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Senate

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Monday
March 25, 1991

Senate called to Order by the President.

Prayer by Reverend Wendy Ward of the First Parish Church in Brunswick.

REVEREND WENDY WARD: Let us pray. O God, as we gather here we are mindful of the many tasks and responsibilities that you set before us. We come to You seeking Your guidance. Send now Your spirit upon this assembly. Infuse these deliberations with compassion and understanding. Weave together the differences of those gathered as they talk and act into a fabric of respect and integrity. O God, build up this assembly and all those who seek to serve the people in the State of Maine with Your wisdom, with Your guidance, and in hope and courage for this day and for all days to come. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 21, 1991.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator DUTREMBLE of York, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 485

ORDERED, the House concurring that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Thursday, March 28, 1991, at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Which was READ and PASSED.

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

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Allow Service of Civil Process by any Licensed Private Investigator or Bonded Security Agency"

S.P. 434 L.D. 1155

In Senate, March 18, 1991, referred to the Committee on LEGAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY and ORDERED PRINTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

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

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Improve the Enforcement of the Maine Insurance Code"

S.P. 105 L.D. 202

In Senate, February 27, 1991, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Comes from the House PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-29) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

The Senate RECEDED and CONCURRED.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Relating to Medicare Supplement Insurance"

S.P. 106 L.D. 203

In Senate, February 27, 1991, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Comes from the House PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-28) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

The Senate RECEDED and CONCURRED.

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Funnel Development of Shorefront Areas"

H.P. 834 L.D. 1200

Bill "An Act Concerning the Packaging of Soymlk"

H.P. 870 L.D. 1256

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Maine Water Resources Management Board" (Emergency)
H.P. 849 L.D. 1215

Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

(See Action Later Today)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Prohibition on Trapping within 200 Yards of a Dwelling"
H.P. 831 L.D. 1197

Bill "An Act to Establish a Nonresident Property Owner Fishing License"
H.P. 833 L.D. 1199

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on **FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Legal Staff of the Maine State Housing Authority"
H.P. 848 L.D. 1214

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Bill "An Act to Provide that General Assistance Payments be Made in Vouchers and in Greater Compliance with General Assistance Laws" (Emergency)
H.P. 842 L.D. 1208

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Department of Human Services in Conducting Chronic Disease Investigation and Evaluating the Completeness or Data Quality in Disease Surveillance Programs"
H.P. 843 L.D. 1209

Bill "An Act to Increase Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment and Education Services in Maine"
H.P. 844 L.D. 1210

Bill "An Act to Give Legal Effect to General Assistance Decisions Made by the Administrative Hearings Unit of the Department of Human Services"
H.P. 871 L.D. 1257

Bill "An Act to Enhance Access to Financing for Health Care Facilities"
H.P. 876 L.D. 1262

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Legal Needs"
H.P. 837 L.D. 1203

Bill "An Act Regarding Wrongful Death Actions"
H.P. 851 L.D. 1217

Bill "An Act Concerning Witnesses and the Integrity of the Judicial Process"
H.P. 853 L.D. 1219

Bill "An Act to Broaden the Crimes of Criminal Mischief and Aggravated Criminal Mischief"
H.P. 854 L.D. 1220

Bill "An Act to Expand the Criminal Code Protections Against Abuse to Children"
H.P. 864 L.D. 1244

Bill "An Act to Remove Certain Exemptions from Jury Service"
H.P. 868 L.D. 1254

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Bill "An Act to Encourage the Prompt Resolution of Workers' Compensation Claims" H.P. 836 L.D. 1202

Bill "An Act to Extend the Jurisdiction of the Maine Labor Relations Board to Public Employees Who Have Been Employed Less Than 6 Months" H.P. 852 L.D. 1218

Bill "An Act to Promote Volunteer Emergency Medical Services through Changes to the Unemployment Laws" H.P. 866 L.D. 1246

Bill "An Act Concerning the Resolution of Medical, Work-capacity and Return-to-work Issues and Procedures under the Workers' Compensation Act" H.P. 877 L.D. 1263

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **LABOR** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Liquor Sales to Lounges, Taverns and Restaurants" H.P. 847 L.D. 1213

