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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
January 20, 1998

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

Prayer by Senator Philip E. Harriman of Cumberland County.

SENATOR PHILIP E. HARRIMAN: Good morning. It's great to see you all again. I'm sure, like you, I have stories of what has happened in the past week and I'd like to share just one of them with you before our prayer. My business responsibilities took me out-of-state the first two days of the storm. Of course, I'm paying the price at home because we were without power for six days and I only experienced four of them. But I wanted to share with you this morning that in the height of this meeting I attended, Maine became the number one story in the national news. All of the newspapers and the television stations were talking about 500,000 people being without power. And it looked as though Paul Bunyan, in a fit of rage, had come through and just knocked the tops of the trees to the ground. And people said to me, "500,000 people without power, where's everybody going to go?" And I said, "Well, they're with their friends and their families and their neighbors." And the look of amazement on their faces was inspiring. And I think if there's one truth that was self-evident throughout this disaster is that Maine is indeed made up of people with inherent goodwill and generosity. And indeed, it was an honor to say, "I'm from Maine."

Would you join me in prayer?

Heavenly Father, we offer our full measure of praise for our creation in Your image, and for Your preserving mercy all of our days. From every family, from every part of this wonderful and special place called Maine, with thank You for the women and men who risked their lives to restore electricity and for those who opened their hearts and homes to help a neighbor in need. We thank You for the protection and comfort of our homes, for the binding tie of mutual love, for Your healing power, Your comfort and presence in sorrow, for work bestowed upon us in this great chamber and the strength with which to do it. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Richard P. Ruhlin of
Penobscot County.

Doctor of the Day, Andre Benoit, Jr., M.D., Boothbay Harbor.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 15, 1998.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Ensure Long-term Funding of the Maine
Agricultural Experiment Station Research Farms Connected with
Land Grant Colleges" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1440 L.D. 2004

Bill "An Act to Expand the Potato Licensing Laws to Include
Rotation Crops" H.P. 1442 L.D. 2006

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY and
ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE,
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in
concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Library Resource
Sharing and for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library"
(EMERGENCY) H.P. 1431 L.D. 1995

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Mental Retardation Day
Services for Nonclass Members" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1436 L.D. 2000

Bill "An Act to Delay the Implementation of Performance
Budgeting for State Government" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1438 L.D. 2002

Bill "An Act to Correct and Supplement Funding for the Maine
School of Science and Mathematics" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1450 L.D. 2041

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the
Amount of \$8,000,000 to Provide Affordable and Accessible
Housing for Persons Who Are Mentally Retarded"
H.P. 1454 L.D. 2045

Bill "An Act to Restore Funds Transferred from the
Underground Oil Storage Replacement Fund"
H.P. 1460 L.D. 2051

Bill "An Act to Preserve Maine's Historic Properties"
H.P. 1462 L.D. 2053

Bill "An Act to Enhance Home-based Services for Maine's
Elderly" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1466 L.D. 2057

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ordered
printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create the Partnership to Rebuild Maine's
Schools" H.P. 1472 L.D. 2063

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1998

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committees on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committees on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Restore the Managing General Agents Act" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1458 L.D. 2049

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Life and Health Insurance" H.P. 1459 L.D. 2050

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide for the 1998 and 1999 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1471 L.D. 2062

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Forfeited Firearms" H.P. 1428 L.D. 1992

Bill "An Act to Require the Development of a Plan for the Recovery, Identification and Disposition of Human Remains in a Disaster" H.P. 1429 L.D. 1993

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Energy Testing Laboratory of Maine" H.P. 1409 L.D. 1973

Bill "An Act Regarding the State Subsidy for Kindergarten Programs" H.P. 1419 L.D. 1983

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Relating to Special Education Out-of-district Placements" H.P. 1449 L.D. 2040

Bill "An Act Relating to the Maine School Administrative District 49 Arts and Technology Center" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1451 L.D. 2042

Bill "An Act to Promote Access to Public Higher Education" H.P. 1453 L.D. 2044

Bill "An Act to Establish the Endowment Incentive Program" H.P. 1470 L.D. 2061

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

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

Resolve, to Provide Support and Assistance to Persons with Eating Disorders H.P. 1411 L.D. 1975

Bill "An Act Regarding the Role of the State Planning Office and the Land and Water Resources Council" H.P. 1427 L.D. 1991

Bill "An Act to Grant the Legislature Additional Oversight of Medicaid Funds Used by the Department of Human Services for Educational Services" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1432 L.D. 1996

