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**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
March 3, 1999

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

Prayer by Father Louis Phillips of the St. Paul Center in Augusta.

FATHER PHILLIPS: Good morning. God of all creation, the heavens proclaim Your glory and the skies Your wonder. As this day begins we celebrate the brilliance of Your love which dispels the darkness, the fear and oppression. Bless these chambers and all who serve here. Grant that all the activities that take place here today will build the spirit of community among us, promote true justice and lasting peace and lead to the well-being of all our citizens. Guide our hearts and open our eyes to needs of Your children. Loving God we praise You now and forever. Amen.

Doctor of the day, Dennis Chong, M.D., Falmouth.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 2, 1999.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, Directing the Maine Forest Service to Examine the Excessive Cutting of Mature Maple Trees

H.P. 1106 L.D. 1565

Bill "An Act to Help Farmers to Protect the Quality of Milk"

H.P. 1108 L.D. 1567

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 Implement Training for School Counselors at the Maine Youth Center and Upgrade Pay Classifications"

H.P. 1114 L.D. 1573

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 to Support the Construction of the Gulf of Maine Aquarium"

H.P. 1131 L.D. 1590

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 Establish Fair Funding for Independent and 3rd-Party Legislators"

H.P. 991 L.D. 1389

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

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

Bill "An Act to Require a Mortgagee to Record the Discharge of a Mortgage Within 30 Days"

H.P. 1127 L.D. 1586

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

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

Bill "An Act to Require That Physician Signatures on Prescriptions Be Legible"

H.P. 1105 L.D. 1564

Come 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 to Clarify the Definition of Terms Relating to Scheduled Drugs"

H.P. 1107 L.D. 1566

Bill "An Act to Establish Lifetime Probation for Multiple Sex Offenders"

H.P. 1113 L.D. 1572

Bill "An Act to Criminalize Internet Dissemination of Child Pornography"
H.P. 1116 L.D. 1575

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of Sex Offender and to Require Sheriffs to Notify the State Bureau of Identification of a Sex Offender's Release from Jail for Purposes of Registration and Notification"
H.P. 1124 L.D. 1583

Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalties for Persons in Possession of Methamphetamine in Conformity with the Penalties for Similarly Dangerous Drugs"
H.P. 1129 L.D. 1588

Bill "An Act to Require an Assessment Evaluation of Juveniles Entering the Juvenile Justice System"
H.P. 1130 L.D. 1589

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 Require Parenting Skills to be Taught as Part of the High School Course of Instruction"
H.P. 1109 L.D. 1568

Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Education for Parents as Scholars Program Participants"
H.P. 1115 L.D. 1574

Bill "An Act to Assist Maine Students"
H.P. 1136 L.D. 1621

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.

Bill "An Act to Provide Services for Children in Need of Supervision"
H.P. 1138 L.D. 1623

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

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

Resolve, to Amend the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program
H.P. 1119 L.D. 1578

Bill "An Act to Control the Sale and Display of Tobacco Products"
H.P. 1123 L.D. 1582

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Self-service Tobacco Displays" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1126 L.D. 1585

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 Limit the Caliber of Ammunition Allowed for Hunting White-tailed Deer and Black Bear"
H.P. 1125 L.D. 1584

Comes 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 Amend the Liability Limit under the Maine Tort Claims Act"
H.P. 1118 L.D. 1577

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning HIV Testing"
H.P. 1132 L.D. 1591

Bill "An Act to Encourage Joint Custody Practices"
H.P. 1133 L.D. 1592

Resolve, to Extend the Statute of Limitations for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
H.P. 1135 L.D. 1620

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 Protect the Rights of Employees Who Volunteer Time As Firefighters"
H.P. 1112 L.D. 1571

Bill "An Act to Restore the Cost-of-living Adjustment for State Employees and Teachers Who Retire Before Normal Retirement Age"
H.P. 1137 L.D. 1622

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 Revise the Laws Regarding Shellfish"
H.P. 1122 L.D. 1581

Bill "An Act to Amend the Lobster Trap Escape Vent Laws"
(EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1139 L.D. 1624

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 Clarify Certain Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management"
H.P. 1140 L.D. 1625

