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OF THE

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OF THE

State Of Maine

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House of Representatives

January 3, 1996 to April 3, 1996

Senate

January 3, 1996 to March 13, 1996

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
January 9, 1996

Senate called to Order by the President, Jeffrey H. Butland of Cumberland.

Prayer by the Reverend Laura Edwards-Jenks, Chaplain, Augusta Mental Health Institute.

REVEREND LAURA EDWARDS-JENKS: Let us pray. Oh, God, Creator of all things, and Lover of all souls, we commend the State of Maine to Your merciful and gracious care. Grant to all in authority, especially the women and men of this Senate, the wisdom, strength and compassion to know and do Your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve all people. We remember before You all poor and neglected persons, whom it would be so easy for us to forget; the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, the mentally ill and all who have none to care for them. We pray, also, that Your holy and life-giving spirit, which has bound us together in a common life, may so move every human heart that the barriers which divide us may crumble. Help us in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work with mutual forbearance and respect. We thank You, oh Holy One, for setting before us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us, and for the splendor of the whole creation. For this day, for the beauty of this snowy world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love, we lift our hearts to You in thanks and praise. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by **SENATOR ABROMSON** of Cumberland.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 4, 1996.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE
House Papers

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws Including Those Affecting the University of Maine System Plate and the Certificate of Lien"

H.P. 1195 L.D. 1639

Reference to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Water District"

H.P. 1194 L.D. 1638

Reference to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statutes
MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The **MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17103, subsection 13 asked leave to submit its findings and to report, pursuant to Joint Rule 20, that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1997" (Emergency)

H.P. 1193 L.D. 1637

Be referred to the Committee on **LABOR** for Public Hearing and ordered printed.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill referred to the Committee on **LABOR** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

The Bill referred to the Committee on **LABOR**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

MAINE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMISSION

December 29, 1995

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland
Maine Legislature
33 Longwoods Road
Cumberland Center, ME 04021
Dear President Butland:

I am pleased to present you with a copy of the Maine Health Care Reform Commission's Final Report on Recommendations for Health Systems Reform. The report describes a number of alternative reform strategies considered by the Commission and the estimated impact of each of the options. These alternatives form the basis of the legislative proposals that will be submitted by the Commission for your consideration during the second regular session. These bills represent the culmination of over a year's work by the Commission, its many advisory committee members as well as the consideration and input of the many interested members of the public who took the time to participate in the Commission's hearing process.

The legislative proposals that will be in front of you during the upcoming session include the following:

- * An Act to establish a single payer, universal health care system for the State of Maine;
- * An Act to establish a multiple payer, universal health care system for the State of Maine;
- * An Act to establish a range of incremental health system reforms, including the implementation of a voluntary purchasing alliance and the provision of Medicaid coverage to all Maine children living below 250% of the poverty level;
- * An Act to establish a statewide, comprehensive health information system;
- * An Act to improve public health in Maine;
- * An Act to establish a special mandated benefits review commission; and

* An Act to mandate a study of the effectiveness of Maine's pre-litigation screening panels.

At the request of certain members of the Legislative Council, we have also drafted a Memorial to Congress, urging it to amend the federal Employee Retirement and Income Security Act (ERISA) to allow state's more flexibility in implementing comprehensive health reform.

This is a large package of legislation, much of which is complex and interrelated. It may be difficult to find your way through all of the various provisions contained in the bills and make sense of what each is intended to accomplish. In an effort to assist you in your review and evaluation of these proposals, we will be holding a "retreat" to which all interested members of the Legislature are invited, on January 19, at the Senator Inn, Augusta.

At this one-day session, Commissioners and staff will review the salient portions of the Commission's final report and recommendations. The meeting, which will be facilitated by experts in health reform policy from the Alpha Center in Washington, D.C., will include discussion and interactions with representatives from other states that are currently engaging in reform efforts similar to those that are being proposed for Maine. You will have the opportunity to hear about the experience, difficulties and successes with health reform efforts elsewhere, and to question these experts and the Commission about the proposals that will be before you in the coming session. It is our hope that the day will provide you with the information necessary to allow you to make an informed assessment of the legislative proposals.

We would like to extend a special invitation to you to attend this important meeting. As a member of legislative leadership, you will likely bear a great deal of the responsibility for handling these bills; we want to provide you with as much support and assistance with this task as we can. I urge you to make time in your schedule to join us on January 19th.

In order to help us plan for this session, we ask that you please respond to this invitation, using the enclosed form, no later than January 12th. Feel free to call with any questions or concerns; we can be reached at 287-8220. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to seeing you on January 19th.

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Keller, M.D.
Chairman
S.P. 641

Which was READ and, with Accompanying Report,
ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication:
MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
Augusta, Maine 04333
COMMISSION TO STUDY TRESPASS LAWS
January 3, 1996

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland
The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky
Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

This letter is to inform you that the Commission to Study Trespass Laws has submitted its report to the 2nd Regular Session of the 117th Legislature, pursuant to Resolves of 1995, chapter 53.

