.

And we refused to accept short-term, Band-Aid solutions to problems that have plagued this state for years: cumbersome tax policies, fragmented economic development efforts, and an inadequate school funding formula.

What we did instead was to take the time to examine Maine's most troublesome problems, time to reach a consensus of how to address the issues, time to set some important priorities.

In doing all of these things, we helped ensure Maine's future as the best state in the nation in which to live, work, and raise a family.

Tonight, much of the legislation I am about to present to you is based on the careful and thoughtful work of our 1987 task forces.

It is legislation with a vision.

It is legislation for Maine's future.

It is legislation that seeks to bring greater opportunity to more parts of this state and to make a major investment in Maine's most important asset -- its people.

The legislation which we will submit recognizes the tremendous need to prepare Maine people for dramatic changes in our nation's and state's economy.

It also recognizes that, thanks to an expanding economy, we have an opportunity to provide jobs and self-reliance to a population of Maine citizens that, for too long, have been trapped in a cycle of dependency.

My hope for 1988, my resolution, if you will, for the new year, is that 1988 be remembered as the year Maine made a major investment in its people (applause) -- a year in which we prepared our people for the future, and provided Mainers in all parts of the state with new opportunities and choices.

Our investment plan begins where it should -- with the children of Maine.

As our economy and society continue to change, we must work in partnership with the private sector to ensure affordable, quality care. (applause)

Although the number of working Maine women has continued to rise each year, as I suspect we are all aware, the number of state-funded, child care slots available in 1987, was no more than it was in 1981.

In 1988, we must realize that child care is everyone's business. It is a family concern -- an oftentimes emotional and difficult one.

It is a business concern -- 50 percent of worker absenteeism is attributed to problems with child care.

It is also a legitimate concern of government -- one Congressional study found that a dollar invested in quality preschool care saves up to \$7.00 in later years in lower rates of crime, lower rates of pregnancy, higher academic achievement, and greater employability.

It is for those reasons that I am proposing -- in order to better care for and protect the children of this state -- a \$3.5 million child care initiative. (applause)

Last spring, I commissioned an in-depth review of this state's tax policies. The study committee has completed its work, much of which was concerned with mill rates and progressivity and circuit breakers.

But the study group's goals were not statistical ones, they were human ones, and included the fashioning of a more equitable school funding formula, one that would enhance support for public schools across our state. The committee achieved its goal.

Tonight, in order to further demonstrate our support for increased state funding for local education, I am proposing that an additional \$19.2 million be appropriated to ease the burden of local property taxes. (applause)

This additional appropriation will consist of two parts -- \$16.7 million to implement the education funding recommendations and \$2.5 million to expand and improve upon last session's property tax circuit breaker program so that we can provide relief to those whose income has not kept pace with the increasing value of their land. (applause)

But our investment plan in the people of Maine does not end with our children. It is concerned with improving the quality of life and the future of all our citizens, young and old.

We have many citizens with needs -- those who are served by our medicaid system, by at-home care and services to the elderly. We are proposing an additional \$14.7 million in spending in order to provide further support for their needs. (applause)

As we approach the year 2000, as our economy changes rapidly, we must invest in retraining opportunities for our changing work force.

Our proposed STAR program (Strategic Training for Accelerated Reemployment) would provide displaced workers with education and training that will lead to jobs in stable and expanding industries. (applause)

Our Health Occupations Training Project is intended to relieve the serious shortage of qualified workers in the health professions by providing recruitment, training, financial assistance, and placement services to people entering the field. (applause)

We are requesting increased funding to our university system and our VII's so that they are better able to serve our entire population. (applause)

We have created an affordable housing task force to study a growing problem in Maine. Increases in population and real estate prices are making it harder and harder for many Maine people -- including the elderly -- to find a decent, affordable place to live.

An expanding economy brings with it promise and prosperity; but it also brings problems. Those problems -- particularly one as basic as a lack of affordable housing -- must be addressed. (applause)

We must continue as we have this past year an intensive effort to evaluate every aspect of the AIDS epidemic. I will be announcing Maine's first comprehensive AIDS policy in the next three weeks. This plan will provide guidance and serve as a model for both the public and the private sectors as we all work to better meet the terrible challenge of AIDS.

Our investment in Maine people also includes a major proposal for the restructuring of our welfare system. It is a proposal that views welfare not as a dead end but as a road to independence. It is nicknamed ASPIRE -- the letters standing for Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education -- this proposal views welfare as an opportunity for the state to provide recipients with the tools they need to break free of government assistance and realize their hopes and dreams for their own lives and the lives of their children. (applause)

Like the rest of our legislation, this \$5.8 million proposal is based upon months of study.

It is thorough and comprehensive and it addresses the underlying realities and complexities of the welfare system. It recognizes that many of those on welfare in Maine are young single mothers; many have never finished high school. Their lack of skills and their economic circumstances make them dependent upon the welfare system for such basic needs as child care, transportation, and medical insurance for their children.

