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

In Senate Chamber  
Monday  
January 24, 2000

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

Prayer by Reverend Edward Hatch of the Palermo Christian Church.

**REVEREND HATCH:** Before I pray, I'd just like to make a couple of remarks. For the past several years I've been working on improving my physical condition after a trip to the doctor in which my cholesterol level was shooting in an upwards direction. I decided to do something about it. What started out as a challenge to run the 5k, 2.1 mile, Palermo Days Race ended up becoming almost an obsession to run marathons. The more I ran, the more my weight dropped. The better I looked and the more energy I had for the task that I was doing. My greatest challenge has been to change my eating habits. A challenge I have not yet overcome. Our family loves to go to Millers Salad Bar in Bangor and recently visited there to take my daughter, who is at the University of Maine, out for a birthday feast. I could not believe the number of people who were eating salads when they could have had roast beef, fried chicken, chocolate pudding and ice cream. At least, those were the things that were on my plate. And that is the theme of my remarks. We cannot judge our effectiveness by the fullness of our plate but rather by those things that we put on our plate. I have great respect for this Body of people. Your responsibilities are many for they include not only conducting the work of the Senate but job responsibilities, commitment to your families and communities, as well as the need for personal renewal. Within the Christian community we express two priorities. The first priority is to seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness as found through Jesus Christ. The second priority is everything else. As God, through the Bible, speaks to us about our jobs, our families, our communities, we're taught to work out the commands of Jesus in the context of our everyday lives. But how can we identify our true priorities? Jesus gives us a simple way of answering that question. He says that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Miller's where my treasure was found on my plate. Our treasures are also found in our palm pilots or day timers. We may say that God or family is important but our schedules do not reveal that they are a treasure to us. Our treasure is found in our daydreams. Those burning issues that consume our thoughts are the things that really are important to us. Our treasures can also be found in our checkbook statements or on our credit card statements. We end up spending money on things that are important to us. It's like my brother tells me. He says all men are created equal, just some more equal than others. Everything that we do is important, just some more important than others. Our heart is found at the door of our treasures. If our heart does not line up with our treasure, than we have two choices. We can change our heart or we can change our treasure. We cannot serve God and money. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. I have

found that the greatest peace comes to me when my treasure lines up with my life. When our lives reflect our priorities, assuming our ambitions are worthy and right, we find joy and fulfillment. And when our life ends, if it ends in old age or if it ends unexpectedly, we will be judged and people will be talking about the things that we truly treasure. Let's bow for prayer.

God, You are infinite in wisdom. You created all things for Your glory. You have delegated responsibility to us and have entrusted us with precious treasures. You gave us Your son Jesus. Many within this room are blessed with good parents, a loving spouse, beautiful children. The citizens of this State have asked them to represent them; both the rich and the poor; the men, women and children; the old timers and those from away who give them the wisdom to do the work to which they have been called. May their plate be filled with the right things. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Beverly Daggett of Kennebec County.

Doctor of the day, Judy Chamberlain, M.D., Brunswick.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 12, 2000.

**Off Record Remarks**

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator PINGREE of Knox, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 959

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn the House does so until Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 9 o'clock in the morning and the Senate does so until Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 10 o'clock in the morning.

**READ and PASSED.**

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

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator PINGREE of Knox, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 23

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House, at 6:30 in the evening for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Angus S. King, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communication as pleases him.

**READ and PASSED.**

The Chair appointed the Senator from Knox, Senator **PINGREE** to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Knox, Senator **PINGREE** reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.P. 968

**119<sup>TH</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 20, 2000

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

Dear Senator Treat and Representative Martin:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Richard A. Fortier of Caribou and Horace Hildreth, Jr. of Falmouth for reappointment as members of the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board.

Pursuant to Title 12, §7788, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence                      S/G. Steven Rowe  
President of the Senate                  Speaker of the House

**READ and REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: S.P. 969

**119<sup>TH</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 20, 2000

Senator Susan Longley  
Representative Richard Thompson  
Chairpersons  
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary  
119<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Longley and Representative Thompson:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Alan P. Brigham of Windham for reappointment as a member of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.