Bill "An Act to Permit Access to Cemeteries by Descendants" H.P. 850 L.D. 1216

Bill "An Act Concerning Gaming Conducted by the Passamaquoddy Tribe" H.P. 856 L.D. 1222

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Landlord's Handling of Abandoned Property" H.P. 873 L.D. 1259

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **LEGAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Landlord-tenant Contracts of Adhesion" H.P. 839 L.D. 1205

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **LEGAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Procedures of Local Boards of Appeal" H.P. 832 L.D. 1198

RESOLUTION, Proposing to Require That Certain State Officers Be Appointed by the Governor H.P. 855 L.D. 1221

Bill "An Act Regarding the Authority of Cumberland County to Take Land by Eminent Domain" (Emergency) H.P. 860 L.D. 1240

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Defer Municipal Duties Related to the Homestead Exemption" (Emergency) H.P. 830 L.D. 1196

Bill "An Act Concerning Interest Deductions for Corporations" (Emergency) H.P. 838 L.D. 1204

Bill "An Act to Correct Certain Errors and Inconsistencies in the Law Enabling Municipal Development Districts" H.P. 845 L.D. 1211

Come from the House referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the State Share of Education to 65%"

H.P. 823 L.D. 1177

Committee on EDUCATION suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicles"

H.P. 846 L.D. 1212

Bill "An Act to Clarify Vehicle Registration Laws"

H.P. 861 L.D. 1241

Bill "An Act to Provide for Equal Opportunity within the Maine Turnpike Authority"

H.P. 872 L.D. 1258

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Safe Operation of Truck Tractors

H.P. 874 L.D. 1260

Come from the House referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ORDERED PRINTED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Kingfield Water District from \$350,000 to \$2,000,000"

H.P. 828 L.D. 1194

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lubec Water and Electric District"

H.P. 858 L.D. 1224

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

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

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

March 21, 1991

The Honorable Charles P. Pray
President of the Senate of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 38 of the 115th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture has had under consideration the nomination of Betty Sawyer of Jonesport, for reappointment to the Animal Welfare Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS: Senators 3
Representatives 10
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Thirteen members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Betty Sawyer of Jonesport, for reappointment to the Animal Welfare Board be confirmed.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. R. Donald Twitchell S/Rep. Robert J. Tardy
Senate Chair House Chair

Which was READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication:

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
STATE HOUSE STATION 146
AUGUSTA, ME 04333

March 19, 1991

TO: Charles P. Pray, President of the Senate
John L. Martin, Speaker of the House

FROM: S/David N. Stockford, Chairperson -
Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee
for Preschool Handicapped Children (ICCPHC)
Susan D. Mackey-Andrews, Executive Director

RE: Annual Performance Report: Child Development
Services System

We are pleased to enclose a copy of the Performance Report: January 1990 through January 1991 for the Child Development Services System, summarizing our activities in the implementation of federal P.L. 99-457, both Part H (-0-2 year olds) and Section 619 (3 through 5 year olds) in Maine.

The many participants at both the state and local levels look forward to meeting with members of the 115th Legislature to review your questions or comments as a result of reading this Report, as well as to work closely and collaboratively with you through this difficult process of program prioritization in these difficult times.

Please feel free to contact Sue with any of your questions. Thank you.

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

The Following Communication:

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

March 13, 1991

The Honorable Charles P. Pray
President of the Senate
State House Station 3
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Pray:

I am pleased to submit, in accordance with 26 M.R.S.A., Chapter 22, Section 1724, the enclosed 1991 report on the Maine Chemical Substance Identification Program.

The 1990 program year was most active. Program staff are to be commended on their efforts in maintaining a high standard of response to evolving needs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or comments regarding this program or the report.