Those realities make the transition from government dependency to independence nearly impossible for many recipients.

Our package, then, asks recipients to sign a contract agreeing to participate in educational and job training programs that are aimed at providing skills and security. Such a commitment on their part will result in a commitment from the state to continue to meet many of their most basic needs while they advance towards self-reliance. (applause)

In other words, the package provides recipients with a chance -- a very real and viable chance -- at an independent life.

To help ensure a longer life for all Mainers, I am also proposing that we strengthen our drunk driving laws. (applause)

It is impossible to know how many lives have been saved because of our existing statutes. Some of us in this room, some of you watching at home, have, no doubt, been spared grief and tragedy because of the efforts of past legislative sessions. But when we continue to lose -- as we did last year -- 108 people in alcohol-related accidents, it is impossible for us not to do more.

This year, we must do more by sending a very clear message that drunk driving in this state will not be tolerated. (applause)

We intend to do so by introducing legislation that would reduce the blood-alcohol standard by which we determine intoxication, and increase penalties against drunk drivers, particularly repeat offenders, who the current law has been unable to deter effectively from their dangerous conduct. (applause)

If 1988 is to be remembered as the year we invested in our people to ensure a more prosperous future, it must also be known as the year we committed to major investments in the systems which support job creation.

The bipartisan Economic Development Strategy Task Force, which worked throughout most of last year to identify the strength and weaknesses of Maine's economy, has provided us with a blueprint for building more jobs, more opportunities, and greater self-reliance for all of Maine.

Tonight, I am proposing comprehensive legislation based upon that task force's recommendations.

In an effort to further increase Maine's ability to compete and create new and better jobs, I am proposing increased funding for telecommunications and for business assistance programs that include Centers of Innovation and the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program.

I am also recommending -- as the task force did -- that we increase our marketing efforts for Maine-made products. Maine quality sells, and we need to do more to assist small Maine businesses in marketing their products. We intend to do just that. (applause)

Some of those marketing efforts will assist our farming and fishing industries in promoting their products. Working with those industries, we intend to expand our markets, and in the process, assure a brighter future for the many Maine citizens who proudly work our land and the sea. (applause)

These investments in our people and in the systems that support job creation are major ones, and I am pleased to announce tonight what you will see later this week in our budget: by setting priorities, finding savings in department budgets, and through the growth of our economy, we have been able to recommend these major initiatives for the future of Maine and, at the same time, keep our pledge not to increase the sales or income taxes. (applause)

In order to assure people's confidence in their government, I have always believed that it is essential to keep one's campaign pledges. In this particular instance, keeping that pledge is important for another reason as well: we are going to have to ask each of our citizens for help in another area.

In order to carry greater opportunities to more parts of Maine, relieve congestion brought by an expanding economy, open up new markets, and redirect growth to less prosperous areas of the state, we must invest in our roads and bridges.

Because of major cutbacks in federal funding, we must, now more than ever, pay as we go from York County to Aroostook and back again. Therefore, I am proposing an increase of 5 cents in the state gas tax. I do not make this proposal lightly.

I know that, especially during an election year, this proposal will not be a popular one, but it is a necessary one for Maine's future, and we must have the courage to face it.

If we refuse to pay as we go, our children, will in the not too distant future, face far more burdensome bills than the one I am proposing tonight.

The highway and bridge improvements program I am recommending will dramatically improve the condition of Maine's major transportation corridors and will advance a long-range program of improvements that will carry us into the 21st century.

Although we will not be increasing the income tax, I will be proposing changes in our tax policies that will improve both the tax system's fairness and Maine's competitiveness. These changes represent the first major restructuring of our income tax since its inception and, as I noted earlier, will also result in a reduction in overall property tax burdens. (applause)

As all of us work to build a bright future for Maine, as we reach out for greater opportunity for our people, we must not let slip through our fingers the very thing that defines this state and makes it unique -- our cherished environment.

Economic prosperity and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive goals, but the balance between the two is a delicate one, and we must keep constant vigil to prevent the loss of our open spaces, our rivers, lakes and shoreland.

It is not too late for Maine. We can preserve our world and still prosper, but it will take leadership and commitment from all of us.

We need to find a comprehensive answer in 1988 that eliminates the need for a town like Hartford to impose a development moratorium, that protects a Donnell Pond from overdevelopment, that assures that we, as Maine citizens, are not denied access to open spaces in the high growth areas of southern and coastal Maine. (applause)

The legislation I am proposing recognizes the complexity of the environmental issues before us and seeks to work with our towns and cities to manage growth so that we are not managed and manipulated by it.

The legislation I am submitting may look familiar to many of you. Much of it we proposed to you last year. To my great disappointment, it was not passed.

It is time to take action.

Our growth management package addresses three major concerns.

The first is comprehensive planning.