Bill "An Act to Conform Maine's Safe Drinking Water Laws with the 1996 Amendments of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act" H.P. 1441 L.D. 2005

Bill "An Act to Consolidate the Administration of Home Health Services" H.P. 1469 L.D. 2060

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Safety of Snowmobile Rental Operations" H.P. 1447 L.D. 2038

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Extend Legal Counsel in Child Protection Cases" H.P. 1414 L.D. 1978

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Liability Associated with Juvenile Offenders Who Participate in Community Service Programs" H.P. 1424 L.D. 1988

Bill "An Act to Amend the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement" H.P. 1445 L.D. 2036

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Lump-sum Workers' Compensation Settlements Are Credited to Child Support Obligations" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1467 L.D. 2058

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Revise the Hazardous Occupations Provisions of the Child Labor Laws" H.P. 1413 L.D. 1977

Bill "An Act to Establish a Migrant Worker Assistance Office in Central Maine" H.P. 1430 L.D. 1994

Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Employment Security Data to Authorized Agents of Child Support Enforcement Agencies" H.P. 1433 L.D. 1997

Bill "An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Portion of the Health Insurance Premium for Dependents of Retired State Employees" H.P. 1435 L.D. 1999

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Voter Participation" H.P. 1455 L.D. 2046

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Gambling" H.P. 1456 L.D. 2047

Resolve, Authorizing Dan Corey and Nu Seed Corporation of Monticello to Sue the State of Maine H.P. 1461 L.D. 2052

Bill "An Act to Make Voting Places Handicapped Accessible" H.P. 1463 L.D. 2054

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Cap on the Total Acreage of Aquaculture Leases That May Be Held by One Person" H.P. 1434 L.D. 1998

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Require Abutting Landowners to Pay a Fair Share of the Costs of Maintaining a Private Road" H.P. 1410 L.D. 1974

Bill "An Act to Allow the York County Commissioners to Send Out Tax Bills to Towns Twice a Year" H.P. 1412 L.D. 1976

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Secession" H.P. 1420 L.D. 1984

Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Archaic and Unenforced Laws" H.P. 1468 L.D. 2059

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify and Enhance Certain Municipal Powers Regarding Solid Waste Disposal" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1439 L.D. 2003

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require a Tax Identification Number for Sales Tax Exemptions on Hay and Animal Bedding" H.P. 1416 L.D. 1980

Bill "An Act Regarding the State Valuation of the Town of Ashland" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1444 L.D. 2035

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Maine State Housing Authority's Share of the Transfer Tax" H.P. 1465 L.D. 2056

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot, **TABLED 1** Legislative Day, pending **REFERENCE**.

Resolve, Requiring the State to Reimburse Towns for the Construction of Salt and Sand Storage Facilities H.P. 1415 L.D. 1979

Bill "An Act to Amend Road Signs along I-95 and the Maine Turnpike to Indicate the Location of Full-service Gas Stations by Using the Handicap Access Symbol" H.P. 1417 L.D. 1981

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Build a Memorial and to Name a Highway in Burnham in Honor of Medal of Honor Recipient Corporal Clair Goodblood" H.P. 1418 L.D. 1982

Resolve, to Name the Newly Constructed Route 2 Palmyra Bridge in Memory of Trooper Thomas Merry (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1422 L.D. 1986

Resolve, Requiring the Department of Transportation to Construct a Full-service Rest Area on Interstate 95 30 Miles North of the Medway Rest Area (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1446 L.D. 2037

Resolve, to Name the East Outlet Bridge the Richard Francis Lavigne Bridge H.P. 1448 L.D. 2039

Bill "An Act Regarding the Delayed Reregistration of Certain Trucks" H.P. 1464 L.D. 2055

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Bath Water District" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1421 L.D. 1985

Bill "An Act to Amend Review Criteria Used by the Public Utilities Commission" H.P. 1423 L.D. 1987

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Houlton Water Company" H.P. 1425 L.D. 1989

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Bingham Water District" H.P. 1426 L.D. 1990

Bill "An Act to Preserve Certain Electric Utility Billing Arrangements until Competition is Implemented" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1452 L.D. 2043

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statutes
Maine State Retirement System**

The **Maine State Retirement System** pursuant to MRSA Title 5, section 17103, subsection 13 asked leave to report 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, 1999" (Emergency) H.P. 1443 L.D. 2007

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

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 765

118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 14, 1998

Senator John Jenkins
Representative Marc Vigue
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic
Development
118th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Jenkins and Representative Vigue:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated David J. Ott of Cumberland, Jeffrey H. Kaelin of Winterport, Janis B. Cohen of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment and Joy Bishop Blood of Cape Elizabeth for appointment as members of the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, M.R.S.A. §965, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development 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 **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 766

118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 14, 1998

Senator Susan Longley
Representative Richard Thompson
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
118th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 468

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
BUREAU OF BANKING
36 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0036**

Dear Senator Longley and Representative Thompson:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Michael Hastings of Hampden for appointment and Frederick B. Hurley, Jr. of Wayne for reappointment as members of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.