Sincerely,

S/James H. McGowan
Director

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Implement Meaningful Legislative Oversight of State Finances" S.P. 475 L.D. 1267

Presented by Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Laws Relating to Junkyard Cleanups" S.P. 477 L.D. 1279

Presented by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec
Cosponsored by Representative **PARADIS** of Augusta
and Representative **DAGGETT** of Augusta

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Voters' Rights in Relation to School Administrative District Budgets" S.P. 478 L.D. 1280

Presented by President **PRAY** of Penobscot
Cosponsored by Representative **CROWLEY** of Stockton
Springs, Representative **STROUT** of Corinth and
Senator **ESTY** of Cumberland

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Review of Applications Submitted to The Department of Environmental Protection"

S.P. 481 L.D. 1283

Presented by President **PRAY** of Penobscot
Cosponsored by Representative **LORD** of Waterboro,
Senator **TITCOMB** of Cumberland and Representative
HOGLUND of Portland

Resolve, Concerning the Construction of Coal-burning Facilities (Emergency)

S.P. 483 L.D. 1285

Presented by Senator **FOSTER** of Hancock
Cosponsored by Representative **SWAZEY** of
Bucksport, Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot and
Senator **GOULD** of Waldo

Which were referred to the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Equitable Reimbursement for Capital Costs of Nursing Homes"

S.P. 480 L.D. 1282

Presented by Senator **CLEVELAND** of Androscoggin
Cosponsored by Representative **CARROLL** of Gray

Bill "An Act to Protect Client Advocacy Services in the ASPIRE Program" (Emergency)

S.P. 484 L.D. 1286

Presented by Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot
Cosponsored by Speaker **MARTIN** of Eagle Lake,
Representative **STEVENS** of Bangor and
Representative **MANNING** of Portland

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Adequate Skilled Professionals and Employee Protections in the Provision of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services during a Period of Closure and Reductions in Capacity and a Transition to a Community Care-based Services System"

S.P. 482 L.D. 1284

Presented by Senator **TITCOMB** of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Representative **SIMONDS** of Cape Elizabeth and Representative **GOODRIDGE** of Pittsfield

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

On motion by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland, Tabled Unassigned pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Requirements for Disclosure of Confidential Client Information Held by Mental Health Service Providers"

S.P. 476 L.D. 1268

Presented by Senator **GAUVREAU** of Androscoggin
Cosponsored by Representative **PARADIS** of Augusta and Representative **RICHARDS** of Hampden

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Authorizing Harvey and Rachel Desgrosseilliers to Sue the City of Auburn

S.P. 479 L.D. 1281

Presented by Senator **GAUVREAU** of Androscoggin
Cosponsored by Representative **COTE** of Auburn and Representative **JALBERT** of Lisbon

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

Sent down for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Ensure Proper Oversight of State Spending

S.P. 474 L.D. 1266

Presented by Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot

Which was referred to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House

Ought Not to Pass

The following **Ought Not to Pass** Reports shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

From the Committee on **AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS** Bill "An Act to Decrease the Number of Years of Service Required for Receipt of Retirement Benefits"

H.P. 149 L.D. 221

From the Committee on **BUSINESS LEGISLATION** Bill "An Act Regarding Emergency Medical Services Personnel" (Emergency)

H.P. 180 L.D. 265

From the Committee on **BUSINESS LEGISLATION** Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning the Administration of Prescription Drugs by Emergency Medical Services Personnel"

H.P. 181 L.D. 266

From the Committee on **BUSINESS LEGISLATION** Bill "An Act to Amend the Real Estate Brokerage Licensing Law"

H.P. 358 L.D. 512

From the Committee on **EDUCATION** Bill "An Act to Amend the Composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System"

H.P. 354 L.D. 484

From the Committee on **EDUCATION** Bill "An Act to Revoke Drivers' Licenses of Students Who Do Not Complete High School"

H.P. 373 L.D. 527

From the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** Bill "An Act to Permit Larger Docks Within the Saco River Corridor"

H.P. 133 L.D. 193

From the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** Bill "An Act Regarding the State's Environmental Policy on Low-density Subdivisions"

H.P. 144 L.D. 214

From the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** Bill "An Act Regarding the Closure of Certain Landfills"

H.P. 152 L.D. 237

From the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** Bill "An Act to Expedite Erosion Control on the Shoreline of Sebago Lake in the Town of Standish"

H.P. 160 L.D. 245

From the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** Bill "An Act to Allow a Municipality to Assess an Administrative Penalty for Violations of Timber Harvesting and Vegetation Clearing Provisions of the Shoreland Zoning Laws"

