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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
January 6, 1999

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

Posting of the Colors by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ryan Dearborn of Richmond representing the Sons of the American Legion.

Prayer by Chaplain Lesley Wilhelmsen of Portland representing the American Legion Auxiliary.

CHAPLAIN LESLEY WILHELMSEN: Oh Heavenly Father, judge over all nations. Be with us as we come together this day to pay tribute to our Senators. We rejoice that they are a source of support to our country. Help them with Thy guidance with Thy strength and the ability to do the task that is set before them. Keep them concerned about the welfare, improvements of our communities, the safety and pride of our homes, and the morals and spiritual values that guide us that guide our community living. All of this we ask for God and country. Amen.

Doctor of the day, Margaret Blom, M.D., Surry.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, December 2, 1998.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The chair is pleased to invite to the Rostrum Lois Worcester, State President of the American Legion Auxiliary, for a few remarks.

LOIS WORCESTER: Good morning. President Lawrence and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. It is indeed an honor for me to bring you greetings this morning from the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion family. This history contained within these walls is certainly impressive and as you begin a new Legislative year you will help to write another chapter in that history. May you be granted wisdom, foresight, and compassion

as you prepare our great state for the 21st Century and beyond. It's a big honor for me to be here and a pleasure to represent the American Legion family. Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 28

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 29, 1998

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 29, 1998, one bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

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

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Give the Probate Court Power to Order Child Support in Cases Involving Guardianship of a Minor" (S.P. 27) (L.D. 38) (Sponsored by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of York County.)

Sincerely,

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

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication:

S.P. 26

Health and Human Services

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 21, 1998

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 21, 1998, fifteen bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 21, 1998, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Amend the Animal Trespass Definition" (S.P. 11) (L.D. 9) (Sponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representatives WINSOR of Norway, CAMERON of Rumford).

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Transfer Funds from the Service Retirement Benefit Reserve to the Maine State Retirement System in Order to Fund the Modification of Retirement Laws for Certain Law Enforcement Personnel" (S.P. 12) (L.D. 1) (Sponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative KNEELAND of Easton, Senators CAREY of Kennebec, MURRAY of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro).

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Application of Insurance Fraud Prevention Laws" (Emergency) (S.P. 13) (L.D. 2) (Sponsored by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of York).

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Exempt Business Brokers and Mergers and Acquisitions Specialists from the Real Estate Brokerage Laws" (S.P. 15) (L.D. 11) (Sponsored by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators KIEFFER of Aroostook, MACKINNON of York, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives CIANCHETTE of South Portland, ETNIER of Harpswell, NORBERT of Portland).

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Sale of Tobacco from Vending Machines" (S.P. 14) (L.D. 10) (Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset).

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Allow Hunting from Motor Vehicles for Persons Limited in Their Ability to Walk" (S.P. 16) (L.D. 8) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of York) (Cosponsored by Representatives CAMPBELL of Holden, SAVAGE of Union, SCHNEIDER of Durham).

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine" (Emergency) (S.P. 18) (L.D. 3) (Sponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo) (Submitted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94).

Labor

Bill "An Act to Protect Pensions of Teachers and Public Employees in a Fashion Consistent with Federal ERISA Standards" (S.P. 17) (L.D. 14) (Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representatives JOY of Crystal, BUCK of Yarmouth, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway).

Bill "An Act to Exempt Owners of Amusement Parks from Paying Overtime" (S.P. 19) (L.D. 15) (Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland) (By Request).

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Change the Selection Process of the Oxford County Budget Committee" (S.P. 20) (L.D. 12) (Sponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representatives BRYANT of Dixfield, CAMERON of Rumford, WINSOR of Norway).

Bill "An Act to Designate the First Saturday of Each October as Firefighter's Recognition Day" (S.P. 21) (L.D. 13) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro, Senator MACKINNON of York, Representatives BERRY of Livermore, CAMPBELL of Holden).

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Sales Tax on Electricity Used in Agriculture and Aquaculture" (S.P. 23) (L.D. 4) (Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset).

Bill "An Act to Permit Retailers to Retain a 1% Service Fee for Collection of Sales Tax Revenue" (S.P. 24) (L.D. 5) (Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset).

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Sales Tax on Horses" (S.P. 22) (L.D. 6) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of York).

Transportation

Resolve, to Change the Name of the Ridlonville Bridge between Rumford and Mexico to the Veterans Bridge (S.P. 25) (L.D. 7) (Sponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Dixfield, Senator CASSIDY of Washington, Representative CAMERON of Rumford).

Sincerely,

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

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 8

**MAINE INDIAN TRIBAL STATE COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 87
HALLOWELL, MAINE 04347**

December 15, 1998

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Maine Legislature
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Maine Legislature
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Congratulations on your recent election as leaders of the 119th Legislature. The Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission looks forward to working with you and members of the new Legislature over the next two years.

