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Tuesday, January 30, 2001

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Father Clement Thibodeau, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Gardiner.

National Anthem by Martin Swinger, Augusta.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Dr. Richard Dillihunt, M.D., Portland (retired).

The Journal of Thursday, January 25, 2001 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Protected Reserve Funds

(S.P. 59) (L.D. 223)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Standards Regarding the Endangerment of the Welfare of a Dependent Person"

(S.P. 71) (L.D. 277)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Workers' Compensation Board to Maintain its Current Level of Services"

(S.P. 77) (L.D. 297)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Prohibiting Consumption or Possession of Alcohol by a Minor"

(S.P. 74) (L.D. 294)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Display of Liquor in Windows"

(S.P. 75) (L.D. 295)

Bill "An Act to Specify the Permissible Hours for Sale of Liquor By Wholesale Licensees"

(S.P. 76) (L.D. 296)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in 6

Parcels of Land, One with a Building, Held by the Department of Education and Located in the Unorganized Territories

(S.P. 65) (L.D. 236)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Signatures From All Counties on Direct Initiative Petitions

(H.P. 119) (L.D. 123)

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in the House on January 18, 2001.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Representative KASPRZAK of Newport moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Tuttle.

Representative **TUTTLE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I would ask that you would vote against this motion. Historically, bills of this nature, initiative referendums, do go to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs. If you look at your calendar on Page 12 and Page 13, you will notice that there are resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of Maine. Those historically go to State and Local Government. Mr. Speaker, for that reason, I would hope that we would defeat the motion to Recede and Concur and I would request a Roll Call.

Representative **TUTTLE** of Sanford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

On motion of Representative **COLWELL** of Gardiner, **TABLED** pending the motion of Representative **KASPRZAK** of Newport to **RECEDE AND CONCUR** and later today assigned. (Roll Call Requested)

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.P. 72)

**STATE OF MAINE
120TH LEGISLATURE**

January 23, 2001

Senator Richard Kneeland

Representative Linda Rogers McKee

Chairpersons

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

120th Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Kneeland and Representative McKee:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Goodwin O. Gilman of Newport for reappointment as a member of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission. Pursuant to Title 8, M.R.S.A., §261-A, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud

President of the Senate

S/Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 73)

**STATE OF MAINE
120TH LEGISLATURE**

January 23, 2001

Senator Kevin L. Shorey

Representative John Richardson

Chairpersons

Joint Standing Committee on Business & Economic Development

120th Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Shorey and Representative Richardson:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Margaret S. Haynes of Freeport for reappointment as a member of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, M.R.S.A., §4723, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business & Economic Development and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud

President of the Senate

S/Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

The following Bills and Resolves were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Training Requirements for Forest Rangers"

(H.P. 273) (L.D. 351)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: COTE of Lewiston, DUGAY of Cherryfield, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MATTHEWS of Winslow, McKEE of Wayne, PERRY of Bangor, RINES of Wiscasset, THOMAS of Orono.

BANKING AND INSURANCE

Bill "An Act to Permit Foster Parents to Purchase Group Health Insurance"

(H.P. 275) (L.D. 353)

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, FULLER of Manchester, LOVETT of Scarborough, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TOBIN of Windham, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York.

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Integrity of Processing Insurance Claims Relating to Motor Vehicle Glass"

(H.P. 276) (L.D. 354)

Presented by Representative CHIZMAR of Lisbon.

Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, MAYO of Bath, McKENNEY of Cumberland, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, O'NEIL of Saco, Senator: ABROMSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Parity in the Sale of Securities by Maine Financial Institutions"

(H.P. 297) (L.D. 375)

Presented by Representative MAYO of Bath.

Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CRESSEY of Baldwin, GLYNN of South Portland, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, O'NEIL of Saco, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, YOUNG of Limestone, Senator: ABROMSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Mission of the Office of the Public Advocate"

(H.P. 313) (L.D. 391)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, COLLINS of Wells, COLWELL of Gardiner, PEAVEY of Woolwich, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, LaFOUNTAIN of York.

Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** suggested.

On motion of Representative O'NEIL of Saco, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act to Require Bonding of Building Contractors"

(H.P. 261) (L.D. 310)

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, McDONOUGH of Portland, McKENNEY of Cumberland, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, NORBERT of Portland, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: SAWYER of Penobscot, TREAT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Require that Professors of Social Work Be Licensed at the Master Social Worker or the Clinical Social Worker Level"

(H.P. 282) (L.D. 360)

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.

Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, COTE of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act to Openly Display Components of the Price of a Gallon of Gasoline at Filling Stations"

(H.P. 290) (L.D. 368)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, NASS of Acton, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, TREADWELL of Carmel.

Bill "An Act to Adopt the Model Business Corporation Act in Maine"

(H.P. 283) (L.D. 361)

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland, Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, COTE of Lewiston, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, O'NEIL of Saco, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bill "An Act Regarding Prisoner Participation in Public Work Projects or Improvements to Charitable Organizations' Property"

(H.P. 264) (L.D. 313)

Presented by Representative LESSARD of Topsham. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, HASKELL of Milford, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Transportation of Juvenile Offenders"

(H.P. 271) (L.D. 349)

Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MUSE of South Portland, MUSE of Fryeburg, O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bail"

(H.P. 307) (L.D. 385)

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, HALL of Bristol, TRACY of Rome, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator: SAVAGE of Knox.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Support Requests for Jobs for Maine's Graduates Programs in Maine Communities"

(H.P. 289) (L.D. 367)

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.
Cosponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BERRY of Belmont, BERRY of Livermore, Senators: President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MITCHELL of Penobscot.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Improve Employment Opportunities for People with Mental Illness"

(H.P. 292) (L.D. 370)

Presented by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: BUMPS of China, MADORE of Augusta, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, MATTHEWS of Winslow, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, O'BRIEN of Augusta, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senator: DAGGETT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Encourage Smoke-free Hospitals in Maine"

(H.P. 293) (L.D. 371)

Presented by Representative LOVETT of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, DUDLEY of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, McKENNEY of Cumberland, STEDMAN of Hartland, Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MITCHELL of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Limit Smoking by Foster Parents" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 305) (L.D. 383)

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, DUDLEY of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, LOVETT of Scarborough, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TOBIN of Windham, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York.

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for the State's Share of the Budget to Operate the Northeast Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Pricing"

(H.P. 309) (L.D. 387)

Presented by Representative MAYO of Bath.
Cosponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, NORBERT of Portland, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, SMALL of Sagadahoc, TREAT of Kennebec.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative KANE of Saco, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Maine's Wild Turkey Hunting Season"

(H.P. 269) (L.D. 347)

Presented by Representative HONEY of Boothbay.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, CLARK of Millinocket, COTE of Lewiston, DUNLAP of Old Town, SCHNEIDER of Durham, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Pertaining to Licensing Requirements for Landowners"

(H.P. 270) (L.D. 348)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, COTE of Lewiston, HONEY of Boothbay, THOMAS of Orono, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, USHER of Westbrook, Senators: CARPENTER of York, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Restore the Passage of Alewives on the St. Croix River" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 287) (L.D. 365)

Presented by Representative HONEY of Boothbay.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, PINKHAM of Lamoine, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested.

On motion of Representative DUNLAP of Old Town, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act to Clarify Arrest Powers under Certain Bench Warrants"

(H.P. 258) (L.D. 307)

Presented by Representative BOUFFARD of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, MAILHOT of Lewiston, McDONOUGH of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act Regarding Statute of Limitations for Attorneys"

(H.P. 260) (L.D. 309)

Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Name Changes"

(H.P. 285) (L.D. 363)

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COLWELL of Gardiner, DUDLEY of Portland, JACOBS of Turner, MENDROS of Lewiston, NORBERT of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SIMPSON of Auburn.

Resolve, Recognizing the Phi Eta Kappa Building Association as a Nonprofit Corporation

(H.P. 286) (L.D. 364)

Presented by Representative THOMAS of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, PERRY of Bangor, RINES of Wiscasset, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

LABOR

Bill "An Act to Adjust the Unemployment Compensation Fund Cap"

(H.P. 278) (L.D. 356)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Law as It Pertains to Employer-selected Health Care Providers"

(H.P. 295) (L.D. 373)

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Senator: EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: ASH of Belfast, BRYANT of Dixfield, COTE of Lewiston, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, MATTHEWS of Winslow, McDONOUGH of Portland, PATRICK of Rumford.