H.P. 171 L.D. 256

From the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Pesticides and Placing the Board of Pesticides Control under the Authority of the Department of Environmental Protection"

H.P. 403 L.D. 577

From the Committee on **FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** Bill "An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws"

H.P. 150 L.D. 235

From the Committee on **FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** Bill "An Act Giving Preference for Antlerless Deer Permits to Property Owners that Allow Hunting on their Lands"

H.P. 272 L.D. 392

From the Committee on **FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** Bill "An Act to Provide Free Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses to Members of the Armed Forces"

H.P. 321 L.D. 451

From the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** Bill "An Act to Require the State to Administer and Finance the General Assistance Program"

H.P. 437 L.D. 620

From the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** Bill "An Act to Limit the Volume of Proposed Legislation"

H.P. 25 L.D. 28

From the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** Bill "An Act to Reduce the Number of Full-time Legislative Staff Employees"

H.P. 123 L.D. 168

From the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** Bill "An Act to Decrease the Speed Limit to 55 Miles Per Hour"

H.P. 353 L.D. 483

Leave to Withdraw

The following **Leave to Withdraw** Reports shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

From the Committee on **AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS** Bill "An Act to Increase Allowable Earnings under the Disability Retirement Laws"

H.P. 284 L.D. 405

From the Committee on **AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS** Bill "An Act Concerning Repayment to the Retirement System"

H.P. 286 L.D. 407

From the Committee on **AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS** Bill "An Act to Allow Retirement Credit for Service in Out-of-state Postsecondary Educational Institutions"

H.P. 337 L.D. 467

From the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** Bill "An Act to Repeal Antirebate Laws"

H.P. 511 L.D. 705

From the Committee on **BUSINESS LEGISLATION** Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Affecting Permits to Practice Public Accountancy"

H.P. 159 L.D. 244

From the Committee on **BUSINESS LEGISLATION** Bill "An Act to Change the Membership Requirements of the Board of Registration in Medicine"

H.P. 633 L.D. 903

From the Committee on **EDUCATION** Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Age to Enter School"

H.P. 215 L.D. 306

From the Committee on **FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** Bill "An Act Concerning Renewal of Hunting Licenses for Older Citizens"

H.P. 380 L.D. 554

From the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** Bill "An Act to Authorize Residents of Municipalities to Amend Proposed Ordinances at Town Meetings"

H.P. 108 L.D. 151

From the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** Bill "An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Laws to Include the 7 Campuses of the University of Maine System as Part of State Government" (Emergency)

H.P. 119 L.D. 164

From the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** Bill "An Act to Permit the Amendment of Municipal Ordinances at Town Meetings"

H.P. 141 L.D. 201

From the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** Bill "An Act to Establish Notary Renewal Fees"

H.P. 222 L.D. 313

From the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** Bill "An Act to Promote Traffic Safety by Requiring Traffic-hindering Vehicles to Yield"

H.P. 213 L.D. 304

From the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** Bill "An Act Relating to the Dissemination of Driver Record Information"

H.P. 316 L.D. 446

From the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Members of the Maine Turnpike Authority"

H.P. 603 L.D. 863

From the Committee on **UTILITIES** Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Public Utilities Commission to Set Rates of Water Utilities"

H.P. 502 L.D. 696

Change of Reference

The Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Promote Uniform Statutes of Limitations"

H.P. 669 L.D. 949

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

The Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **UTILITIES** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Limit of Indebtedness of the Newport Water District from \$1,500,000 to \$3,500,000" (Emergency)

H.P. 306 L.D. 436

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

The Bill **READ ONCE**.

The Bill **TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING**.