Pursuant to Title 30, M.R.S.A. §6212, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
Maine Senate
State House Station 3
Augusta, Maine 04333

January 15, 1998

Dear President Lawrence:

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 767

118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 15, 1998

Senator John Jenkins
Representative Marc Vigue
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic
Development
118th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Jenkins and Representative Vigue:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Willard E. Riley of Bangor for appointment as a member of the Maine Real Estate Commission.

Pursuant to Title 32, M.R.S.A. §13062, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development 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 BUSINESS
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

In accordance with Title 9-B MRSA §217, as amended, I am submitting to the members of the Maine House and Senate a report entitled "The Status of Maine's Financial Institutions."

Capital and earnings, two of the three primary indicators of an institution's well-being, continue to improve for Maine's financial institutions and are at very strong levels. While there is increasing scrutiny directed to asset quality, the third primary indicator, ratios remain sound and there has been little factual evidence of slippage among Maine's institutions. The continued improvement in the State's economy and the strength of the financial institutions should further complement each other. The community banks have performed very well and continue to provide valuable services to Maine businesses and consumers.

During the past year, Maine made far-reaching changes to modernize the State's financial industry, culminating in the creation of a "universal bank charter" which grants broad and uniform powers to banks and thrift institutions. Other high points of the legislative changes included the elimination of numerous regulatory burdens that unnecessarily impeded management's discretion, an expansion of closely related activities, and the creation of "niche banks" with no or limited deposit-taking ability. These changes substantially enhance the state charter option, and most importantly, provide enhanced services and products that benefit the businesses and consumers of Maine. Unfortunately, financial modernization legislation at the federal level failed to pass again.

The constant and rapid evolution in technology is increasingly challenging the Bureau, as well as the industry. The proliferation of computer banking, be it in the form of ATMs, telephone-banking, banking on the Internet, etc., is changing the face of banking as we have historically known it, requiring new skills and flexibility. The Year 2000 issue - the ability of computers to handle reference dates beyond December 31, 1999 - has been defined as a "corporate-wide challenge for financial institutions, their vendors, business partners, counter parties, and customers." The Bureau will closely monitor progress toward Year 2000 compliance of all Maine financial institutions.

Copies of this report have been distributed to the Secretary of the State Senate in order to provide one copy for each member of the Senate. The report will also be available in electronic

format on the Maine Bureau of Banking's World Wide Web Home Page at "http://www.state.me.us/pfr/bkg/status98.htm".

Very truly yours,

S/H. Donald DeMatteis
Superintendent

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 478

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 15, 1998

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

Pursuant to Resolves 1997, chapter 63, the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Single Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits is pleased to submit its final report including recommended legislation. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council, the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance and to the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lloyd P. LaFountain III
Co-chair

S/Rep. Tarren R. Bragdon
Co-chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Off Record Remarks

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Improve Public Health Protection Against Rabies Infection" S.P. 768 L.D. 2069

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BRENNAN of Portland, BUMPS of China, BUNKER, JR. of Kossuth Township, STANLEY of Medway
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Continue Work-based Learning for Maine's Youth" S.P. 774 L.D. 2101

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin
Cosponsored by Representative KNEELAND of Easton and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford, LONGLEY of Waldo, Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, DESMOND of Mapleton, SKOGLUND of St. George, WRIGHT of Berwick
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Indoor Environmental Quality Assessment Assistance for Public Schools" S.P. 777 L.D. 2104

Presented by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc
Cosponsored by Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, BENNETT of Oxford
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,000,000 to Enable Maine Public Broadcasting to Implement the Federally Mandated Conversion to Digital Broadcasting" S.P. 780 L.D. 2107

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, PINGREE of Knox, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representative: KONTOS of Windham
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Consensus Revenue Forecasting Process" S.P. 783 L.D. 2110

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York
Cosponsored by Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, MICHAUD of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: KONTOS of Windham, Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Assist People with Housing Needs" S.P. 790 L.D. 2117

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination against Osteopathic Physicians and Provide Patient Choice" S.P. 772 L.D. 2099