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

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence                      S/G. Steven Rowe  
President of the Senate                  Speaker of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: S.P. 972

**119<sup>TH</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 21, 2000

Senator Beverly Daggett  
Representative John Tuttle  
Chairpersons  
Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs  
119<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Daggett and Representative Tuttle:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Michael E. Carpenter of Houlton for reappointment as a member of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §1002, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence                      S/G. Steven Rowe  
President of the Senate                  Speaker of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: S.C. 445

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

January 12, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1201 An Act to Require Licensing Fees of Tobacco Products Manufacturers

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Beverly C. Daggett  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Tuttle, Jr.  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 446

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

January 12, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2228 An Act to Provide for Alternative Treatment of Biomedical Waste

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Sharon Anglin Treat  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Martin  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 447

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

January 12, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 266 An Act to Require Records Checks for Persons Providing Direct Care to Clients of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

L.D. 1095 An Act to Expand the Geographic Availability of the Supervised Community Confinement Program

L.D. 1583 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

L.D. 1803 An Act to Revoke Probation and Require Incarceration for Repeated Domestic Abuse

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Robert E. Murray, Jr.  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Edward J. Povich  
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 448

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

January 12, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 222 An Act to Alter the Firefighter License Plate
- L.D. 265 An Act to Provide for License Plates in Support of Domestic Violence Prevention Programs
- L.D. 311 An Act to Create a Registration Plate for Members of the Maine Snowmobile Association
- L.D. 321 An Act to Create a License Plate for Veterans Who Served in Iwo Jima, Normandy or Desert Storm
- L.D. 1633 An Act to Create a Transporter License Plate for Light Trailers

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. William B. O'Gara S/Rep. Joseph M. Jabar, Sr.  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 449

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

January 12, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1908 An Act to Establish as an Employee Any Person Who Collects Signatures on Petitions for Direct Initiative or People's Veto Legislation for Any Person, Firm or Organization that Contracts, Subcontracts or Agrees to Collect the Signatures for Anything of Value

- L.D. 2194 An Act Regarding Doing Business with Burma

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Neria R. Douglass S/Rep. Pamela H. Hatch  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 450

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL  
AFFAIRS**

January 12, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 135 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Help Increase Fish Production at the State Hatcheries

- L.D. 191 An Act to Provide Equitable Treatment of Visitor Information Centers

- L.D. 269 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Repair and Renovation of Schools

- L.D. 271 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Build or Rehabilitate Regional Psychiatric Facilities

- L.D. 1191 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 to Promote the Cranberry Industry
- L.D. 1238 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Historic Preservation
- L.D. 1590 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

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael H. Michaud Senate Chair  
S/Rep. Elizabeth Townsend House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 451

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL  
AFFAIRS**

January 18, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 35 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Create Affordable Housing
- L.D. 1453 An Act to Expand the Homestead Exemption Program Based Upon the Level of Funds in a Homestead Tax Relief Fund
- L.D. 1662 An Act to Protect the Public's Health through State-funded Rabies Testing

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael H. Michaud  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Elizabeth Townsend  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 452

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

January 12, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 168 An Act to License Home Inspectors
- L.D. 1147 An Act to Decriminalize Resource Protection Violations by Seafood Dealers
- L.D. 2060 An Act to License Home Building Contractors
- L.D. 2163 An Act to Require Contractor Registration

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Carol A. Kontos  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Gary O'Neal  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 453

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

January 18, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1941 An Act Regarding Involuntary Commitment for Substance Abuse

L.D. 2226 An Act Relating to Remedies for Unlawful Housing Discrimination

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan W. Longley  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Richard H. Thompson  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 454

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

January 18, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 151 An Act to Prohibit Mandatory Maine National Guard Membership