Bill "An Act to Restore an Injured Employee's Right to Sue an Employer for Damages"

(H.P. 302) (L.D. 380)

Presented by Representative PINEAU of Jay.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, MATTHEWS of Winslow, STANLEY of Medway, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Amend Disclosure Reporting Requirements"

(H.P. 310) (L.D. 388)

Presented by Representative McDONOUGH of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BRANNIGAN of Portland, BRYANT of Dixfield, COLWELL of Gardiner, COWGER of Hallowell, GOODWIN of Pembroke, PINKHAM of Lamoine, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

MARINE RESOURCES

Resolve, to Regulate the Harvesting of Horseshoe Crabs

(H.P. 259) (L.D. 308)

Presented by Representative HALL of Bristol.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CLARK of Millinocket, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JONES of Greenville, MARLEY of Portland, RINES of Wiscasset, Senator: SHOREY of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Extend the Repeal of the Lobster Trap Tag Freeze"

(H.P. 266) (L.D. 344)

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator: LEMONT of York.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of Shellfish to Include Whole Scallops"

(H.P. 267) (L.D. 345)

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Ban Dragging in Salt Pond Located in the Towns of Blue Hill, Brooklin and Sedgwick"

(H.P. 277) (L.D. 355)

Presented by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin.

Bill "An Act to Revise Maine Laws Governing Aquaculture"

(H.P. 288) (L.D. 366)

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.

Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, HALL of Bristol, PINKHAM of Lamoine.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Lobster Fishing Owner and Operator Laws to Allow Limited Charter Vessel Operation" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 301) (L.D. 379)

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, HONEY of Boothbay, Senator: LEMONT of York.

Bill "An Act to Reauthorize and Expand the Lobster Promotion Council"

(H.P. 304) (L.D. 382)

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Jobs and Natural Resources"

(H.P. 296) (L.D. 374)

Presented by Representative PINEAU of Jay.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DUNLAP of Old Town, MATTHEWS of Winslow, STANLEY of Medway, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Regulating the Transportation of Water"

(H.P. 298) (L.D. 376)

Presented by Representative PINEAU of Jay.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DUNLAP of Old Town, MATTHEWS of Winslow, STANLEY of Medway, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested.

On motion of Representative COWGER of Hallowell, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Marine Resources to Convey by Transfer and Easement to the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District the State's Interest in Certain Property on McKown Point in West Boothbay Harbor

(H.P. 265) (L.D. 343)

Presented by Representative HONEY of Boothbay.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Personal Use of State Vehicles by State Employees"

(H.P. 274) (L.D. 352)

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Eliot.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, TUTTLE of Sanford, USHER of Westbrook, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Vote of 2/3 of Each House of the Legislature to Enact or Include a Tax or License Fee

(H.P. 280) (L.D. 358)

Presented by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Cosponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin and Representatives: KASPRZAK of Newport, MUSE of Fryeburg, WHEELER of Eliot, Senators: President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KILKELLY of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act to Designate April 15th as Small Business Day"

(H.P. 291) (L.D. 369)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator SAWYER of Penobscot and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BUCK of Yarmouth, FOSTER of Gray, MORRISON of Baileyville, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Senator: LEMONT of York.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Direct Election of the Secretary of State

(H.P. 303) (L.D. 381)

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: KASPRZAK of Newport, MICHAEL of Auburn, PERKINS of Penobscot, TRACY of Rome.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Prohibit a Person Employed Full-time in the Judicial or Executive Branch of the State from Serving in the Legislature

(H.P. 311) (L.D. 389)

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, McKENNEY of Cumberland, PINKHAM of Lamoine, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, McALEVEY of York.

Bill "An Act to Provide Clarification on the Use of Impact Fees"

(H.P. 268) (L.D. 346)

Presented by Representative TOBIN of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, DAVIS of Falmouth, ESTES of Kittery, McKEE of Wayne, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth.