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York
Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, LAFOUNTAIN III of York, MACKINNON of York, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, KONTOS of Windham, VIGUE of Winslow
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Degree-granting Authority to the SALT Center for Documentary Field Studies" S.P. 779 L.D. 2106

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York
Cosponsored by Senator: PENDLETON of Cumberland
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 Contract Procedures" S.P. 770 L.D. 2071

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Update the Guide Dog Access Law" S.P. 775 L.D. 2102

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec
Cosponsored by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield and Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, BENOIT of Franklin, Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, BELANGER of Caribou, HONEY of Boothbay
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Efficiency of the Maine Public Drinking Water Control Program" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 776 L.D. 2103

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York
Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle and Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, PARADIS of

Aroostook, Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, LOVETT of Scarborough, SHIAH of Bowdoinham
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Increase Economic Security for the State's Low-income Children and Families and Prevent Additional Costs to Municipalities" S.P. 791 L.D. 2118

Presented by Senator RAND of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Portland and Senators: PARADIS of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, MCALEVEY of Waterboro, O'BRIEN of Augusta, QUINT of Portland, ROWE of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland
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 Relating to the Qualifications of the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources" S.P. 787 L.D. 2114

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin
Cosponsored by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska and Senator: LIBBY of York, Representative: BAGLEY of Machias
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator PINGREE of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Limit Mandatory Overtime" S.P. 789 L.D. 2116

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish Ethical Standards for the Office of Governor"
S.P. 786 L.D. 2113

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York
Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE, JR. of Sanford and
Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, CAREY of Kennebec,
PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: MITCHELL of
Vassalboro, SAXL of Portland, TRUE of Fryeburg
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Groundwater Contamination from Leaking Oil Storage Tanks" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 778 L.D. 2105

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection
pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Reauthorize the Toxics and Hazardous Waste Reduction Laws"
S.P. 784 L.D. 2111

Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec
Cosponsored by Representative ROWE of Portland and
Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, MICHAUD of
Penobscot, MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives:
COWGER of Hallowell, MCKEE of Wayne
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection
pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Responsibilities of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste during the Decommissioning of Maine Yankee" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 792 L.D. 2119

Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec
Cosponsored by Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, KILKELLY of Lincoln, President LAWRENCE of York, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, ROWE of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Integrity of Notaries Public"
S.P. 771 L.D. 2098

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin
Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Have a Referendum on Whether or Not an Independent Public Commission Should be Established to Set Legislative Pay"
S.P. 781 L.D. 2108

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York
Cosponsored by Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAXL of Portland
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Creating the InforME Public Information Act to Ensure Access to Electronic Public Records"
S.P. 785 L.D. 2112

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York
Cosponsored by Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro and
Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: BUMPS of China, CARLETON, JR. of Wells, ROWE of Portland, THOMPSON of Naples, TRUE of Fryeburg
Submitted by the Secretary of State and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow a Tax Refund for Used Business Equipment Purchased and Used in Maine" S.P. 769 L.D. 2070

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook
Cosponsored by Senator: KIEFFER of Aroostook,
Representative: AHEARNE of Madawaska
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Permit a Local Development Commission to Assess a User Fee"
S.P. 773 L.D. 2100

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox
Cosponsored by Representative CHARTRAND of Rockland
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 793 L.D. 2120

Presented by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot
Cosponsored by Representative TRIPP of Topsham
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Motor Vehicle Fatalities and Injuries
among Young Drivers" S.P. 782 L.D. 2109

Presented by Senator MURRAY, JR. of Penobscot
Cosponsored by Representative JOYNER of Hollis and
Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, O'GARA of Cumberland,
Representatives: DRISCOLL of Calais, KONTOS of
Windham, LINDAHL of Northport, McALEVEY of Waterboro,
POVICH of Ellsworth, SAXL of Portland.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule
204.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **PINGREE** of Knox was granted unanimous consent
to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **PARADIS** of Aroostook was granted unanimous
consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Transportation to
Provide Privately Contracted Ferry Services" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 788 L.D. 2115

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock
Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Bar Harbor
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to
Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **BENOIT** of Franklin, **ADJOURNED**
until Wednesday, January 21, 1998, at 3:00 in the afternoon.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and
ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Bill "An Act to Reduce Technical Violations of Maine's Laws
Regarding the Protection of Underground Utilities"
S.P. 747 L.D. 2025

Tabled - January 15, 1998, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - motion by Senator **CAREY** of Kennebec to **REFER**
to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

(Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered
printed.)

On motion by Senator **CAREY** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

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