L.D. 1035 An Act to Require Maine's Off-track Betting Facilities to Promote Maine Racing

L.D. 2133 Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to Simplify the Reporting Form for Candidates

L.D. 2141 An Act to Remove the Limit on the Amount of Complimentary Wine that a Wine Retailer may Receive Annually

L.D. 2183 An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Laws Administered by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

L.D. 2195 An Act to Allow a Specialty Wine Store to Provide Free Wine Samples

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Beverly C. Daggett  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Tuttle, Jr.  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 455

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

January 18, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2035 An Act to Clarify That Sales Catalogs and Fliers are Exempt from Sales Tax when Purchased for Redistribution at No Charge

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Richard P. Ruhlin  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kenneth T. Gagnon  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 457



**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE**

January 18, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2138 An Act to Permit the Transfer of Liabilities by a Member of a Workers' Compensation Group Self-insurer

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lloyd P. LaFountain III      S/Rep. Jane W. Saxl  
Senate Chair                              House Chair

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

The Following Communication:      S.C. 456

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

January 15, 2000

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
Maine Senate  
State House Station 3  
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."

Over the course of the past year, Maine financial institutions and credit union have displayed solid performance, based on key capital, earnings and asset quality indicators. Industry consolidation continued to occur in Maine, although at a relatively

moderate pace, as organizations sold branches and engaged in merger activities motivated by common goals of expanding market share and increasing efficiency. During this time, Maine institutions also continued to expand into closely-related activities such as insurance agency and securities business, taking advantage of broadened state authority to engage in those lines of business.

As we enter the new century, there will be new challenges and opportunities for the financial services industry. With the passage of federal financial modernization, or the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, several long-standing barriers between the various providers of financial services have been removed. One of the major affects of this Act was the repeal of the Glass-Steagall Act, which prohibited banks from affiliating with insurance and securities firms. It is expected that, as competition intensifies, Maine institutions will continue to seek ways to take advantage of the new opportunities provided under both state and federal law through development of expanded products and services and utilization of modern delivery systems capable of reaching a global marketplace.

The much advertised Y2K or Year 2000 issue – the ability of computers to handle reference dates beyond December 31, 1999 – which required a concerted effort and substantial commitment of human resources over the past several years, has passed its initial test. During the rollover period, 12/31/99 to 1/4/00, the regulators kept vigilant watch over the industry and only a few minor problems were reported in some parts of the country. Maine financial institutions and credit unions weathered the century date change with "business as usual". While it is still possible that Y2K disruptions will occur over the next few months, the experience of the rollover weekend clearly suggests that such disruptions, if any, will be minor, sporadic, and easily remedied.

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.MaineBankingReg.org>.

Very truly yours,

S/Howard R. Gray, Jr.  
Superintendent

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

The Following Communication:      S.C. 458

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333  
COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO  
THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS**

January 20, 2000

The Honorable Mark Lawrence, President  
Maine 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 1999, chapter 83, the Committee is pleased to submit its final report including recommended legislation. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council. Copies of the report have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Rep. Robert W. Duplessie, Chair

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

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House

State House State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

It is with pleasure that I accept your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 119<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature on January 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. to deliver the State-of-the-State address.

I look forward to working with the 119<sup>th</sup> Legislature during its Second Regular Session and to seeing everyone on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

S/Angus S. King, Jr.  
Governor

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 443

**119<sup>TH</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE**

December 13, 1999

Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.  
Governor of Maine  
1 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor King:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 119<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature on Monday, January 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. to deliver the annual State-of-the-State address.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence S/G. Steven Rowe  
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 444

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 3, 2000

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Increase the Marketable Skills of University of  
Maine System Students"

S.P. 960 L.D. 2500

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York.  
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators:  
BERUBE of Androscoggin, CATHCART of Penobscot, MURRAY  
of Penobscot, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: BERRY of  
Livermore, BRENNAN of Portland, McKEE of Wayne, STEVENS  
of Orono.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, to Ensure Adequate District Court Facilities for Western  
York County