Submitted by the State Planning Office pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative McDONOUGH of Portland, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Municipal Authority Over Cable Television Franchises"

(H.P. 294) (L.D. 372)

Presented by Representative BERRY of Belmont.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRABTREE of Hope, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, LOVETT of Scarborough, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PERKINS of Penobscot, ROSEN of Bucksport, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative McDONOUGH of Portland, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act to Provide Tax Credits against the Maine State Income Tax for Qualifying Education Expenses of Dependent Children in Grades Kindergarten to 12"

(H.P. 262) (L.D. 311)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Recipients of the Silver Star from the State Income Tax"

(H.P. 272) (L.D. 350)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, COLWELL of Gardiner, DUGAY of Cherryfield, FISHER of Brewer, MAILHOT of Lewiston, McGOWAN of Pittsfield, SCHNEIDER of Durham, WHEELER of Eliot.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Sales Tax on Shipping Charges on Home Party Sales"

(H.P. 281) (L.D. 359)

Presented by Representative STEDMAN of Hartland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York, CHICK of Lebanon, CRESSEY of Baldwin, GOOLEY of Farmington, KASPRZAK of Newport, LABRECQUE of Gorham, LOVETT of Scarborough, McKENNEY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Forest Management Planning Income Tax Credit"

(H.P. 306) (L.D. 384)

Presented by Representative FOSTER of Gray.
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, CARR of Lincoln, CLOUGH of Scarborough, GOOLEY of Farmington, HEIDRICH of Oxford, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PINEAU of Jay.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act to Authorize a Registered Maine Guide Registration Plate"

(H.P. 257) (L.D. 306)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, CLARK of Millinocket, HONEY of Boothbay, PERKINS of Penobscot, SCHNEIDER of Durham, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Senators: CARPENTER of York, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act to Modernize the Laws Regarding Bicycle Safety"

(H.P. 263) (L.D. 312)

Presented by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.
Cosponsored by Senator SAWYER of Penobscot and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BAKER of Bangor, CANAVAN of Waterville, COWGER of Hallowell, DAIGLE of Arundel, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Current Property Owners from Fees for Existing Rights-of-Way Across Train Lines"

(H.P. 284) (L.D. 362)

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representative: GERZOFISKY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act to Consolidate Forms Used in the Course of Automobile Sales"

(H.P. 299) (L.D. 377)

Presented by Representative ASH of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, BROOKS of Winterport, COTE of Lewiston, COWGER of Hallowell, HATCH of Skowhegan, MARLEY of Portland, PERRY of Bangor, Senator: LEMONT of York.

Bill "An Act to Allow Individuals with Disability Registration Plates or Placards to Park Where There is a Parking Meter Without a Charge"

(H.P. 300) (L.D. 378)

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of York.
Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, LABRECQUE of Gorham, LOVETT of Scarborough, MURPHY of Berwick, MUSE of Fryeburg, SCHNEIDER of Durham.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act to Protect the State's Heating Oil Consumers"

(H.P. 279) (L.D. 357)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, KASPRZAK of Newport.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Revenues Collected by the Public Utilities Commission" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 308) (L.D. 386)

Presented by Representative McDONOUGH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BRYANT of Dixfield, COWGER of Hallowell, GOODWIN of Pembroke, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MURPHY of Berwick, NORBERT of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Require Telephone Utility Participation in Enhanced 9-1-1"

(H.P. 312) (L.D. 390)

Presented by Representative BERRY of Belmont.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, SAVAGE of Buxton, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

**Pursuant to Joint Study Order (H.P. 1857)
Joint Select Committee to Study the Creation of a
Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to
Health Care for All Maine Citizens**

Representative O'NEIL for the **Joint Select Committee to Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for All Maine Citizens** pursuant to Joint Study Order (H.P. 1857) asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Select Committee to Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for All Maine Citizens"

(H.P. 315) (L.D. 392)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative PERKINS of Penobscot, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 314)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 304 by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

In committee hearings and work sessions, the committee may not give executive or judicial branch employees any preference over members of the public in presenting oral testimony either in the order of speaking or the amount of time allowed.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot, Representative Perkins.

Representative **PERKINS**: Mr. Speaker, Colleagues of the House. In your printed calendar you will see this order. It is precisely the wording that I wished. I don't know if this pertains to your committee or committees, but it certainly does to some of the ones I have been a member of and some that I have spoke in front of. This is basically about the separation of powers. I am a strong believer in the separation of powers. Our federal constitution and all the state's constitutions are pretty similar saying there are three branches of government, three separate and distinct branches of government. I think that distinction has actually become muddled a bit here in Augusta. I think we need to be very careful that we don't lose that separation and that distinction.