Sincerely,
S/William J. Vail
Chair
S.C. 419

Which was READ and, with Accompanying Report,
ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:
MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
Augusta, Maine 04333
TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE OPERATIONS
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
January 5, 1996

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland
The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky
Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

This letter is to inform you that the Task Force to Study the Operations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has submitted the attached report of our study to the 2nd Regular Session of the 117th Legislature, pursuant to P.L. 1995, chapter 455.

Sincerely,
S/Rep. Catharine Damren
Chair
S.C. 420

Which was READ and, with Accompanying Report,
ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:
MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE BEVERAGE
CONTAINER DEPOSIT LAWS
January 8, 1996

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland
The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky
Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

Pursuant to Resolves 1995, chapter 52, the Task Force to Review the Beverage Container Deposit Laws hereby submits the attached report including recommended legislation to you and to the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development. Copies of the report have also been transmitted to the Executive Director and members of the Legislative Council and to the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,
S/Rep. Jack L. Libby
Task Force Chair
S.C. 421

Which was READ and, with Accompanying Report,
referred to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

January 8, 1996

The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland
President, Maine State Senate
#3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky
Speaker, Maine House of Representatives
#2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Butland and Speaker Gwadosky:

This letter is to notify the Legislature that I have accepted and will implement the additional recommendations of the Productivity Realization Task Force relating to the Department of Human Services, with the exception of those recommendations that require legislative approval. I will be introducing legislation necessary to fully accomplish these recommendations in the next session of the Legislature, as well as to resubmit those that were deferred during the Special Session.

In this component of the plan, I have accepted an additional \$7,853,937 in staff and program savings, bringing the total Department of Human Services general fund savings to \$16,184,364. This component of the plan reduces Departmental staff by an additional 59 positions from all funds, with 10 more to be eliminated through attrition over the next six months, bringing the overall total reduction of positions in the Department of Human Services to 281.5 from all funds. The additional components of the Department of Human Services Productivity Realization Task Force plan significantly streamlines the overall administrative structure of the Department; reduces costs for medical and drug transactions; increases Medicaid fraud prevention efforts; combines Medicaid eligibility for nursing homes and residential care; increases supervisory to staff ratios; eliminates dual reporting of allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation on the part of nursing homes and residential care facilities; reduces the number of administrative hearings; electronically stores 3.5 million birth and other vital statistics records through the use of optical imaging; and outsources the entire data entry unit.

With these changes and the ones previously approved by the Productivity Realization Task Force, the Department has amply met the expectations of the Task Force and the Legislature when this process was first established. I agree with Productivity Realization Task Force Chair Linwood Bell, who stated that the Department of Human Services plan is an outstanding one and that in his opinion, it does exactly what was intended when the Task Force was originally established. I continue to be proud of the work done by staff of the Department of Human Services.

The Department is still involved in discussions in service clusters in the areas of auditing, licensing and contracting in the social services policy area with the Task Force.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature and Task Force as we continue this effort.

Sincerely,
S/Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor
S.C. 422

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions Relating to Workers' Compensation Self-insurance" (Emergency)

S.P. 635 L.D. 1643

Presented by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Representative VIGUE of Winslow
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on BANKING AND
INSURANCE suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on BANKING
AND INSURANCE and ORDERED PRINTED.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of Certain Boards and Commissions"

S.P. 640 L.D. 1675

Presented by Senator HARRINAN of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Representative ROWE of Portland
Submitted by the Department of Economic and
Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on BUSINESS
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and ORDERED PRINTED.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Extend Waivers of Certain Provisions of the Education Laws"

S.P. 634 L.D. 1642

Presented by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake
Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant
to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on EDUCATION AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on EDUCATION
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ORDERED PRINTED.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Hospital Cooperation Act of 1992 to Facilitate Integrated Health Care Delivery Systems by Authorizing and Supervising Certain Hospital Mergers" (Emergency)

S.P. 636 L.D. 1644

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland,
RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of
Portland, DIPIETRO of South Portland, JOHNSON of
South Portland, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, TAYLOR
of Cumberland

Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Charity Care Guidelines That Apply to Hospitals Also Apply to Their Subsidiaries"

S.P. 638 L.D. 1673

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on HUMAN RESOURCES
suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which were referred to the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Revise Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws" (Emergency)

S.P. 637 L.D. 1645

Presented by Senator **HALL** of Piscataquis
Cosponsored by Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook,
Representatives: **CHICK** of Lebanon, **DEXTER** of
Kingfield, **GREENLAW** of Standish, **JACQUES** of
Waterville, **PERKINS** of Penobscot, **ROSEBUSH** of
East Millinocket, **TUFTS** of Stockton Springs
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES
AND WILDLIFE** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.
Which was referred to the Committee on **INLAND
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Voluntary Withholding of
Federal and State Income Taxes from Unemployment
Compensation Benefits"

S.P. 639 L.D. 1674

Presented by Senator **BEGLEY** of Lincoln
Cosponsored by Representative **HATCH** of Skowhegan
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to
Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on **LABOR** suggested and
ORDERED PRINTED.
Which was referred to the Committee on **LABOR** and
ORDERED PRINTED.
Sent down for concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus
acted on were sent forthwith.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act
to Repeal the Sunset Provision for Distribution from
the Maine Environmental Trust Fund" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1180 L.D. 1619

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass** pursuant to
Public Law 1993, chapter 410, part BBB, section 6.