S.P. 956 L.D. 2497

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro and  
Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York, Representatives: LEMOINE of  
Old Orchard Beach, MURPHY of Kennebunk.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Support the Maine Rural Development Council and its Community Capacity Building Work in Distressed Rural Areas in the State"

S.P. 962 L.D. 2502

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York.  
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, KILKELLY of Lincoln, KONTOS of Cumberland, MICHAUD of Penobscot, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: KNEELAND of Easton, MURPHY of Kennebunk, O'NEAL of Limestone.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Provide Equal Access to Meeting the Needs of Students at Public Institutions of Higher Education"

S.P. 966 L.D. 2515

Sponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk and Senators: MICHAUD of Penobscot, MITCHELL of Penobscot, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, GAGNE of Buckfield, KNEELAND of Easton, LABRECQUE of Gorham, LOVETT of Scarborough.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Support Child Care Education and Services" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 963 L.D. 2505

Sponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Adopt Recommendations of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for the Elderly Related to the Mental Health Service Needs of the Elderly"

S.P. 964 L.D. 2513

Sponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative: WILLIAMS of Orono.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Increase Access to High-quality Jobs Through the Federal Workforce Investment Act" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 957 L.D. 2498

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, SAMSON of Jay.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of State Environmental and Public Health Officials to Monitor and Regulate Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning, Site Cleanup and Restoration Activities" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 955 L.D. 2496

Sponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham and Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, RINES of Wiscasset.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Coordinate System of 2000" S.P. 965 L.D. 2514

Sponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative JABAR of Waterville.  
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Corporate Accountability Law"  
S.P. 961 L.D. 2501

Sponsored by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Representative **GREEN** of Monmouth and Senator: **RUHLIN** of Penobscot, Representatives: **BERRY** of Livermore, **LEMOINE** of Old Orchard Beach, **MAILHOT** of Lewiston, **POWERS** of Rockport, **TOWNSEND** of Portland, **TWOMEY** of Biddeford, **WATSON** of Farmingdale.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Improve Standards for Public Assistance to Maine Employers"  
S.P. 967 L.D. 2516

Sponsored by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Senators: **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, **MILLS** of Somerset, Representatives: **MAILHOT** of Lewiston, **MATTHEWS** of Winslow, **STANLEY** of Medway.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Fund the Local and State Share of Minor Collector Road Reconstruction"  
S.P. 970 L.D. 2517

Sponsored by Senator **MITCHELL** of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative **WHEELER** of Bridgewater and Senators: **CAREY** of Kennebec, **CASSIDY** of Washington, **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **KIEFFER** of Aroostook, **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, Representatives: **NASS** of Acton, **TESSIER** of Fairfield.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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**ORDERS**

### Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Bruce Pulkkinen and Windham Millwork, Inc., of North Windham, for their valuable contribution to the renovation of the Senate Chamber. Each of the desks in the Chamber was crafted to very exacting design specifications in Windham Millwork's North Windham shop and installed by Windham Millwork's talented staff. We are proud that this fine example of Maine craftsmanship has become a permanent fixture in the Senate Chamber;  
SLS 396

Sponsored by Senator **KONTOS** of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative **BRUNO** of Raymond, Representative **TOBIN** of Windham.

**READ.**

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

Senator **KONTOS:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, it's indeed an honor for me to help you meet some of the folks who are responsible for our beautiful desks. They are here in the Chamber, not all of them but some of them, and I need you to understand some of the process that they underwent in order for us to have these beautiful pieces of furniture to work from. They went back to the archives and looked at 1908 drawings and photographs in order to try to reproduce, and they've done a magnificent job as you can see, some of the fine craftsmanship that was available to the Senators almost a century ago. They've reproduced intricacies in both the Senate President's Rostrum and in the front of our desks that match some of the work that you see up around the ceilings. So when you have time, be thoughtful and think about the fine hands and the great hearts that went into the craftsmanship before us and join me in thanking them for their fine work and tell them how proud you are to know that not just Windham craftsmen, these are Maine craftsmen, who put this fabulous array of furniture together for our use. I know you'll join me in thanking them and I thank you Mr. President.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator **Benoit**.