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Time for Filing Audit Reports"
H.P. 1121 L.D. 1580

Bill "An Act to Allow the Surviving Veteran Spouse of a Veteran to Continue to Receive the Property Tax Exemption"
H.P. 1128 L.D. 1587

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 to Require the Department of Transportation to Cut Brush and Trees Along a Highway at the Request of a Business"
H.P. 1111 L.D. 1570

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Motor Vehicle Laws Pertaining to Registration of Motor Vehicles"
H.P. 1117 L.D. 1576

Bill "An Act to Evaluate the Compensation of Members of the Maine Turnpike Authority"
H.P. 1120 L.D. 1579

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 Veazie Sewer District"
H.P. 1110 L.D. 1569

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.

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order: H.P. 1142

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Committee to Study the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority be established as follows.

1. Committee established. The Joint Select Committee to Study the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. Committee membership. The committee consists of 13 members appointed as follows.

A. The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members from the Senate who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The first Senate member named is the Senate chair.

B. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 10 members from the House who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The first House member named is the House chair.

3. Appointments; convening committee. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chairs of the committee shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee no later than June 15, 1999.

4. Duties. The committee shall evaluate the capacity of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority, hereinafter referred to as the "Authority," to fulfill its original mission under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, chapter 33. In examining these issues, the committee shall:

A. Review the Authority's current mission, including its powers, duties, general operations, project commitments, and staff capacities;

B. Assess the impact of the State Office Building and Capitol Building renovation projects on the Authority's capacity to fulfill its missions;

C. Evaluate the effect of the State Office Building and Capitol Building renovation projects on the facilities' needs of the state court system and other state departments and agencies; and

D. Recommend to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government any changes that will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Authority.

5. Meetings. In conducting its duties, the committee may meet as often as necessary with any individuals, departments or institutions it considers appropriate.

6. Staff assistance. The committee shall request staffing and clerical assistance from the Legislative Council.

7. 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.

8. Report. The committee shall submit its report to the Legislature by November 15, 1999. Following receipt of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. If the committee requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1143

WHEREAS, truck traffic along the Route 202 and 111 corridor in Sanford, known as the Senator Carl J. Broggi Highway, has increased dramatically over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, that truck traffic exceeds the design capacity of that corridor; and

WHEREAS, a truck bypass is needed to alleviate the truck traffic along that corridor; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Committee to Study Building a Truck Bypass in the Town of Sanford is established as follows.

1. Committee established. The Joint Select Committee to Study Building a Truck Bypass in the Town of Sanford, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. Committee membership. The committee consists of all members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and the members appointed as follows.

A. The committee shall appoint 3 people employed by the Department of Transportation.

B. The committee shall appoint one person from the Office of Governor, recommended by the Governor.

3. Chairs. The Senate and House chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation are the cochairs of the committee.

4. Appointments; convening committee. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chairs of the committee shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee no later than July 1, 1999.

5. Duties. The committee shall:

A. Assess the volume of truck traffic along Route 202 in Sanford;

B. Assess the cost of constructing a bypass for trucks in Sanford; and

C. Prepare preliminary plans for the location of the bypass and the sources of funding.

6. Staff assistance. Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the committee.

7. Compensation. The members of the committee who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's attendance at committee meetings.

8. Report. The committee shall submit a report on the plan developed, along with any recommended legislation, to the Legislature by November 15, 1999. If the committee requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

9. Committee budget. The chairs of the committee, with assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the committee's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The committee may not incur expenses that would result in the committee exceeding its approved budget.

Upon request from the committee, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's designee shall provide the committee chairs and staff with a status report on the study budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1134

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

February 22, 1999

Honorable Joseph Mayo
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 119th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled, "An Act to Ban Partial Birth Abortion."

Sincerely,

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

State of Maine
Department of State

I, Dan A. Gwadosky, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing signatures of 82,372 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on January 21, 1999, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled "An Act to Ban Partial Birth Abortion."

