

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Senate

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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 12, 1991

Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by the Honorable Nancy Randall Clark of
Cumberland.

SENATOR NANCY RANDALL CLARK: Let us be in a spirit of prayer. God our Creator. You go before us leading us into the future where You are. We praise You for the faith You have in us that You give us Your promise of peace, healing, justice here and in the Middle East. Help us to follow Your lead that we may serve and honor You. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Monday, February 11, 1991.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 10548
PORTLAND, MAINE 04104

January 31, 1991

Honorable Charles P. Pray, President
State of Maine Senate
State House Station #3
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Pray:

I am pleased to transmit, on behalf of the members of the Systems Assessment Commission, the Commission's Final Report and the study of mental health reform in other states prepared for the Commission.

The Commission's report, if implemented, will effect major changes in Maine's mental health system — public and private — and will, in our opinion, transform the nature and extent of services made available to those affected by mental illness or with mental health needs. At the same time, the changes recommended in the report would have minimal effect on State expenditures in the next twelve to eighteen months.

We hope you, the members of the Legislature and the Administration will find the report useful in taking steps to reform and improve our mental health system.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation for the many contributions Carol Carothers made to the Commission. Her commitment, her compassion and her advocacy had a substantial effect on the tone, direction and scope of the report. We have also benefitted from the assistance we received from other members of your staff and from the office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. We could not have completed our task without their cooperation and help.

Sincerely,

S/Donald E. Nicoll
Chair

Which was **READ** and with Accompanying Papers
ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Continue Disability Payments to Retirees"

S.P. 205 L.D. 532

Presented by Senator **MCCORMICK** of Kennebec
Cosponsored by Representative **AULT** of Wayne,
Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland and Representative
WENTWORTH of Arundel

Which was referred to the Committee on **AGING,
RETIREMENT AND VETERANS** and **ORDERED PRINTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Fair Credit Reporting Laws"

S.P. 203 L.D. 530

Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec
Cosponsored by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot,
Representative **STEVENS** of Sabattus and
Representative **SHELTRA** of Biddeford

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Community Corrections Programs" (Emergency)

S.P. 207 L.D. 534

Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec
Cosponsored by Representative **MELENDY** of Rockland
and Representative **MAYO** of Thomaston

Which was referred to the Joint Select Committee on **CORRECTIONS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Energy Efficiency Standards for Subsidized Housing"

S.P. 204 L.D. 531

Presented by Senator **COLLINS** of Aroostook
Cosponsored by Representative **ANDERSON** of Woodland,
Representative **BELL** of Caribou and Senator **BERUBE** of Androscoggin

Which was referred to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Assumption of Medical Expenses by the State in Child Protection Investigations"

S.P. 211 L.D. 538

Presented by Senator **GAUVREAU** of Androscoggin
Cosponsored by Representative **MANNING** of Portland
and Representative **CARROLL** of Gray

Bill "An Act to Provide Access to Preventive Dental Care Services to Adults Eligible for Medicaid"

S.P. 212 L.D. 539

Presented by Senator **GAUVREAU** of Androscoggin
Cosponsored by Representative **RYDELL** of Brunswick
and Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec

Bill "An Act Relating to Eligibility for the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program"

S.P. 214 L.D. 541

Presented by Senator **BERUBE** of Androscoggin
Cosponsored by Representative **CHONKO** of Topsham

Bill "An Act to Ban Smoking in Laundromats"

S.P. 215 L.D. 542

Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec
Cosponsored by Representative **MANNING** of Portland

Which were referred to the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create a Magistrate System within the Maine Courts"

S.P. 213 L.D. 540

Presented by Senator **FOSTER** of Hancock
Cosponsored by Senator **GAUVREAU** of Androscoggin
and Representative **HASTINGS** of Fryeburg

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Sexual Assault"

S.P. 217 L.D. 544

Presented by Senator **BRAWN** of Knox
Cosponsored by Representative **PFEIFFER** of Brunswick

Bill "An Act to Allow the Maine Human Rights Commission to Recover Litigation Costs"

S.P. 219 L.D. 546

Presented by Senator **GAUVREAU** of Androscoggin

Bill "An Act to Exempt Telephone Workers Engaged in Certain Acts from the Workplace Manslaughter Laws"

S.P. 221 L.D. 548

Presented by Senator **EMERSON** of Penobscot
Cosponsored by Senator **VOSE** of Washington and Representative **RICHARDS** of Hampden

Which were referred to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Prompt Payment of Wages Due Upon Discharge for All Employees"

S.P. 220 L.D. 547

Presented by Senator **ESTY** of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Representative **MCHENRY** of Madawaska and Representative **PINEAU** of Jay

Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Students from Eligibility for Unemployment Compensation Benefits"

S.P. 222 L.D. 549

Presented by Senator **VOSE** of Washington

Which were referred to the Committee on **LABOR** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Liability of Persons Selling or Serving Alcohol to Minors"
S.P. 206 L.D. 533

Presented by Senator **THERIAULT** of Aroostook
Cosponsored by Representative **MARTIN** of Van Buren
and Representative **PARADIS** of Frenchville

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Persons Holding State, County or Municipal Office from Soliciting Election Funds from Their Employees"
S.P. 210 L.D. 537

Presented by Senator **CARPENTER** of York
Cosponsored by Representative **NASH** of Camden

Which were referred to the Committee on **LEGAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote the Safety of Scuba Divers"
S.P. 218 L.D. 545

Presented by Senator **GILL** of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Representative **AULT** of Wayne and
Representative **MACOMBER** of South Portland

Which was referred to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Legislature's Intent Regarding Quitclaim Deeds"
S.P. 223 L.D. 550

Presented by Senator **BERUBE** of Androscoggin

Which was referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the Secretary of State to Notify Owners When Motor Vehicle Registrations Are Due to Expire"
S.P. 208 L.D. 535

Presented by Senator **HOLLOWAY** of Lincoln
Cosponsored by Representative **HOLT** of Bath

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Land Located on Discontinued Roads"
S.P. 209 L.D. 536

Presented by Senator **CARPENTER** of York
Cosponsored by Senator **EMERSON** of Penobscot

Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Driving or Parking of Vehicles on Ice-covered Bodies of Water"
S.P. 216 L.D. 543

Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec

Which were referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland,
RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **CAHILL** of Sagadahoc,
ADJOURNED until Wednesday, February 13, 1991, at
10:00 in the morning.