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**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 9, 2000

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

Prayer by Senator Richard Carey of Kennebec County.

SENATOR CAREY: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning. We're here today to once again do the Lord's work, to make sure that we take care of those people who are the most needy and to show compassion for those who are troubled. We ask for the Lord's blessing and we hope that we can accomplish those things that we do in His name. We ask this in the name of the Messiah who has come and will come again and the Messiah for those of us whose Messiah has yet to come with the hope that both Messiahs are truly one in the same. We ask this in the Lord's name. Amen.

Doctor of the day, John T. Dow, M.D., Pittsfield.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 7, 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. 1030

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Order

The following Joint Order: H.P. 1876

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation report out, to the House by March 23, 2000, a bill addressing eligibility for the elderly low-cost drug program.

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

READ and PASSED, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 538

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 7, 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2417 An Act to Improve the Working Effectiveness of the State Employee Health Commission

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Peggy A. Pendleton
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Douglas J. Ahearne
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 539

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

March 7, 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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 166 An Act to Amend the Public Property Tax Exemption
- L.D. 544 An Act to Value Homestead Exemption Farm Land at Current Use
- L.D. 2390 An Act to Target Public Assistance to Responsible Employers
- L.D. 2556 An Act to Increase Public Participation in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed 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**.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Matching Funds for the Study of Nondefense Uses of the United States Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine"

S.P. 1031 L.D. 2611

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Eliot and Representatives: LEMONT of Kittery, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MURPHY of Berwick, MURPHY of Kennebunk.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **MURRAY** to the rostrum where he assumed the duties as President Pro Tem.

The President retired from the Chamber.

The Senate called to order by President Pro Tem **ROBERT E. MURRAY, JR.** of Penobscot County.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources Relating to the Review of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning Under the State Government Evaluation Act" H.P. 1849 L.D. 2587

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 **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1819 L.D. 2553

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

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

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Make Organizational Changes in the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council" H.P. 1640 L.D. 2291

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-825).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-825).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-825) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Change the Aquaculture Lease Process" H.P. 1758 L.D. 2464

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-827).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-827).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-827) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Delay the Start-up Date for Implementing Electric Metering and Billing Competition" H.P. 1697 L.D. 2403

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-831).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-831).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-831) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Enhance Maine's Historic Districts by Efficiently Installing Underground Delivery Systems During Road Construction" H.P. 1769 L.D. 2482

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-830).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-830).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-830) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

Six members of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Provide Safety for Forest Rangers and the Public" H.P. 1686 L.D. 2392

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-836).**

Signed:

Senators:
NUTTING of Androscoggin
KILKELLY of Lincoln
KIEFFER of Aroostook

Representatives:
CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft
VOLENIK of Brooklin
CARR of Lincoln

Six members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Representatives:
PIEH of Bremen
GILLIS of Danforth
GAGNE of Buckfield
GOOLEY of Farmington
FOSTER of Gray
COWGER of Hallowell

Comes from the House with Report "B", **OUGHT NOT TO PASS READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Provide Additional Options for Services to Troubled Teens"

H.P. 1726 L.D. 2432

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

Signed:

Senators:

MURRAY of Penobscot
O'GARA of Cumberland
DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

QUINT of Portland
SHERMAN of Hodgdon
McALEVEY of Waterboro
POVICH of Ellsworth
PEAVEY of Woolwich
O'BRIEN of Augusta
CHIZMAR of Lisbon
TOBIN of Dexter

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-829)**.

Signed:

Representative:

MUSE of South Portland

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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Process for a County Bond Referendum Election"

H.P. 1706 L.D. 2412

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-805)**.

Signed:

Senators:

PENDLETON of Cumberland
GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock
DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

AHEARNE of Madawaska
RINES of Wiscasset
McDONOUGH of Portland
KASPRZAK of Newport
JODREY of Bethel
RICHARDSON of Greenville
GERRY of Auburn

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BAGLEY of Machias
TWOMEY of Biddeford
BUMPS of China

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **KONTOS** for the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation"

S.P. 869 L.D. 2279

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-526)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-526) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator KONTOS for the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Maine Board of Optometry" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 907 L.D. 2359

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-527)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-527) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator RUHLIN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Prevent Gray Market Cigarette Sales"
S.P. 897 L.D. 2316

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-524)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-524) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator MITCHELL for the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Promote Competition in the Natural Gas Industry"
S.P. 879 L.D. 2294

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-528)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-528) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator MITCHELL for the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Archaic and Unenforced Laws Related to the Duties of the Secretary of State"
S.P. 903 L.D. 2355

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-529)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-529) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator MITCHELL for the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Promote the Use of an Advocate Staff"
S.P. 943 L.D. 2473

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-530)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-530) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Promote Sharing of Information Between Schools and Criminal Justice Agencies"
S.P. 687 L.D. 1933

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-522)**.