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total vote cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 42,101.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the twenty-second day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

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

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

The Accompanying Bill "An Act to Ban Partial Birth Abortion"
I.B. 1 L.D. 1593

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 82

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

February 25, 1999

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate of Maine
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 119th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has had under consideration the nomination of Lila S. Ware of Skowhegan, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	8	Dunlap of Old Town, Bryant of Dixfield, Clark of Millinocket, Cote of Lewiston, Honey of Boothbay, Tracy of Rome, Trahan of Waldoboro, True of Fryeburg
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Kilkelly of Lincoln, Rep. Chick of Lebanon, Sen. Kieffer of Aroostook, Rep. Perkins of Penobscot, Sen. Ruhlin of Penobscot

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Lila S. Ware of Skowhegan, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Marge L. Kilkelly
Senate Chair

S/Matthew Dunlap
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **LIBBY** and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 119th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#25)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: ABROMSON, AMERO, BENNETT, BENOIT, BERUBE, CAREY, CASSIDY, CATHCART, DAGGETT, DAVIS, DOUGLASS, FERGUSON, GOLDTHWAIT, HARRIMAN, KIEFFER, KILKELLY, KONTOS, LAFOUNTAIN, LONGLEY, MACKINNON, MICHAUD, MILLS, MITCHELL, MURRAY, NUTTING, O'GARA, PARADIS, PENDLETON, PINGREE, RAND, RUHLIN, SMALL, TREAT, THE PRESIDENT - MARK W. LAWRENCE

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, and 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and nomination of Lila S. Ware of Skowhegan, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

The Following Communication: S.C. 83

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

February 25, 1999

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate of Maine
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 119th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has had under consideration the nomination of Ellen N. Peters of New Gloucester, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	7	Dunlap of Old Town, Clark of Millinocket, Cote of Lewiston, Honey of Boothbay, Tracy of Rome, Trahan of Waldoboro, True of Fryeburg
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		6	Sen. Kilkelly of Lincoln, Rep. Bryant of Dixfield, Rep. Chick of Lebanon, Sen. Kieffer of Aroostook, Rep. Perkins of Penobscot, Sen. Ruhlin of Penobscot

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Ellen N. Peters of New Gloucester, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Marge L. Kilkelly
Senate Chair

S/Matthew Dunlap
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** be overridden?"

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In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 119th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#26)

YEAS: Senators: None
NAYS: Senators: ABROMSON, AMERO, BENNETT, BENOIT, BERUBE, CAREY, CASSIDY, CATHCART, DAGGETT, DAVIS, DOUGLASS, FERGUSON, GOLDTHWAIT, HARRIMAN, KIEFFER, KILKELLY, KONTOS, LAFOUNTAIN, LONGLEY, MACKINNON, MICHAUD, MILLS, MITCHELL, MURRAY, NUTTING, O'GARA, PARADIS, PENDLETON, PINGREE, RAND, RUHLIN, SMALL, TREAT, THE PRESIDENT - MARK W. LAWRENCE

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, and 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and nomination of **Ellen N. Peters** of New Gloucester, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

The Following Communication: S.C. 84

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

February 25, 1999

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate of Maine
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 119th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has had under consideration the nomination of Richard A. Neal of Acton, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the

Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS Senators 0
Representatives 7 Dunlap of Old Town, Bryant of Dixfield, Cote of Lewiston, Honey of Boothbay, Tracy of Rome, Trahan of Waldoboro, True of Fryeburg

NAYS 0

ABSENT 6 Sen. Kilkelly of Lincoln, Rep. Chick of Lebanon, Rep. Clark of Millinocket, Sen. Kieffer of Aroostook, Rep. Perkins of Penobscot, Sen. Ruhlin of Penobscot

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Richard A. Neal of Acton, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Marge L. Kilkelly
Senate Chair

S/Matthew Dunlap
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 119th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#27)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: ABROMSON, AMERO, BENNETT, BENOIT, BERUBE, CAREY, CASSIDY, CATHCART, DAGGETT, DAVIS, DOUGLASS, FERGUSON, GOLDTHWAIT, HARRIMAN, KIEFFER, KILKELLY, KONTOS, LAFOUNTAIN, LONGLEY, MACKINNON, MICHAUD, MILLS, MITCHELL, MURRAY, NUTTING, O'GARA, PARADIS, PENDLETON, PINGREE, RAND, RUHLIN, SMALL, TREAT, THE PRESIDENT - MARK W. LAWRENCE