Senate

Ought Not to Pass

The following **Ought Not to Pass** Reports shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

Reported by Senator **TITCOMB** for the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** Resolve, to Study Public Access to Maine Lands (Emergency)

S.P. 198 L.D. 507

Reported by Senator **GILL** for the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** Bill "An Act to Ensure That the State Supplemental Income Benefit Is Not Diminished by Inflation"

S.P. 120 L.D. 222

Leave to Withdraw

The following **Leave to Withdraw** Reports shall be placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Rule 15 of the Joint Rules:

Reported by Senator **GILL** for the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** Bill "An Act to Provide Access to Preventive Dental Care Services to Adults Eligible for Medicaid"

S.P. 212 L.D. 539

Reported by Senator **GILL** for the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Human Services to Adopt Criteria for Competitive Reviews of Hospital Certificate of Need Projects and for Other Purposes"

S.P. 404 L.D. 1080

Reported by Senator **BOST** for the Committee on **TAXATION** Bill "An Act to Exempt Service Retirement Benefit Payments to Veterans of the United States Armed Forces from the Maine State Income Tax"

S.P. 145 L.D. 357

Reported by Senator **BOST** for the Committee on **TAXATION** Bill "An Act Requiring Property Tax Bills to Indicate the Fiscal Year of the Municipality for Which the Tax Applies"

S.P. 174 L.D. 429

Reported by Senator **BOST** for the Committee on **TAXATION** Bill "An Act to Exempt from Income Tax Certain Income of Persons Who Fish Commercially"

S.P. 192 L.D. 501

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House

Bill "An Act to Provide Funds to the Maine Rural Water Association for Services to Water and Wastewater Systems" (Emergency)

H.P. 328 L.D. 458

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Commercial Lines Cancellation Laws"

H.P. 427 L.D. 610

Which were **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Sunset on Immediate Wage Withholding for Child Support Awards" (Emergency)

H.P. 20 L.D. 23
(C "A" H-30)

Bill "An Act to Establish a Permanent Fishing License System for Older Citizens" (Emergency)

H.P. 33 L.D. 43
(C "A" H-26)

Bill "An Act Concerning Capital Improvements and Impact Fees"

H.P. 44 L.D. 63
(C "A" H-22)

Bill "An Act Regarding Possession of Certain Weapons, Implements or Aids"

H.P. 78 L.D. 106
(C "A" H-23)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Long Pond Water District Charter" (Emergency)

H.P. 85 L.D. 119
(C "A" H-24)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Law Concerning Failure to Wear a Flotation Device"

H.P. 105 L.D. 148
(C "A" H-25)

Bill "An Act to Abolish the Homestead Tax Exemption"

H.P. 147 L.D. 219
(C "A" H-31)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of a Street Rod"

H.P. 151 L.D. 236
(C "A" H-27)

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Student Member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System"

H.P. 173 L.D. 258
(C "A" H-35)

Bill "An Act to Allow Minors to Make Anatomical Gifts"

H.P. 186 L.D. 279
(C "A" H-36)

Which were **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, as Amended**, in concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Revise the Law Respecting Insurers' Dividend Distributions"

S.P. 71 L.D. 127
(C "A" S-28)

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, as Amended**.

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

An Act to Shorten the Tax Abatement Application Period

H.P. 154 L.D. 239
(H "A" H-32)

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Bill "An Act to Create a Logging Fund to Provide Safety and Reasonably Priced Guaranteed Insurance for the State's Logging Industry"

S.P. 470 L.D. 1253

Tabled - March 21, 1991, by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.)

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

On motion by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby it **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, Tabled until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

On motion by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland, the Senate removed from the Unassigned Table the following:

Bill "An Act to Improve Inspection and Grading of Maine Sardines" (Emergency)

S.P. 187 L.D. 496

Tabled - February 13, 1991, by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland.

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.)

(In Senate, February 8, 1991, referred to the Committee on **TAXATION** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.)

(In House, February 12, 1991, **RULED NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On further motion by same Senator, Bill and Accompanying Papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby it **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**:

Bill "An Act to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Maine Water Resources Management Board" (Emergency)

H.P. 849 L.D. 1215

(In House, March 21, 1991, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.)

On further motion by same Senator, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending **REFERENCE**.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland, the Senate removed from the Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Create a Logging Fund to Provide Safety and Reasonably Priced Guaranteed Insurance for the State's Logging Industry"
S.P. 470 L.D. 1253

Tabled - March 25, 1991, by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In Senate, March 25, 1991, Referred to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**. Subsequently, **RECONSIDERED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending **REFERENCE**.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **SUMMERS** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

The **ADJOURNMENT ORDER** having been returned from the House **READ** and **PASSED**, in concurrence, on motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 28, 1991, at 5:00 in the afternoon.