Signed:

Senators:
MURRAY of Penobscot
O'GARA of Cumberland
DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

QUINT of Portland
TOBIN of Dexter
McALEVEY of Waterboro
POVICH of Ellsworth
O'BRIEN of Augusta
MUSE of South Portland
CHIZMAR of Lisbon

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-523).**

Signed:

Representatives:

SHERMAN of Hodgdon
PEAVEY of Woolwich

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-522)** Report **ACCEPTED.**

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-522) **READ and ADOPTED.**

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Allow State Pharmacies a Tax Credit for Unreimbursed Medicaid Costs"

S.P. 909 L.D. 2361

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-525).**

Signed:

Senator:

RUHLIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

COLWELL of Gardiner
STANLEY of Medway
LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach
MURPHY of Berwick
BUCK of Yarmouth
CIANCHETTE of South Portland
DAVIDSON of Brunswick
LEMONT of Kittery

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senator:

MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:

GAGNON of Waterville
GREEN of Monmouth

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Regulation of Public Heating Utilities"
H.P. 1637 L.D. 2288

Bill "An Act to Provide Standard-offer Service to Certain Customers" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1638 L.D. 2289

Bill "An Act to Make Certain Public Utility Commission Rules Routine Technical Rules"
H.P. 1722 L.D. 2428

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, in concurrence.

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Amend the Installment Payment Order Capability of the Disclosure Court"
H.P. 243 L.D. 347
(C "A" H-816)

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Limited Waiver of Immunity"
H.P. 916 L.D. 1294
(C "A" H-815)

Bill "An Act to Create a Purple Heart Motorcycle License Plate"
H.P. 1653 L.D. 2322
(C "B" H-790)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Corporate and Other Entities"
H.P. 1664 L.D. 2333
(H "A" H-826 to C "A" H-818)

Bill "An Act to Add Emergency Medical Services to the Municipal Fire Department Authority"

H.P. 1676 L.D. 2342
(C "A" H-822)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow the Legislature to Provide for Assessment of Property Used for Commercial Fishing at Current Use

H.P. 1716 L.D. 2422
(C "A" H-820)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Dragging in a Portion of the Taunton River Area" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1745 L.D. 2451
(H "A" H-821)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Increase the Rate of Pay for Forest Fire Wardens"

S.P. 894 L.D. 2313
(C "A" S-520)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Misuse of Mortuary Trust Funds"

S.P. 922 L.D. 2373
(C "A" S-521)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Fuel Deliveries by Allowing Fuel Delivery Vehicles to Travel on Posted Roads"

S.P. 931 L.D. 2381
(C "A" S-518)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem **ROBERT E. MURRAY, JR.** of Penobscot.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Jurisdiction of the District Court"

H.P. 1776 L.D. 2487

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-861)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-861)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-861) **READ and ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Change the Name in the Statutes of a Native American Organization Able to Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses
S.P. 891 L.D. 2310

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 Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program
H.P. 1795 L.D. 2518
(S "A" S-507 to C "A" H-802)

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 Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter (unassigned): Rules Governing the Licensing and Inspection of Farm Cheese, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

H.P. 1801 L.D. 2528

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 **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Acts

An Act Regarding the Maintenance of Private Roads

H.P. 332 L.D. 448
(C "A" H-793)

An Act to Make Technical Changes in the Law Authorizing the Capital Riverfront Improvement District

S.P. 863 L.D. 2261
(C "A" S-495)

An Act to Clarify Granting Authority Under the Agricultural Development Grant Program

S.P. 880 L.D. 2295

An Act to Require the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to Report to the Legislature on Matters Related to State Veterans Laws

H.P. 1661 L.D. 2330
(C "A" H-797)

An Act to Change the Name of the Natural Resources Information and Mapping Center to More Accurately Reflect its Roles and Duties and to Correct Inconsistent Statutes

S.P. 925 L.D. 2376

An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission on Performance Budgeting

S.P. 930 L.D. 2380

An Act to Require Expenditure of Designated Funds for the Purpose for which the Legislature Designated the Funds

S.P. 932 L.D. 2382
(C "A" S-497)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President Pro Tem were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act to Enhance the Maine State College Savings Program

S.P. 742 L.D. 2101
(C "A" S-501)

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Adopt a New Interstate Compact Regarding Adults Who are on Probation or Parole"

H.P. 1875 L.D. 2612

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.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Application of the Employment Leave Law for Victims of Violence"

H.P. 1877 L.D. 2613

Bill "An Act to Establish Consistent Requirements in Maine State Retirement System Plans for Minimum Creditable Service for Eligibility to Receive Retirement Benefits"

H.P. 1878 L.D. 2614

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** 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 Statutes
Department of Environmental Protection**

The **Department of Environmental Protection**, pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Limit, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1879 L.D. 2615

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

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

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

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

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **KILKELLY** of Lincoln, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 1032

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation report out, to the Senate, a bill authorizing the reimbursement of sales tax overpayments to a Maine business.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem
ROBERT E. MURRAY, JR. of Penobscot County.

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

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 Amend the Jurisdiction of the District Court
H.P. 1776 L.D. 2487
(C "A" H-861)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 29 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 Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 9:00 in the morning.