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, and 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and nomination of **Richard A. Neal** of Acton, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

Signed,

S/Marge L. Kilkelly
Senate Chair

S/Matthew Dunlap
House Chair

READ.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 85

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

February 25, 1999

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate of Maine
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 119th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has had under consideration the nomination of Don Palmer of Rangeley, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	9	Dunlap of Old Town, Bryant of Dixfield, Clark of Millinocket, Cote of Lewiston, Honey of Boothbay, Perkins of Penobscot, Tracy of Rome, Trahan of Waldoboro, True of Fryeburg
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Kilkelly of Lincoln, Rep. Chick of Lebanon, Sen. Kieffer of Aroostook, Sen. Ruhlin of Penobscot

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Don Palmer of Rangeley, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council be confirmed.

The Following Communication: S.C. 86

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

February 25, 1999

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate of Maine
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 119th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has had under consideration the nomination of Kenneth E. Bailey of Camden, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	7	Dunlap of Old Town, Bryant of Dixfield, Clark of Millinocket, Cote of Lewiston, Honey of Boothbay, Tracy of Rome, True of Fryeburg
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		6	Sen. Kilkelly of Lincoln, Rep. Chick of Lebanon, Sen. Kieffer of Aroostook, Rep. Perkins of Penobscot, Sen. Ruhlin of Penobscot, Rep. Trahan of Waldoboro

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Kenneth E. Bailey of Camden, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Marge L. Kilkelly
Senate Chair

S/Matthew Dunlap
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 119th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#28)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: ABROMSON, AMERO, BENNETT, BENOIT, BERUBE, CAREY, CASSIDY, CATHCART, DAGGETT, DAVIS, DOUGLASS, FERGUSON, GOLDTHWAIT, HARRIMAN, KIEFFER, KILKELLY, KONTOS, LAFOUNTAIN, LONGLEY, MACKINNON, MICHAUD, MILLS, MITCHELL, MURRAY, NUTTING, O'GARA, PARADIS, PENDLETON, PINGREE, RAND, RUHLIN, SMALL, TREAT, THE PRESIDENT - MARK W. LAWRENCE

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, and 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and nomination of **Kenneth E. Bailey** of Camden, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

The Following Communication: S.C. 87

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

February 25, 1999

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate of Maine
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 119th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has had under consideration the nomination of Matthew P. Libby of Ashland, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	7	Dunlap of Old Town, Clark of Millinocket, Cote of Lewiston, Honey of Boothbay, Tracy of Rome, Trahan of Waldoboro, True of Fryeburg
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		6	Sen. Kilkelly of Lincoln, Rep. Bryant of Dixfield, Rep. Chick of Lebanon, Sen. Kieffer of Aroostook, Rep. Perkins of Penobscot, Sen. Ruhlin of Penobscot

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Matthew P. Libby of Ashland, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Marge L. Kilkelly
Senate Chair

S/Matthew Dunlap
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 119th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#29)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: ABROMSON, AMERO, BENNETT, BENOIT, BERUBE, CAREY, CASSIDY, CATHCART, DAGGETT, DAVIS, DOUGLASS, FERGUSON, GOLDTHWAIT, HARRIMAN, KIEFFER, KILKELLY, KONTOS, LAFOUNTAIN, LONGLEY, MACKINNON, MICHAUD, MILLS, MITCHELL, MURRAY, NUTTING, O'GARA, PARADIS, PENDLETON, PINGREE, RAND, RUHLIN, SMALL, TREAT, THE PRESIDENT - MARK W. LAWRENCE

Bill "An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Environmental Regulation in the Unorganized and Deorganized Areas of the State" S.P. 574 L.D. 1654

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell and Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PARADIS of Aroostook, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, KNEELAND of Easton, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, McKEE of Wayne. Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, and 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and nomination of **Matthew P. Libby** of Ashland, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House.

