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In Senate Chamber
Friday
January 11, 1991

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, pursuant to Joint Rule 18.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, pursuant to Joint Rule 18, in concurrence.

Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by the Honorable Jeffery N. Mills of Oxford.

SENATOR JEFFERY N. MILLS: Lord, in these times of crisis in our state and throughout the world, give us the courage to lead, and the strength to do what is best for all mankind. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 10, 1991.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Amend the Long Pond Water District Charter" (Emergency) H.P. 85 L.D. 119

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on **UTILITIES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which was referred to the Committee on **UTILITIES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Public Law
TRAVEL INFORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The **TRAVEL INFORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**, pursuant to Public Law 1989, Chapter 735, ask leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Travel Information Advisory Council Concerning Informational Signs"

H.P. 86 L.D. 121

Be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** for Public Hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 18.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Transition from Special Education Programs to Adult Services" S.P. 73 L.D. 129

Presented by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot

Which was referred to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec the following Joint Order: S.P. 75

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Joint Select Committee on Corrections be established. The select committee shall consist of 3 members from the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and 10 members from the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The select committee shall review all legislation relating to corrections and report its findings, recommendations and any appropriate legislation to the Legislature.

Which was **READ** and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Revise the Law Respecting Insurers' Dividend Distributions" S.P. 71 L.D. 127

Presented by Senator **THERIAULT** of Aroostook
Cosponsored by Senator **COLLINS** of Aroostook,
Representative **GARLAND** of Bangor and
Representative **RYDELL** of Brunswick
Submitted by the Department of Professional and
Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Which was referred to the Committee on **BANKING
AND INSURANCE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Federal Impact Aid for
Education"

S.P. 72 L.D. 128

Presented by Senator **ESTES** of York
Cosponsored by Representative **PINES** of Limestone,
Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland and Representative
LAWRENCE of Kittery

Which was referred to the Committee on **EDUCATION
AND ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Archery Hunting
Licenses"

S.P. 68 L.D. 124

Presented by Senator **TWITCHELL** of Oxford

Which was referred to the Committee on **FISHERIES
AND WILDLIFE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Systems Assessment
Commission to Extend Reporting Deadlines" (Emergency)

S.P. 70 L.D. 126

Presented by President **PRAY** of Penobscot
Cosponsored by Speaker **MARTIN** of Eagle Lake

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** suggested and
ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was, under suspension of the Rules, **READ
TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference
to a Committee.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down
forthwith for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Duties of the Maine
Human Rights Commission"

S.P. 69 L.D. 125

Presented by Senator **TWITCHELL** of Oxford

Which was referred to the Committee on **JUDICIARY
AND ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Senator **CONLEY:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies
and Gentlemen of the Senate. In reference to the
Legislative Sentiment recognizing George Storer, of
Augusta, I would like to say a few words on the
occasion of his retirement after 34 years of
dedicated service as Director of the Driver Licensing
and Control Division of the Division of Motor
Vehicles; and in acknowledging his invaluable
assistance to members of the Maine State
Legislature. I am not one to submit Legislative
Sentiments very frequently, I actually consider
myself to be more of a cynic than a sentimentalist.

But, in the case of George Storer, I feel it is
an exception. This man, who is sitting at the rear
of the Chamber, has served this state quite well for
the last thirty-four years. George Storer, who was
in the division of Motor Vehicles down at the
Secretary of State's office, before it was against
the law to drink and drive, he has been with us and
served us very, very well. As an attorney who has to
call on the Secretary of State's office so many, many
times for so many favors, I can honestly say that I
have probably worn out two or three good sets of knee
pads in going to Mr. Storer on occasion to ask that
some poor person I represent who might have a hundred
points or more on his license, be given the
opportunity to continue to drive on the highways of
the State of Maine.

Unlike the good liberal that I am, George does
know when to say no, he has said no, and I think that
you should all rest assured that he has protected the
people of this state well. As a matter of fact,
under George's tutelage, down at the Secretary of
State's office, he has brought into existence
probably one of the strongest programs for enforcing
offenses of operating under the influence that any
state in this nation has seen.

George, I want to wish you well in your
retirement. You have done an excellent job. Should
you ever need a good lawyer, please call me, and I
will be happy to recommend someone. Thank you Mr.
President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator
from Kennebec, Senator Bustin.

Senator **BUSTIN**: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I, too, would like to offer a few words on this Order.

Quite frankly, I did not know that George Storer served the State of Maine, I thought he served me. That is how often I have used his good offices in the interests of my constituents. George has always been fair, he has always been absolutely to the point. He will do what is right every single time, all you have to do is convince him what is right. But I can't stress enough how appreciative I have been throughout my years serving in the State Senate, that George Storer has been there so that I could advocate in a very positive way for my constituency. He has drawn the line when the line should be drawn. He has bent it when he knows it could be bent and would be helpful. He has suggested legislation throughout my terms in office that have been very, very helpful to the state. There is only one thing that he did not do, he did not move fast enough, and I became Mrs. Hathaway instead of Mrs. Storer. Thank you.

Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Cahill.

Senator **CAHILL**: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The Majority members of this Branch might be surprised, but I thought George Storer served just me over the in Motor Vehicle Division and I wish him well in his retirement and thank him for all his past help and support and making each and everyone of us feel like an individual, and sometimes that doesn't happen here in the State Senate.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Gauvreau.

Senator **GAUVREAU**: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I, too, join in recognition of the years of service tended to the people of the State of Maine by George Storer. My contributions to these comments on his behalf is as follows:

It seems to me that the real bench mark in civil law is respect for the law, that we as a Legislative Body can and frequently do enact legislation attempting to achieve certain social purposes. But ultimately, the respect that law is accorded by members of the populous, is really contingent upon the way that the law is administered. Certainly that is so in the area of Motor Vehicle with regulation, which for most Mainer's is there only brush with the civil, or perhaps criminal law. The impressions formed by people as to how they are treated in our civil justice system will last for a long, long time. I think in this regard George is truly to be commended. He always maintained frailty to the overriding interests of the state to preserve a safe network of roads for Maine citizens, and certainly, he did not fail, he took prompt action when the circumstances warranted to suspend licenses from

those who would abuse the privilege of operating on our roadways.

At the same time, George did provide individualized justice. He did in fact very carefully consider circumstances of all those who came before him, and when he did have statutory discretion, he always used that discretion prudently and wisely, but also truly with the respect of those who came before him.

That is the most important item that I would leave with you this afternoon. George, in fact, did respect those who came before him. He did not simply, routinely, mechanically apply the law. He cared about people, and it came across in a way with respect that he accorded to all those who came before him. So I, for one, and I am sure I speak for all of my colleagues in the Chamber this afternoon, George, applaud you for your years of service, we will truly miss you.

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

Senator **BRANNIGAN**: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I did not know until this noon that George was retiring, and I feel that will be a loss.

For many years, people have been trying to devise a mandatory insurance law in this state that would be acceptable. For many years, I presume, this I know that Mr. Storer opposed it. But when we came close to a system that the state could accept and afford, he became a real champion and helper in bringing about mandatory automobile insurance in the way that we have it in it's less than perfect sense, and I hope that in someday he will be able to continue to contribute in the strengthening of it.

To show how diverse he is, one of the strongest opponents is the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bustin. And so he serves her well, but he is right in many cases. Thank you Mr. President.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **VOSE** of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **CAHILL** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED** until Monday, January 14, 1991, at 2:30 in the afternoon.