Senator **BENOIT:** Thank you Mr. President. May it please the Senate, I'm not a bit surprised at the high quality of workmanship in these desks, the President's podium, and the other desks at which our clerks work. The reason I'm not surprised is that **Walter Johnson**, who at one time was a partner in the Windham Millworks, the company that did this work, is also a neighbor of mine on the Edelheid Road in Sandy River Plantation. When they came to the Plantation, they constructed a beautiful log home there. I have to admit that the value of my property shot up and my taxes as well. Still we remain friends despite that. But I'm very pleased to see the quality of work done by this firm and Mr. Johnson being a neighbor of mine adds a personal touch to it, Mr. President, and I'm happy he's here today to take part in these proceedings. Thank you.

**PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the owner of Windham Millworks, Bruce Pulkkinen; Ron Kuusela, Vice President of Project Management and Project Manager of this job; Tim Nunn, estimator who developed costs and negotiated the contract; Dana Rowe, custom plant supervisor who coordinated the production; Ken Blake, custom plant team leader who built the member's desks; Steve Loura, layout manager who built the President's podium; Frank Kehoe, installation supervisor of the State House project; Roger Varney, Executive Vice President and plant manger; and Walter Johnson, former owner and design work consultant on this project. The President would please ask them all to rise and receive the greetings of the Senate. The President will ask the Sergeant-At-Arms to escort the individuals from the Windham Millworks to the front of the Chamber where they may receive their Sentiment.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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**ORDERS**

**Joint Resolution**

Under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot (Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Pittsfield and President LAWRENCE of York, Senators: PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland, AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford, ABROMSON of Cumberland, BENOIT of Franklin, BERUBE of Androscoggin, CAREY of Kennebec, CASSIDY of Washington, CATHCART of Penobscot, DAGGETT of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, FERGUSON of Oxford, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, KIEFFER of Aroostook, KILKELLY of Lincoln, KONTOS of Cumberland, LaFOUNTAIN of York, LIBBY of York, LONGLEY of Waldo, MacKINNON of York, MICHAUD of Penobscot, MILLS of Somerset, MURRAY of Penobscot, NUTTING of Androscoggin, O'GARA of Cumberland, PARADIS of Aroostook, PENDLETON of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot, SMALL of Sagadahoc, TREAT of Kennebec, Speaker ROWE of Portland, Representatives: SAXL of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, MURPHY of Kennebunk, CAMPBELL of Holden, AHEARNE of Madawaska, ANDREWS of York, BAGLEY of Machias, BAKER of Bangor, BELANGER of Caribou, BERRY of Belmont, BERRY of Livermore, BOLDUC of Auburn, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BOWLES of Sanford, BRAGDON of Bangor, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Winterport, BRUNO of Raymond, BRYANT of Dixfield, BUCK of Yarmouth, BULL of Freeport, BUMPS of China, CAMERON of Rumford, CARR of Lincoln, CHICK of Lebanon, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, CIANCHETTE of South Portland, CLARK of Millinocket, CLOUGH of Scarborough, COLLINS of Wells, COLWELL of Gardiner, COTE of Lewiston, COWGER of Hallowell, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DAIGLE of Arundel, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, DAVIS of Falmouth, DESMOND of Mapleton, DUDLEY of Portland, DUGAY