Bill "An Act to Renew Maine's Economy" S.P. 569 L.D. 1636

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York. Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, FERGUSON of Oxford, KONTOS of Cumberland, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, O'NEAL of Limestone, SHIAH of Bowdoinham.

The Following Communication: H.C. 53

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

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

March 2, 1999

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

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Bill "An Act Regarding Service Contracts" S.P. 573 L.D. 1640

Dear Madam Secretary:

Sponsored by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representatives: JONES of Pittsfield, MAYO of Bath, O'NEIL of Saco, PERRY of Bangor.

The Chair ruled today that Bill "An Act to Provide Term Limits for the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives" (H.P. 654) (L.D. 904) was not properly before the body pursuant to House Rule 107.

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

Sincerely,

Sent down for concurrence.

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

Bill "An Act to Increase Penalties for Certain Drug-related Crimes Committed In or Near Low-income Housing" S.P. 565 L.D. 1632

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

Sponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

Off Record Remarks

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

SENATE PAPERS

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Results-based Initial Certification of Teachers"
S.P. 568 L.D. 1635

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale and
Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, AMERO of Cumberland,
BERUBE of Androscoggin, SMALL of Sagadahoc,
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, DESMOND of Mapleton,
STEDMAN of Hartland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Sales Free and Clear of Liens Through Bankruptcy Do Not Result in the Acquisition of a Predecessor Employer's Experience for the Purpose of Contribution Rate Determination"
S.P. 562 L.D. 1629

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth and
Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KONTOS of Cumberland, MURRAY of Penobscot, Representative:
SHIELDS of Auburn.

Bill "An Act to Fully Comply with the Requirements of the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act"
S.P. 563 L.D. 1630

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke and
Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, LaFOUNTAIN of York,
Representative: HATCH of Skowhegan.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Authorizing Richard Paradise to Sue the State
S.P. 564 L.D. 1631

Sponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Fund Raising During the Legislative Session" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 575 L.D. 1655

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators:
PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives:
CAMPBELL of Holden, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SAXL of
Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Change the Provisions of the Lobster License Apprentice Program"
S.P. 561 L.D. 1628

Sponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Allow Certain Aquaculture Activities by Rule"
S.P. 567 L.D. 1634

Sponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create a Transporter License Plate for Light Trailers"
S.P. 566 L.D. 1633

Sponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Boundaries of State and State Aid Highways"
S.P. 570 L.D. 1637

Sponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative JABAR of Waterville and
Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, SAVAGE of Union.
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, to Review Traffic Congestion Including Truck Traffic along the Route 1 York Corridor (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 571 L.D. 1638

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Eliot and
Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, PARADIS of Aroostook,
Representative: FISHER of Brewer.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine State Pilotage Commission" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 572 L.D. 1639

Sponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative JABAR of Waterville and
Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, SAVAGE of Union.
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland, Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland, Senator LAFOUNTAIN of York, Senator MACKINNON of York, Representative GLYNN of South Portland, Representative MAYO of Bath, Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 560

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO
ACHIEVE COMPLETE RESTITUTION TO
HOLOCAUST VICTIMS AND THEIR HEIRS**

WHEREAS, it has been over 55 years since the Holocaust silenced millions of innocent victims as part of a systematic program of genocide; and

WHEREAS, many survivors and heir claimants of this time period have been denied benefits by insurers due to the expropriation and nationalization of insurance company assets in the former communist nations in eastern Europe, and the lack of adequate documentation of loss; and

WHEREAS, the expedient resolution of unpaid Holocaust claims is imperative to ensure that Holocaust survivors and heir claimants are indemnified in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, several states have enacted legislation that would ensure citizens have an expeditious, inexpensive and fair mechanism to resolve outstanding Holocaust insurance claims; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, are committed to public policy providing for fair and expeditious payment of insurance claims to all policyholders, including victims of the Holocaust and their heirs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we encourage the work of the International Holocaust Commission and of other states, and we support Maine's Bureau of Insurance and its superintendent in their efforts to achieve complete restitution to Holocaust victims and their heirs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Bureau of Insurance and the Holocaust Human Rights Center of Maine on behalf of the people of Maine.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Abromson.