Resolves 1997, Chapter 45, requires the Commission to conduct a study of the impact of Maine Civil Laws on the Wabanaki People in Maine and to "report its findings and legislative recommendations...to the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature..." The Commission's report, entitled *Impact of Maine Civil Laws on the Wabanaki: 1998*, recommends two new pieces of legislation (relating to child welfare services for Wabanaki children and the enforcement of Tribal Court orders) and legislation that failed to pass by one vote during the 118th Legislature (tribal land use regulation). We have submitted these three proposals to the Office of Revisor of Statutes and the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis.

We will be happy to discuss our findings and recommendations with members of the 119th Legislature after you reconvene in January. Thank you for your consideration of our report and recommendations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 775-3091 or our Executive Director Diana Scully at 622-4815.

Very Truly Yours,

S/Cushman D. Anthony, Esq.
Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 9

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
23 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0023**

TO: Members of the 119th Legislature
Bureau of the Budget

FROM: J. Duke Albanese, Commissioner

DATE: December 4, 1998

RE: Actual Education Costs for Base Year 1997-98
(Revised 12/3/98)

Pursuant to the provisions of 20-A MRSA section 15604, I am providing notification of the "actual education costs" as defined in subsection 1, of 20-A MRSA section 15604 for the base year 1997-98.

A. Operating costs	
(1) Elementary	\$610,020,974
(2) Secondary	310,795,994
B. Special education costs for programs operated by administrative units	136,908,521
C. Special education tuition and board excluding medical costs	34,697,973
(1) Tuition and board for pupils placed by administrative units	\$12,702,027
(2) Tuition and board for State Wards and special education pupils placed directly by the State	6,318,203

(3) Adjustments under section 15612, subsection 6 (Special Education Hardship grants)	0
(4) Cost to the state for state agency clients (section 15613 subsection 5)	13,977,743
(5) Adjustments under section 15612, subsection 11 (Out-of-District Placement Adjustment)	1,700,000
D. Vocational education costs	25,371,358
E. Transportation operating costs	63,964,436
F. Bus Purchases	5,530,704
(1) Purchase of Buses (approved)	4,356,489
(2) Purchase of Buses (unapproved)	1,174,215
G. Debt Service Costs	78,297,743
(1) Principal and Interest	64,412,173
(2) Insured Value Factor	2,308,676
(3) Leases (approved)	6,063,495
(4) Leases (unapproved)	3,607,143
(5) Other major capital costs	1,906,253
H. Cost of reimbursement for private school services	201,000
I. Cost of state expenditure for teacher retirement benefits	148,507,663
J. Early childhood educational programs	502,427

These expenditures are from state and local monies only, except that Federal P.L. 81-874 (Impact Aid) funds are included.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 10

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 10, 1998

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Chapter 560, P.L. 1997, I have appointed Connie Chapman of Bowdoinham to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 11

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 16, 1998

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

In compliance with the Senate Order (S.O. 4) of December 2, 1998, I have appointed the following to the Committee on Senatorial Vote:

The Honorable Carol A. Kontos, Chair, Cumberland
The Honorable Robert E. Murray, Penobscot
The Honorable Neria R. Douglass, Androscoggin
The Honorable Lloyd P. LaFountain III, York
The Honorable Vinton E. Cassidy, Washington
The Honorable Mary E. Small, Sagadahoc
The Honorable Bruce W. MacKinnon, York

The Committee is to report back to the Senate after having examined the returns of votes for Senators for the political years 1999 and 2000. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 13

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NEED FOR AN OMBUDSMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

December 21, 1998

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Resolves 1997, chapter 120, the Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services is pleased to submit its final report including recommended legislation. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in accordance with the law. Copies of the report have also been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Representative Elaine Fuller
Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 14

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SENATORIAL VOTE STATE OF MAINE

December 22, 1998

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

Dear President Lawrence,

In compliance with the Senate Order (S.O. 4) of December 2, 1998, the Committee appointed by you to examine the returns of votes for Senators for the political years 1999 and 2000, has attended to its duties and asks leave to report that the returns of votes cast, as submitted by the Secretary of State to the President of the Senate, meets with the approval of the Committee.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Carol A. Kontos
Senatorial Vote Committee

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 12

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 23 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

TO: The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House

FROM: J. Duke Albanese, Commissioner

DATE: December 18, 1998

RE: FY 99 Report of All School Administrative Unit State and Local Revenues

In accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A., section 15618-A, a report of all school administrative unit state and local revenues designated for K-12 education in their FY 99 budgets has been compiled and a copy is provided for your use.

It should be noted that the amounts budgeted in the various categories may not be the same as actual expenditures for these categories, for the following reasons:

1. Some budgeted amounts may be unexpended and carried forward to the following year. The statewide balance forward, for all budget categories, is usually between 2% and 3%.
2. School administrative units which do not utilize a line-item budget may transfer funds to other categories.