of Cherryfield, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, DUNLAP of Old Town, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, ETNIER of Harpswell, FISHER of Brewer, FOSTER of Gray, FRECHETTE of Biddeford, FULLER of Manchester, GAGNE of Buckfield, GAGNON of Waterville, GERRY of Auburn, GILLIS of Danforth, GLYNN of South Portland, GOODWIN of Pembroke, GOOLEY of Farmington, GREEN of Monmouth, HATCH of Skowhegan, HEIDRICH of Oxford, HONEY of Boothbay, JABAR of Waterville, JACOBS of Turner, JODREY of Bethel, JOY of Crystal, KANE of Saco, KASPRZAK of Newport, KNEELAND of Easton, LABRECQUE of Gorham, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, LEMONT of Kittery, LINDAHL of Northport, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, LOVETT of Scarborough, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish, MADORE of Augusta, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, MATTHEWS of Winslow, MAYO of Bath, McALEVEY of Waterboro, McDONOUGH of Portland, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, McKEE of Wayne, McKENNEY of Cumberland, McNEIL of Rockland, MENDROS of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MURPHY of Berwick, MUSE of South Portland, NASS of Acton, NORBERT of Portland, NUTTING of Oakland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, O'NEAL of Limestone, O'NEIL of Saco, PEAVEY of Woolwich, PERKINS of Penobscot, PERRY of Bangor, PIEH of Bremen, PINKHAM of Lamoine, PLOWMAN of Hampden, POVICH of Ellsworth, POWERS of Rockport, QUINT of Portland, RICHARD of Madison, RICHARDSON of Greenville, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, RINES of Wiscasset, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAMSON of Jay, SANBORN of Alton, SAVAGE of Union, SAVAGE of Buxton, SAXL of Bangor, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHIELDS of Auburn, SHOREY of Calais, SIROIS of Caribou, SKOGLUND of St. George, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, STANLEY of Medway, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor, STEDMAN of Hartland, STEVENS of Orono, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TESSIER of Fairfield, THOMPSON of Naples, TOBIN of Windham, TOBIN of Dexter, TOWNSEND of Portland, TRACY of Rome, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, TREADWELL of Carmel, TRIPP of Topsham, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUTTLE of Sanford, TWOMEY of Biddeford, USHER of Westbrook, VOLENIK of Brooklin, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WATSON of Farmingdale, WESTON of Montville, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot, WILLIAMS of Orono, WINSOR of Norway), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 971

**JOINT RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF  
ALTON E. CIANCHETTE**

WHEREAS, Alton E. Cianchette, of Pittsfield, who died on January 18, 2000, was a prominent businessman and State Senator from the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, Alton E. Cianchette, known as "Chuck," was born in Pittsfield, the youngest child of Ralph and Edna Steen Cianchette in 1930; and

WHEREAS, Alton E. Cianchette immediately joined his older brothers in the family construction business, later to become the Cianbro Corporation, one of the State's largest employers, after serving in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Alton E. Cianchette rose to the position of company president of the Cianbro Corporation in 1979 and chair of the board of the Cianbro Corporation in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Alton E. Cianchette served 2 terms in the State Senate in the mid-1970's and returned 20 years later to serve 2 more terms in the State Senate in the One Hundred and Sixteenth Legislature and One Hundred and Seventeenth Legislature, where he was widely credited for straight talking and consensus building; and

WHEREAS, Alton E. Cianchette was active in current affairs, serving as President of the Maine Good Roads Association, former director of Key Bankshares of Maine, Inc. and Bangor Hydro-Electric Company and chair of the Environmental and Economic Council of Maine; and

WHEREAS, Alton E. Cianchette was also involved with his community, being a founding member of the Susan L. Curtis Foundation, giving and raising substantial sums of money for his alma mater, Maine Central Institute, and serving leadership roles in the state and regional councils of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Members of the Senate and the Members of the House of Representatives and the citizens they represent to formally recognize the accomplishments of Alton E. Cianchette and to express the high esteem and affection we have for this outstanding native of Pittsfield, Maine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature, now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this opportunity to honor Alton E. Cianchette and to recognize his distinguished service to the people of the State of Maine over many years; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be presented to his relatives as a tangible token of our high esteem.