The most effective method of addressing cumulative growth pressures is through land use planning and the best place to do that planning is at the local level. But many Maine municipalities have not had either the technical capacity or the

resources to develop adequate comprehensive plans to meet the growth pressures they face.

I do not believe that Augusta should be telling local communities how they ought to look. I believe the citizens of those communities ought to make those decisions. (applause) However, I also deeply believe this state and our towns must do more to plan ahead if we are to preserve our environment and our quality of life.

For that reason, we will be submitting legislation that requires local comprehensive plans to address such statewide concerns as affordable housing, public access, and natural resource protection.

To assist towns with the development of those plans, I am proposing to create and fund the Maine Town Planning Program.

Our second concern is the protection of our natural resources.

Even with more effective planning at the local level, the state must still ensure the wise use and preservation of areas of statewide significance -- our coastline, our rivers and inland lakes. Our legislation therefore greatly improves the effectiveness of our state land use management programs.

The third focus on this growth management package is enhanced enforcement of existing environmental laws.

The legislation I will be presenting to you provides additional resources to both the DEP as well as our local communities for greater enforcement to ensure that our natural environment is not degraded. (applause)

Taken together, these bills will provide the state and our local municipalities with the comprehensive tools and resources needed to manage growth and protect our environment from over-development.

There are other issues we must also address in order to preserve our environment and conserve our resources.

I am proposing that all new housing built after January 1, 1989, meet minimum energy standards. (applause)

I have asked the Department of Environmental Protection to study and recommend measures for the further cleanup of Maine's rivers.

I will be asking that the legislature join with me in calling for a ban on items that many of us use every day, items we throw away every day -- not realizing that when we do, we also throw away a piece of our environment.

Disposable polystyrene containers contribute to this nation's serious solid waste problems. In addition, those, like this one, (holds up a container) made with chlorofluorocarbons contribute to the breakdown of the ozone layer. There is no need for them in our society. (applause)

Today I have signed an executive order prohibiting state purchases of all such containers made with CFC's.

I ask you to join me in supporting legislation we will introduce to ban throughout Maine the sale of these CFC containers.

Like Maine's returnable bottle law, which I sponsored in this chamber over ten years ago, it is my hope that these initiatives will encourage other states to follow our lead and that it will make more people aware of just how much is really being thrown away when we toss these containers on our beaches, in our woods, and on our landfills.

As we start 1988 and confront the challenges before us, I'd like tonight to take one last look at 1987.

Across the country, it was a year of increasing cynicism towards government and the people who lead our institutions.

But in Maine, the year's actions and deeds needed no apologies.

Faced with the worst flooding in 50 years, Maine State Government and Maine people responded quickly and with compassion to those in distress.

Confronted with a crisis in Worker's Compensation, you in the Legislature put aside partisan differences and courageously sought to create a system that was both fair and affordable. (applause)

Offered the opportunity to purchase land for our future, Maine people voted overwhelmingly to do so.

And as she celebrated her 90th birthday, Margaret Chase Smith served as a reminder to all of us of the difference one person can make.

Now in her 91st year, Senator Smith continues to serve as a symbol of the best that is in us, to justify our pride in our state, and to remind us of how fortunate we are to be from a place where honesty, resourcefulness, hard work, and concern for others are still prized above all else. (applause)

We are indeed fortunate to live in Maine in 1988, fortunate to have neighbors such as Louise Montgomery of Friendship House in Portland and Ray Pike of the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn, who, when they encounter a person in need, give generously of themselves.

And all of us are fortunate to be part of an expanding economy that offers those of us in State Government the opportunity to make a very real lasting difference in the lives of thousands of Maine men and women who are underemployed or without a job.

"The brightness of the dream," E.B. White once wrote, "is exceeded only by its complexity."

But as complex as the issues are that confront us in this new year, they are not insurmountable. If those of us in both the public and the private sector work together, the dream is attainable.

Over 130 years ago, Henry David Thoreau made his first journey to the Maine woods. After four days of walking through the northern forests, he reached the base of Mt. Katahdin. He climbed the mountain's south face but failed to reach its summit.

Seven years later, he set out again with words that might serve as inspiration for all of us in 1988. "Encouraged," he wrote, "I set out once more to climb the mountain of the earth, for my steps are symbolical steps, and in all my walking, I have not reached to the top of the earth yet."

We still have distances to cover, and barriers to overcome, but in 1988, we are in a position to achieve new heights for Maine and its people.

Encouraged by the accomplishments of 1987, I look forward in 1988 to continuing the ascent with all of you. Thank you very much. (prolonged applause, the audience rising)

At the conclusion of the Governor's address, the Governor withdrew amid applause, the audience rising.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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(Off Record Remarks)

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On motion of Representative Foster of Ellsworth, Adjourned until Wednesday, January 13, 1988, at ten o'clock in the morning.

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The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chairman declared the same dissolved and the Senate retired to its chambers, amid applause of the House, the members rising.

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In the House