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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
January 21, 1999

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

Prayer by Reverend Johanna Nichols of the 1st Unitarian Universalist Church in Auburn.

REVEREND JOHANNA NICHOLS: I'd like to prepare for a moment of prayer with a moment of silence and entering into this silence with a sense of gratitude that we have been given this day and that we have all arrived here safely this day. So let us begin with a moment of silence.

Spirit of truth and love, we come together this hour as one body of men and women charged by the people with the governance of this State. May our deliberations and actions address the needs of our fellow citizens. Help us to see that the problems we face, though they demand much of us, are the needs of people like ourselves. People who have been stirred by a hope that we will answer their need. Let us not fail them now. Give us strength to make the hard choices and not shrink from our duty. As the writer has said: I am only one but still I am one. I cannot do everything but still I can do something and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do. May our somethings bear fruit to create a community where all are cared for equally. May the flame of justice within us, the light of conscious within us be our guide as we do the work of the people. Amen.

Doctor of the day, Lisa Letourneau, M.D., Scarborough.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 19, 1999.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator RAND of Cumberland, under unanimous consent on behalf of Senator PINGREE of Knox, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 191

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn they do so until Tuesday, January 26, 1999, at 3:00 in the afternoon.

READ and PASSED.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Fully Fund Out-of-district Placement of Special Education Students"

S.P. 51 L.D. 121

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

In Senate, January 11, 1999, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development Relating to Math and Science Training for Maine Educators"

S.P. 135 L.D. 373

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

In Senate, January 14, 1999, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and the **JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development Relating to Increased Opportunities for Maine Students in Math, Science and Engineering"

H.P. 336 L.D. 452

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and the **JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**.

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

Bill "An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development to Provide Adequate Laboratory Equipment in Maine Schools"

H.P. 367 L.D. 492

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and the **JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**.

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

Bill "An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development Relating to Capital Improvements to Support Research and Development in the University of Maine System"

H.P. 215 L.D. 293

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and the **JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**.

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

Bill "An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development to Fund the Governor's Marine Studies Fellowship Program"

H.P. 170 L.D. 248

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and the **JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**.

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 to Assist Municipalities to Provide Water and Sewer Service to Areas Zoned by Municipalities for Industrial and Light Industrial Uses"

H.P. 210 L.D. 288

Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Place Critical Land Tracts in Southern Maine into the Land for Maine's Future Program"

H.P. 256 L.D. 360

Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 188

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 19, 1999

Senator Georgette Berube
Representative Michael Brennan
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Berube and Representative Brennan:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Margaret D. Copelin of Benton for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, M.R.S.A., §8204, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 189

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 19, 1999

Senator Sharon Treat
Representative John Martin
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Treat and Representative Martin:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Roger K. Berle of Portland for appointment as a member of the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, M.R.S.A., §6204, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 27

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

January 15, 1999

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

Dear President Lawrence:

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."

Maine's financial institutions continue to be in sound condition with strong capital, earnings and asset quality. While the institutions have benefited from the continued improvement in the State's economy, their commitment to financing local businesses and consumers has played a significant role in this economic growth. Due to increased speculation that the current economic expansion may be plateauing, the Bureau has heightened its scrutiny of loan quality. To date, the results of this intensified review have shown that credit underwriting standards remain at acceptable levels. Overall, Maine's financial institutions are well-positioned to confront a softening economy.

At this time, Maine's financial institutions are also in a satisfactory position with respect to Year 2000 ("Y2K") issues, as nearly all of Maine's financial institutions have a favorable Y2K rating. Bank regulators have implemented a very comprehensive supervisory program to ensure that financial institutions, heavily dependent upon computers, are prepared for Y2K. The Bureau is working closely with the federal regulators to continue to monitor the institutions' progress. As we move toward yearend, it is critical that public confidence be maintained in the payments system.

The Bureau was pleased that several private, non-bank financial services companies opted to expand their product offerings by taking advantage of the State's 1997 modernization of its financial industry. During 1998, five niche banks were either approved or commenced operations. The State's financial institutions also took advantage of recent legislative and regulatory changes as they seek to retain and then expand their customer and revenue base in the face of increased competition, particularly from non-banks. Failure at the federal level to pass modernization legislation continues to restrict institutions' ability to fully utilize Maine's progressive Banking Code.

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/status99.htm>".

Very truly yours,

S/H. Donald DeMatteis
Superintendent

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 28

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
11 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 31, 1998

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

Dear President Lawrence:

Pursuant to MSRA 22, Section 1546, we are pleased to submit to the 119th Maine Legislature the Partnership For A Tobacco-Free Maine Annual Report.

Do not hesitate to call me at 207-772-4792 if you have any questions in regards to this. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Robert McAfee, MD
Chairperson
Tobacco Prevention & Control Advisory Council

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Appropriate \$4,000,000 for School-based Health Clinics"
S.P. 196 L.D. 585

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Primary Health Care in Rural Maine" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 202 L.D. 591

Sponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: STANLEY of Medway.