**READ.**

On motion by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by the same Senator to **ADOPT.**

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Senate**

**Change of Committee**

Senator MICHAUD for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Match a Federal Department of Energy Research and Development Award"

S.P. 882 L.D. 2297

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

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

**REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senator KONTOS for the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Prevent Misuse of Mortuary Trust Funds"

S.P. 922 L.D. 2373

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE.**

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senator KONTOS for the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Enhance Biomedical Research in Maine"

S.P. 913 L.D. 2365

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

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

**REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Ought to Pass**

Senator LaFOUNTAIN for the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Realign Capital Requirements for Specialty Bank Charters"

S.P. 875 L.D. 2283

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

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

**READ ONCE.**

**TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.**

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Senator KONTOS for the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, to Promote Natural Resource-based Industries

S.P. 585 L.D. 1665

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

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

**READ ONCE**.

**TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING**.

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

Senator LaFOUNTAIN for the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Commercial Insurance Contracts"

S.P. 866 L.D. 2264

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-472)**.

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

**READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-472) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING**.

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**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 (1/12/00) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Target Public Assistance to Responsible Employers"

S.P. 940 L.D. 2390

Tabled - January 12, 2000, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Specially Assigned (1/12/00) matter:

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Discriminatory Tax on the Electronic Filing of Prescription Drug Reimbursement"

S.P. 929 L.D. 2379

Tabled - January 12, 2000, by Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Specially Assigned (1/12/00) matter:

Bill "An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Sexual Misconduct with a Minor"

H.P. 1747 L.D. 2453

Tabled - January 12, 2000, by Senator **MURRAY** of Penobscot.

Pending - **REFERENCE**, in concurrence

(In House, January 12, 2000, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative SAXL of Portland, informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 7:00 in the evening for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Angus S. King, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communications as pleases him.

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

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

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Off Record Remarks

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

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On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **RECESSED** until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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Off Record Remarks

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act to Create a State-sponsored Voluntary Logger Certification Program"

H.P. 1792 L.D. 2512

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.

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Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to Wild Blueberry Growers to Develop Alternative Water Sources"

H.P. 1779 L.D. 2493

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act to Ensure Adequate Funding of Adult Education" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1778 L.D. 2492

Comes 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.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

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. 1790 L.D. 2510

Comes 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.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study the Regulation of Firearms in Maine

H.P. 1780 L.D. 2494

Comes 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.



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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act to Coordinate and Improve Access to Health Care for Women"

H.P. 1781 L.D. 2495

Comes 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.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act Regarding Discharges from Small Fish Hatcheries That Operated Prior to 1986"

H.P. 1789 L.D. 2509

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act Concerning the Date by Which Land Must be Acquired by the Penobscot Nation"

H.P. 1782 L.D. 2499

Bill "An Act to Preserve the Integrity of Court-ordered Child Support Obligations"

H.P. 1791 L.D. 2511

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

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act to Permit the Option of Retaining Health Insurance Coverage for Law Enforcement Personnel Who Have 25 Years of Creditable Service"

H.P. 1777 L.D. 2491

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

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act to Establish a Special Liquor License for Pool Halls and Billiard Rooms" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1783 L.D. 2503

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.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act to Establish a Commemorative Day Recognizing Major-General Henry Knox" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1787 L.D. 2507

Comes 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 Paper**

**Pursuant to Public Law  
Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy** pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 316, section 12 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Relating to Electric Industry Restructuring" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 1788 L.D. 2508

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** 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 **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 1795 L.D. 2518

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

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

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Amend Investment-related Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code"  
S.P. 974 L.D. 2520

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford and Senator: ABROMSON of Cumberland, Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, GLYNN of South Portland, JONES of Pittsfield, MAYO of Bath, SAXL of Bangor.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, to Improve Access to Technical Education and Ensure a Skilled Work Force  
S.P. 973 L.D. 2519

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York.  
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, MICHAUD of Penobscot, Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, CAMPBELL of Holden, KNEELAND of Easton, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SAXL of Portland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act to Promote Safe Mobility for Maine's Aging Population through Education and Community-based, Economically Sustainable Alternative Transportation"  
H.P. 1796 L.D. 2521

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

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

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

**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

On motion by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 979

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice report out, to the Senate, a bill implementing the recommendations of the study group to review procedures and consider improvements in juvenile and adult probation services.