Senator **ABROMSON:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I have considered myself a mini scholar or perhaps a quasi scholar of the Holocaust for a number of years ever since, I would say just before 1973 when I made my first trip to a concentration camp. However one aspect of the Holocaust that I had never given any consideration to until this Summer when I went to Boston to attend a meeting with the National Conference of Insurance Legislators. At that conference, there was a report given by the NAIC, which is the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, on the Holocaust insurance issues working group that they have. I'd just like to quote very briefly from it and to let you know some of the concerns that this group has with respect to the payment of claims. It says "Survivors had little success with claims even after the war ended. Some insurers took the position that death claims could not be paid without the issuance of a death certificate. Other claimants were told that the money to pay claims was seized by military force or turned over to governments that no longer existed. Finally, in Eastern Europe companies professed no responsibility for claims where new Socialist governments nationalized the insurance industry. What this Resolution does is basically ask that we proceed to try to do everything we can to collect these claims and especially that we support the work of Alessandro Iuppa, the Superintendent of Insurance in Maine's Bureau of Insurance and the work that he's been doing to see to it that these claims are fully paid. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Concerning the Requirement for Surety Bonds for County Treasurers, Sheriffs and Chief Deputies"

H.P. 353 L.D. 469

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass.**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount Below Which Counties Do Not Need to Solicit Bids for Purchases"

H.P. 380 L.D. 511

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Fee Charged for Certain State Audits" H.P. 63 L.D. 76

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

O'GARA of Cumberland
CASSIDY of Washington

Representatives:

JABAR of Waterville
FISHER of Brewer
COLLINS of Wells
SANBORN of Alton
WHEELER of Eliot
LINDAHL of Northport
SAVAGE of Union
WHEELER of Bridgewater

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

CAMERON of Rumford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Require Insurance Companies to Notify the Secretary of State When the Insurance on a Registered Vehicle has Lapsed"

H.P. 109 L.D. 140

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

O'GARA of Cumberland
CASSIDY of Washington

Representatives:

JABAR of Waterville
FISHER of Brewer
COLLINS of Wells
SANBORN of Alton
CAMERON of Rumford
LINDAHL of Northport
SAVAGE of Union
WHEELER of Bridgewater

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

WHEELER of Eliot

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Allow Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Stations to Set Their Own Fees for Inspections and to Require the Inspection of Brake Friction Material"

H.P. 204 L.D. 282

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

O'GARA of Cumberland
CASSIDY of Washington

Representatives:

JABAR of Waterville
FISHER of Brewer
SANBORN of Alton
CAMERON of Rumford
WHEELER of Eliot
LINDAHL of Northport
SAVAGE of Union
WHEELER of Bridgewater

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

COLLINS of Wells

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **O'GARA** for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Establish the Crime of Aggravated Criminal Trespass"

S.P. 110 L.D. 307

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-9)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-9) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator **PARADIS** for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Enhance Senior Volunteerism in Maine"

S.P. 98 L.D. 237

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-12) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator **GOLDTHWAIT** for the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act Concerning the 1999 Elver Fishery" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 303 L.D. 905

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-13)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-13)**

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

Senator **PENDLETON** for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Change the Selection Process of the Oxford County Budget Committee"

S.P. 20 L.D. 12

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-11)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-11) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator **O'GARA** for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Change the Name of the Ridlonville Bridge between Rumford and Mexico to the Veterans Bridge

S.P. 25 L.D. 7

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

Senate

Bill "An Act to Establish a Maine Agriculture Market and Production Development Program" S.P. 158 L.D. 478

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes in the Marine Resources Laws" S.P. 284 L.D. 802

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Honorably Discharged Veterans to Be Buried in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery" S.P. 116 L.D. 313

READ A SECOND TIME

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Off Record Remarks

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 matter 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 (3/2/99) Assigned matter:

Resolve, to Regulate the Use, Operation and Type of Watercraft on Coastal Waters H.P. 1064 L.D. 1495

Tabled - March 2, 1999, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, February 25, 1999, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **GOLDTHWAIT** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **PINGREE** of Knox 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.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **ADJOURNED**, until Thursday, March 4, 1999, at 10:00 in the morning.