3. For certain types of funds that are transferred between school administrative units (for tuition costs and for transportation and other services provided to another school administrative unit) the amount is budgeted in both school administrative units since each unit must appropriate these funds. Since these instances cannot be netted out in the State Total Summary, the state totals will overestimate actual expenditures to some degree.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 15

**COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE GOVERNANCE
STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNOR BAXTER SCHOOL
FOR THE DEAF**

December 28, 1998

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to P.L. 1995, chapter 676 §11, subsections 11 & 12, the Committee to Review the Governance Structure of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs in accordance with the law. Copies of the report have also been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Representative Elizabeth Watson
Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 16

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 28, 1998

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

In compliance with Senate Rule 201.1.E, please be advised that I have appointed the following to the Committee on Engrossed Bills:

The Honorable Jill M. Goldthwait of Hancock, Chair
The Honorable Richard J. Carey of Kennebec
The Honorable Neria R. Douglass of Androscoggin
The Honorable Vinton E. Cassidy of Washington.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 17

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 28, 1998

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

In compliance with Senate Rule 201.1.E, please be advised that I have appointed the following to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading:

The Honorable Robert E. Murray of Penobscot, Chair
The Honorable Marge L. Kilkelly of Lincoln
The Honorable Norman K. Ferguson of Oxford
The Honorable Bruce W. MacKinnon of York.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 18

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 28, 1998

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

In compliance with Senate Rule 201.1.H., please be advised that I have appointed the following to the Committee on Conduct and Ethics:

The Honorable Anne M. Rand of Cumberland, Chair
The Honorable John M. Nutting of Androscoggin
The Honorable Judy A. Paradis of Aroostook
The Honorable S. Peter Mills of Somerset
The Honorable Philip E. Harriman of Cumberland.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 19

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 15, 1998

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under 38 M.R.S.A., §551-A, I have appointed Mr. Roger Webber of Belfast to the Oil Spill Advisory Committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 20

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE OPENING OF A
DISCOUNT LIQUOR STORE IN FORT KENT**

December 30, 1998

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to P.L. 1997, chapter 755, the Committee to Study the Opening of a Discount Store in Fort Kent is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs in accordance with the law. Copies of the report have also been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Judy Paradis, Co-Chair

S/Representative Joseph Driscoll, Co-Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 21

**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
&
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF MAINE**

WHEREAS, the rules of the House of Representatives and the Senate and the Joint Rules established procedures and protocols of the Legislature and are important for the orderly functioning of the Legislature;

WHEREAS, the Legislature benefits from periodic review of the rules to assure the rules facilitate the effective operations of the Legislature, in keeping with its Constitutional responsibilities; and

ESTABLISHED, that the Special Committee on Legislative Rules is established as follows.

1. Committee established. The Special Committee on Legislative Rules, referred to as the "committee", is established.
2. Membership. The committee consists of 10 members appointed as follows.
3. The President of the Senate shall appoint 5 members from the Senate who have expertise or interest in rules of the Legislature. These members shall constitute a subcommittee to review the Senate rules.
4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 5 members from the House of Representatives who have expertise or interest in rules of the Legislature. These members shall constitute a subcommittee to review the House rules.
5. The first named member of each subcommittee shall be the Chair.
6. Convening of special committee. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chairs of the committee shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee which shall occur no later than January 6, 1999.
7. Duties. The Committee shall review all proposed rule changes suggested by members of the Legislature that are intended to be considered prior to the 3rd Friday in January, 1999. The committee shall report their recommendations in the form of an order to amend the rules. This order shall be submitted in a timely fashion so the Legislature can consider these proposed changes before the 3rd Friday in January, 1999. Following the completion of the initial amending process, the committee shall conduct a general review of the rules of the Legislature.
8. Meetings. In conducting its duties, the committee may meet at times and locations approved jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
9. Staff assistance. The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall provide necessary staffing services to the committee.
10. Reimbursement. Members of the committee are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, Section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the committee outside of the Legislative session.
11. Report. The committee shall complete its work and submit a report of its findings and recommendations relating to rules of the Legislature, along with any suggested rule amendments, to the Legislature by the convening of the 2nd Regular Session.

By: S/Mark W. Lawrence, President Maine Senate

By: S/G. Steven Rowe, Speaker House of Representatives

Effective: December 21, 1998

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Clarify Laws Relating to the Acceptance of Gifts of Intellectual and Other Property by the State" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 30 L.D. 44

Sponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President LAWRENCE of York, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, MURPHY of Kennebunk, Speaker ROWE of Portland, SAXL of Portland.

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

On motion by Senator PINGREE of Knox, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the State Compensation Commission Laws" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 29 L.D. 43

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators: PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SAXL of Portland.

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

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senator **PENDLETON** was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **KONTOS** was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **ADJOURNED**, until Thursday, January 7, 1999, at 10:00 in the morning.