**READ and PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Conservation of Atlantic Salmon" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1784 L.D. 2504

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

Comes from the House, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a committee.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a committee, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Division.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

On motion by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 977

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development report out, to the Senate, a bill relating to consolidation of Maine's medical and osteopathic licensing boards.

**READ and PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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On motion by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 978

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development report out, to the Senate, a bill relating to occupational and licensing boards and the Office of Licensing and Registration within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

**READ and PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

Bill "An Act to Support Child Care Education and Services" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 963 L.D. 2505

Tabled - January 24, 2000, by Senator **LONGLEY** of Waldo.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

Joint Study Order - relative to Establishing a Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices

H.P. 1774

Tabled - January 12, 2000, by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford.

Pending - **PASSAGE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, January 12, 2000, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.)

(In Senate, January 12, 2000, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, Senate Amendment "A" (S-473) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

On further motion by same Senator, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-473)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **RECESSED** until the 6:30 in the evening.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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Off Record Remarks

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

#### **ENACTORS**

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

#### **Emergency Measure**

An Act to Enhance the Conservation of Atlantic Salmon  
H.P. 1784 L.D. 2504

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

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At this point, the Senate retired to the Hall of the House, where a Joint Convention was formed.

After Convention

In Senate Chamber

Senate called to order by the President

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

#### **PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

##### **Joint Resolution**

The following Joint Resolution: H.P. 1794

**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR BRUCE BABBITT, THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE WILLIAM DALEY AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO RECONSIDER THE METHOD TO PROTECT AND RESTORE THE ATLANTIC SALMON**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the Second Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, the Secretary of Commerce William Daley and the Congress of the United States as follows:

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, has proposed to list the Atlantic salmon in 8 Maine rivers under the federal Endangered Species Act and has indicated a potential to include additional Maine rivers to the detriment of the agriculture, manufacturing, forest products and aquaculture industries of Maine on the basis of limited scientific evidence; and

WHEREAS, Maine is strongly committed to the restoration of the Atlantic salmon to its waters, as demonstrated through the

development of a comprehensive and cooperative Salmon Conservation Plan, which was produced over the course of 3 years with input from federal officials, relevant state departments, local conservation groups, affected businesses, farmers and riverside residents; and

WHEREAS, since the area covered by these 8 rivers and other rivers that may be included in the listing in the future contains 1/3 of the human population of Maine and virtually all of the aquaculture industry, all of Maine will feel the impact of the naming of the Atlantic salmon to the Endangered Species List; and

WHEREAS, adding the Atlantic salmon to the Endangered Species List in order to help the return of the Atlantic salmon in significant numbers to Maine's waters compromises a promising partnership between Maine and the Federal Government, which has had a history of good faith; and

WHEREAS, there exist many significant threats to the Atlantic salmon that lie beyond the influence of Maine that also affect the prospects of long-term Atlantic salmon restoration to the rivers of Maine; and

WHEREAS, Maine is strongly committed to the restoration of the Atlantic salmon to its waters, has committed millions of dollars to its plan to produce this result and feels that the naming of the Atlantic salmon to the Endangered Species List is premature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, the Secretary of Commerce William Daley and the Congress of the United States reconsider the intent to include the Atlantic salmon on the Endangered Species List as it would benefit neither the Atlantic salmon nor the people of Maine and allow Maine to continue to execute its own comprehensive plan to restore the Atlantic salmon to its waters; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, to the Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, to the Secretary of Commerce William Daley and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 10:00 in the morning, in memory of and lasting tribute to the Honorable Alton E. Cianchette.