Bill "An Act to Expand Peer Support Services for the Mentally III"
S.P. 210 L.D. 599

Sponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representatives: McNEIL of Rockland, POWERS of Rockport, SAVAGE of Union, SKOGLUND of St. George, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Use of Major Credit Cards to Pay Fines, Forfeitures and Fees"
S.P. 199 L.D. 588

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Mandate that Insurance Companies Cover Eating Disorders"
S.P. 209 L.D. 598

Sponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook,
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, LOVETT of Scarborough, SAXL of Bangor, SAXL of Portland, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

REFERRED to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Property Taxes by the State Reimbursing Special Education Costs"
S.P. 200 L.D. 589

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Human Services to Pay Legal Expenses in Custody Cases When the Department of Human Services Loses"
S.P. 206 L.D. 595

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of York.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Citizens 70 Years of Age or Older the Option of Serving Jury Duty"
S.P. 207 L.D. 596

Sponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Bath and Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, TREAT of Kennebec.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for an Independent Medical Examination under Certain Circumstances"
S.P. 195 L.D. 584

Sponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Abolish Apportionment in Workers' Compensation Claims"
S.P. 197 L.D. 586

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote Competition in the State's Liquor Industry"
S.P. 194 L.D. 583

Sponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative LEMONT of Kittery and Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford, Representative: CAMERON of Rumford.

Bill "An Act to Privatize the Liquor Industry"
S.P. 205 L.D. 594

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of York.
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote the Recycling of Fish Scales as Agricultural Fertilizer"
S.P. 204 L.D. 593

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen and Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Chesuncook Soil Series as the Official State Soil"
S.P. 203 L.D. 592

Sponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative STEVENS of Orono and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BAKER of Bangor, COWGER of Hallowell, DUNLAP of Old Town, WILLIAMS of Orono.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Encourage Contributions to Family Development Account Reserve Funds"
S.P. 186 L.D. 579

Sponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Berwick and Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, KILKELLY of Lincoln, MITCHELL of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: DAVIDSON of Brunswick, GREEN of Monmouth, KANE of Saco, NASS of Acton.

Bill "An Act to Increase Income Tax Credit for Child Care Expenses"
S.P. 193 L.D. 582

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Ameliorate Penalties for Late Filing of Municipal Tax Returns"
S.P. 198 L.D. 587

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Allow Certain Companies' Operations that Started in 1996 to Qualify for Employment Tax Increment Financing Treatment"
S.P. 208 L.D. 597

Sponsored by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative SAXL of Bangor and Senators: MITCHELL of Penobscot, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Remove Tolls from Roads North of Portland"
S.P. 201 L.D. 590

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Voting Rights of Persons Residing in Certain Sanitary Districts" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 187 L.D. 580

Sponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

Resolve, to Ensure Proper Funding of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY) S.P. 192 L.D. 581

Sponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec. Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln, the following Joint Order: S.P. 190

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Select Committee on the Year 2000 Computer Problem is established as follows.

1. Establishment. The Joint Select Committee on the Year 2000 Computer Problem, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of 3 members from the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and 10 members from the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. The first Senate member named is the Senate chair and the first House member named is the House chair.

3. Responsibilities. The responsibilities of the committee include the following:

- A. To assess the prevalence of and problems related to the year 2000 computer problem in the public and private sector;
- B. To periodically report to the Legislature regarding the progress made by public and private sector businesses and organizations to address the problem; and
- C. To report to the Legislature solutions that may be aided by legislative or other action.

READ.

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by Senator **KILKELLY** of Lincoln to **PASS**.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (1/7/99) Assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER - relative to establishing a Committee to locate an On-site Day-Care Center in the Capitol Complex H.P. 58

Tabled - January 7, 1999, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In House, January 7, 1999, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.)

(In Senate, January 7, 1999, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (1/14/99) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Include Marine Products on Roadside Signs" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 247 L.D. 351

Tabled - January 14, 1999, by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, January 14, 1999, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Licensing of Farmstead Cheese"
H.P. 440 L.D. 603

Comes 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 Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$7,000,000 to Purchase School Buses for Public Schools"
H.P. 450 L.D. 613

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$26,850,000 for Maine's 7 Technical Colleges"
H.P. 451 L.D. 614

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 454 L.D. 617

Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 455 L.D. 618

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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Duty of Insurance Agencies to Keep Records"
H.P. 438 L.D. 601

Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurers to Reply to Payment Requests by Family Practice Nurse Practitioners within a Certain Time"
H.P. 445 L.D. 608

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 Making It a Crime for Failure of a Junk Dealer to Keep Certain Records"
H.P. 444 L.D. 607

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 to Remove the Percentage Reduction Method from the School Funding Law"
H.P. 436 L.D. 578

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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, to Increase Access to Medicaid for People who Need Psychological Services
H.P. 447 L.D. 610

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 Allow Noncommercial Whitewater Rafting Clubs to Submit More than One Amended Membership List in Any Calendar Year"

H.P. 435 L.D. 577

Bill "An Act to Allow Maine Residents Over 70 Years of Age to Obtain Any Deer Permit"

H.P. 441 L.D. 604

Bill "An Act Regarding Juvenile Hunters"

H.P. 449 L.D. 612

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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Probate Code Regarding Durable Financial Powers of Attorney"

H.P. 442 L.D. 605

Comes 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 Prohibit Convicted Felons from Voting"

H.P. 437 L.D. 600

Comes 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 Require Mandatory Training for Harbor Masters"

H.P. 439 L.D. 602

RESOLUTION, to Amend the Constitution of Maine to Elect 2 Senators from Each County

H.P. 452 L.D. 615

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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Repeal All State Taxes on Phone Service"

H.P. 446 L.D. 609

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

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

Resolve, Naming the East-West Highway the Ronald Reagan International Highway

H.P. 443 L.D. 606

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

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

**Pursuant to Statute
Criminal Law Advisory Commission**

The **Criminal Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Relating to the Forfeiture of Bail"

H.P. 453 L.D. 616

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

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

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

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, January 26, 1999, at 3:00 in the afternoon.