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

Change of Reference

Senator **BERUBE** for the Committee on
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act
to Decrease the Paperwork Burden on Maine Businesses
by Decreasing the Number of Tax Filings for
Retailers"

S.P. 79 L.D. 167

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

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **BERUBE** for the Committee on
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act
to Clarify the Sales Tax Law Applicable to Packaging"

S.P. 207 L.D. 550

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

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **BERUBE** for the Committee on
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act
to Reestablish the Tax Credit for Intrastate
Airlines" (Emergency)

S.P. 245 L.D. 642

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

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.
Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **LORD** of York was granted unanimous
consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of York, **RECESSED**
until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Modify the Budget Work Program
Process"

H.P. 1198 L.D. 1648

Bill "An Act to Modify the Transfer Procedures
for Appropriations, Allocations and Positions"

H.P. 1202 L.D. 1652

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the
Constitution of Maine to Prohibit the Use of Funds
Raised for Bond Issues for Any Other Purpose

H.P. 1214 L.D. 1664

Bill "An Act to Modify the Requirement for
Financial Order Approval of Allotment Increases in
Amounts of \$10,000 or Less"

H.P. 1224 L.D. 1677

Reference to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and **ORDERED
PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Enabling the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company to Better Serve the Needs of Small Business"

H.P. 1200 L.D. 1650

Bill "An Act to Provide for Confidential Treatment of State and Federal Regulatory Information in the Application Process for Financial Institutions"

H.P. 1206 L.D. 1656

Bill "An Act to Repeal an Insurance Law Relating to Motor Vehicle Damage Appraisal"

H.P. 1207 L.D. 1657

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding the Issuance of a Credit Card to Benefit the Land for Maine's Future Fund" (Emergency)

H.P. 1213 L.D. 1663

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code with Respect to Domestic Violence"

H.P. 1215 L.D. 1665

Reference to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Correct the Law Relating to Small Auctioneers"

H.P. 1204 L.D. 1654

Reference to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalty for Criminal Restraint of a Young Child or a Dependent Person"

H.P. 1211 L.D. 1661

Bill "An Act to Include Sexual Contact in the Definition of Prostitution"

H.P. 1216 L.D. 1666

Reference to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Monetary Limit of Improvements That Must be Approved by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for School Administrative Units"

H.P. 1210 L.D. 1660

Resolve, to Authorize the Maine Technical College System to Transfer Interests in Real Property

H.P. 1225 L.D. 1678

Reference to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Come from the House, referred to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

Which were referred to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Freeport Towne Square Mental Retardation Facility"

H.P. 1196 L.D. 1646

Reference to the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Tribal and State Relations by Strengthening the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission"

H.P. 1217 L.D. 1667

Reference to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Election Laws"

H.P. 1203 L.D. 1653

Reference to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Lobster Traps Allowed on Trawls in Hancock County"

H.P. 1197 L.D. 1647

Bill "An Act to Increase Penalties in the Sea Urchin Fishery"

H.P. 1199 L.D. 1649

Bill "An Act to Permit Retired Marine Patrol Officers to Enter into Commercial Fishing"

H.P. 1220 L.D. 1670

Reference to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Which were referred to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Seasonal Sale of Reformulated Gasoline"

H.P. 1201 L.D. 1651

Bill "An Act Regarding the Cleanup of Uncontrolled Tire Stockpiles"

H.P. 1208 L.D. 1658

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities and Regions to Include Beneficial Use of Waste Originated in Their Jurisdiction As Credit in Demonstrating Recycling Progress"

H.P. 1209 L.D. 1659

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Revolving Loan Fund for Wastewater Facilities"

H.P. 1221 L.D. 1671

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection" (Emergency)

H.P. 1222 L.D. 1672

Reference to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Which were referred to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 1995 with the United States Internal Revenue Code" (Emergency)

H.P. 1205 L.D. 1655

Bill "An Act to Correct a Technical Error Relating to the Research Expense Tax Credit" (Emergency)

H.P. 1212 L.D. 1662

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

H.P. 1219 L.D. 1669

Reference to the Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Registration Improvement Committee"

H.P. 1223 L.D. 1676

Reference to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, in concurrence.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

House

Change of Reference

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Exempt from the Sales Tax Automobile Equipment Necessary for Paraplegics or People Who are Confined to Wheelchairs"

H.P. 540 L.D. 736

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Surface Water Ambient Toxics Monitoring Program"

H.P. 768 L.D. 1042

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

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

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

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

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Exempt Goods Sold by Scouting Organizations from the Sales Tax"

H.P. 776 L.D. 1073

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Town of Mount Vernon to Withdraw from the Cobbossee Watershed District"

H.P. 1176 L.D. 1608

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

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

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

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

On motion by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, January 11, 1996, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.