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

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
January 8, 1998

Senate Called to Order by President Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

Prayer by Senator James D. Libby of York County.

SENATOR JAMES D. LIBBY: Thank you Mr. President. I have two thoughts for you as we begin our work day. First, the prayer book entitled, "The Gates of Prayer," makes the following observation. "Make every effort to pray from the heart. Even if you do not succeed, in the eyes of the Lord your effort is precious."

I'd also like to paraphrase a passage from one of my favorite contemporary prayer books, "Illuminada," as the second part of my message to you today. I hope that you will find it as enlightening as I have, particularly in the hectic session and the hectic setting that we sometimes have here in the Maine State Legislature. It reads as follows, "The world desperately needs silence. Many people are addicted to stress producing stimuli, mentally and emotionally. We need to fast to clean out the system, to stop overloading it with mean and unnatural mental pollution. Some are deeply afraid of silence, the void, the emptiness, but the void is not material. It is force. The void is where God is. Empty places, empty moments are not really empty at all. God is the potential fullness gushing out from every empty space. The ever present possibility of a magic moment or a miraculous thought. Off a blank page jumps a cosmic summons. Out of that silence came the opening chords of Beethoven's 5th. It is imperative therefore, that we give time each day, each week to silence to the internal search to honoring God before the world."

Please bow your head and join me then in bringing together these two thoughts in a moment of silent prayer. Amen.

Doctor of the Day, Francis Schumann, M.D., Machias.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 7, 1998.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator PINGREE of Knox, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 728

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn they do so until Monday, January 12, 1998, at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

**Pursuant to Resolve
Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission**

The **Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission** pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 45 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission Relating to Tribal Land Use Regulation" H.P. 1403 L.D. 1961

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 723

118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 6, 1998

Senator Mary Cathcart
Representative Pamela Hatch
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Labor
118th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Cathcart and Representative Hatch:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Eunice R. Cotton of Augusta for reappointment as a member of the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, M.R.S.A. §17102, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 729

118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 7, 1998

Senator Lloyd LaFountain
Representative Jane Saxl
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance
118th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator LaFountain and Representative Saxl:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Alessandro A. Iuppa of Yarmouth for appointment as Superintendent of the Bureau of Insurance.

Pursuant to Title 24A, M.R.S.A. §201, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 480

**MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
430 RIVERSIDE STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04103**

December 22, 1997

Honorable Mark Lawrence
President of the Senate
State House Station 3
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House Station 2
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence/Speaker Mitchell,

I am pleased to forward to the Maine Legislature the Maine Turnpike Authority's 1999 Revenue Fund Operating Budget in accordance with M.R.S.A. 23 1961 sub-6.

I look forward to working with the Legislature and presenting background information on the MTA's 1999 Revenue Budget through the Committee process.

Sincerely,

S/Paul E. Violette
Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1363

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 2, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 2, 1997, four bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 2, 1997, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Fund Internet Access for Visually and Physically Impaired Persons" (H.P. 1360) (L.D. 1911) (Presented by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Maine State Library pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Confidentiality of Public Employee Information" (H.P. 1362) (L.D. 1913) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Grant the Treasurer of State Full Voting Rights on the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System" (H.P. 1359) (L.D. 1910) (Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: SAMSON of Jay, TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senator: MILLS of Somerset) (Submitted by the Treasury Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District to Increase the Bond Authorization" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1361) (L.D. 1912) (Presented by Representative JONES of Greenville) (Cosponsored by Senator: RUHLIN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1367

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 3, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 3, 1997, two bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 3, 1997, as follows:

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Termination of Spousal Support upon the Death of the Payor" (H.P. 1366) (L.D. 1916) (Reported by Representative THOMPSON for the Family Law Advisory Commission pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2.)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Filing of Municipal Campaign Reports" (H.P. 1365) (L.D. 1915) (Presented by Representative CIANCHETTE of South Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1371

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 4, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 4, 1997, three bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 4, 1997, as follows:

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Promote Competitiveness Regarding the Sale of Recreational Vehicles by Allowing Better Discounts" (H.P. 1370) (L.D. 1920) (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Inform Crime Victims about the Disposition of Charges" (H.P. 1369) (L.D. 1919) (Presented by Representative NASS of Acton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Definition of Functionally Water-dependent Use as it Pertains to the Shoreland Zone" (H.P. 1368) (L.D. 1918) (Presented by Representative JONES of Greenville) (Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1375

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 5, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 5, 1997, three bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 5, 1997, as follows:

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Expand the Uses of the Economic Opportunity Fund" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1373) (L.D. 1922) (Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, FARNSWORTH of Portland, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SHANNON of Lewiston, Senators: MacKINNON of York, RAND of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Cost of Archery Hunting Licenses for the Special Archery Season on Deer" (H.P. 1372) (L.D. 1921) (Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Improve Employment Tax Increment Financing" (H.P. 1374) (L.D. 1923) (Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SHANNON of

Lewiston, Senator: MacKINNON of York) (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1377

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 8, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 8, 1997, one bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on December 8, 1997, as follows:

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act Concerning Notices Given in Connection with Mortgage Foreclosures" (H.P. 1376) (L.D. 1929) (Presented by Representative SAXL of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1378

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 8, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 3, 1997, one bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on December 8, 1997, as follows:

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act Regarding the Possession of Tobacco Products by a Juvenile" (H.P. 1364) (L.D. 1914) (Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1383

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 10, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 10, 1997, four bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 10, 1997, as follows:

Labor

Bill "An Act Regarding Pension Benefits for Former Governors" (H.P. 1381) (L.D. 1936) (Presented by Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Resolve, to Transfer Spectacle Pond from the State of Maine to the Town of Vassalboro (H.P. 1379) (L.D. 1934) (Presented by Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Transferability of the Generating Assets of Electric Utilities" (H.P. 1380) (L.D. 1935) (Presented by Representative KONTOS of Windham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Restore the Requirement That Certain Expenditures of the Waldoboro Utility District Be Approved by District Vote" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1382) (L.D. 1937) (Presented by Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the

Senate

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1386

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 11, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 11, 1997, two bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 11, 1997, as follows:

Judiciary

Resolve, Directing the Preparation of a Bill to Make Nonsubstantive Changes to the State's Criminal Statutes (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1384) (L.D. 1938) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws" (H.P. 1385) (L.D. 1939) (Presented by Representative DRISCOLL of Calais) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1393

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

December 16, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 16, 1997, six bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 16, 1997, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of Certain State Park Property (H.P. 1389) (L.D. 1942) (Presented by Representative WINSOR of Norway) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln) (Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Residency Requirement for Credit Union Directors" (H.P. 1390) (L.D. 1943) (Presented by Representative SAXL of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act to Standardize Poll Opening Times" (H.P. 1387) (L.D. 1940) (Presented by Representative TRUE of Fryeburg) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, McALEVEY of Waterboro, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PINKHAM of Brunswick, PINKHAM of Lamoine, TESSIER of Fairfield) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Encourage the Use of Environmental Fines for Environmental Benefits" (H.P. 1391) (L.D. 1944) (Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership Requirement for the Cumberland County Budget Advisory Committee" (H.P. 1388) (L.D. 1941) (Presented by Representative LABRECQUE of Gorham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Minimize State Revenue Loss Due to Ineffective Health Coverage" (H.P. 1392) (L.D. 1945) (Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1396

The Following Communication: H.P. 1398

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 18, 1997

December 23, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 18, 1997, two bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

On December 23, 1997, one bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 18, 1997, as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on December 23, 1997, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Improve Management of Contracted Personnel Services Costs" (H.P. 1394) (L.D. 1948) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, BRENNAN of Portland, COWGER of Hallowell, MAYO of Bath, PERRY of Bangor, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: MILLS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changes to Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1397) (L.D. 1950) (Presented by Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot) (Governor's Bill)

Labor

Sincerely,

Bill "An Act to Allow Maine Technical College System Employees Represented by the Maine Education Association Faculty and Administrative Units to Participate in a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan" (H.P. 1395) (L.D. 1949) (Presented by Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, HATCH of Skowhegan, McELROY of Unity, RICHARD of Madison, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senator: MILLS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Sincerely,

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

The Following Communication: H.P. 1402

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

December 29, 1997

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 29, 1997, three bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 29, 1997, as follows:

Criminal Justice

Bill "An Act to Increase Penalties for Certain Sex Offenders" (H.P. 1400) (L.D. 1952) (Presented by Representative GAGNON of Waterville) (By Request) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission Relating to the Names of Geographic Features in Passamaquoddy Territory" (H.P. 1401) (L.D. 1953) (Reported by Representative THOMPSON for the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 45.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Require Audits of Municipal Tax Assessment and Collection" (H.P. 1399) (L.D. 1951) (Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska) (Cosponsored by Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Allow for Greater Efficiency in School Construction" S.P. 725 L.D. 1967

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox
Cosponsored by Senator: LONGLEY of Waldo
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Protect Students of Barbering, Cosmetology and Other Proprietary Schools" S.P. 727 L.D. 1969

Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec
Cosponsored by Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, LAFOUNTAIN III of York, Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Portland, RICHARD of Madison, ROWE of Portland, VIGUE of Winslow
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Spousal Allowance for Divorced Spouses of Nursing Home Care Recipients Receiving Medicaid" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 724 L.D. 1966

Presented by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot
Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and Senators: MILLS of Somerset, PINGREE of Knox
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Implement a Reorganization of the Maine Sardine Council by the Maine Sardine Industry" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 726 L.D. 1968

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock
Cosponsored by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - SENATE, JANUARY 8, 1998

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Monday, January 12, 1998, at 10:00 in the morning.