This didn't go in front of the Rules Committee. I apologize. I cannot control when thoughts and ideas come into my head. I apologize for that. If there is any discussion on this today, to be honest, both sides have used this so far in these first three weeks or so saying that shouldn't pass because it didn't go in front of the Rules Committee. Both sides have used that. I would appreciate it if we didn't use that. The other one is, just remember back home, it is not a partisan issue. I presented an order here a couple weeks ago and it had to do with committees and that type of thing. It was a similar thing, but not the same. Afterwards people said to me from both sides, that was a darn good idea. I don't know why it became partisan? Some people voted along partisan lines. I am not immune from that myself.

Let's look at it on its merits and think in terms of your constituents and think in terms of your constituents in committee hearings and especially in the work sessions. How many times have you seen it where a constituent might put up a hand in the work session and they might get recognized if there is time? Usually they are given one shot at it. Have you ever heard a state department person be told that you can give one shot at it and that is it? I never have. Usually, the department people move right with the chair in some committees and almost take over. Sure, we need their information. We need their expertise. That is not the question. I just don't want any preferential treatment. I have had citizens say that they hardly got a chance to say anything whereas the commission and deputy commissioner got unlimited time. That is not fair.

Just in the remote chance that this does not pass today, I would hope that at least people will take cognizance of what goes on in your committee and make sure that this does not happen. Mr. Speaker, I request a roll call, please.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

Representative **ETNIER** of Harpswell moved that the Joint Order and all accompanying papers be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Joint Order and all accompanying papers.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harpswell, Representative Etnier.

Representative **ETNIER**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is with true sadness that I move to Indefinitely Postpone anything that comes from my good friend from Penobscot, Representative Perkins. Of all the people I have served with, there are none that I have enjoyed serving with more than the good Representative from Penobscot. Even though we disagree on a fair percentage of the items that roll through these halls, he is a man of great gentlemanly character and honor. I want to say that on the record because I do find it difficult to Indefinitely Postpone anything he brings forward. However, that is what I am doing. It is for what I feel to be a good reason and it has nothing to do with partisan politics as did my vote the other day on an order of Representative Perkins, which I felt was bad policy. This too, I feel, is bad policy and it has nothing to do with whatever party I come from. I urge you to vote based on what you feel is good or bad for policy, not on your party affiliation. I think that this is actually a helpful order in a way because I do think it would be an attempt to mitigate some of the damage that is done to the Legislature by the advent of term limits, which has shifted a lot of the power to the Executive Branch. Despite that, I feel it is an attempt to micro-manage the committee process and committee procedures. I don't think that is necessary. If you look at Rule 304 in the Joint Rules, procedures for public hearing and work sessions, it is fairly broad. It doesn't get into a great deal of specifics. You in your individual committees have adopted your committee rules. You have discussed, I hope, your committee rules and committee methods of procedure as is appropriate. Along those lines, if your individual committee wanted to amend your committee rules in the fashion that Representative Perkins has brought forward,

more power to you. There is nothing prohibiting you from doing so within your individual committee.

Having served as a chair for a couple terms and on six other committees in my time here, I have often found it helpful, frankly, especially in the public hearing process, to allow the department of jurisdiction, in my case it was always the Marine Resources Committee, to allow them to go at the head of the proponent section, if it was a bill they were supporting. Often times the reason for that is because it may be a department bill and it might actually be a bill of theirs that they are bringing to the committee for its consideration, as is fair. I think our committee has always felt that it was reasonable for them to go first to present their reasons why they thought it was a good idea. Frankly, I think that the public is appreciative to the fact that the department has gone at the lead because the public when they arrived there, I think they like to know why the department feels the way it feels and why the department is in favor or against something. Frankly, I think it helps the public when they stand up to speak to frame their response, be it for or against. I think having heard what the department has to say, sometimes helps them frame their arguments either in support or opposed.

I think that was really all I was planning to say on this. Again, I appreciate the Representative bringing this forward. I think it is appropriate if he wants to do it in his individual committee. I, however, would not want to be taken away in my committee that I happen to be on, this blanket ban on allowing either the Executive or the Judicial Branch to state their case at the onset. Thank you very much.

Representative MENDROS of Lewiston moved that the Joint Order be REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules.

Representative DUNLAP of Old Town REQUESTED a division on the motion to REFER the Joint Order to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules.

The Chair ordered a division on the motion to REFER the Joint Order to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bridgton, Representative Waterhouse.

Representative WATERHOUSE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I told the good Representative from Penobscot that I would get up and support his move to do this today. Not only do I think it is a very good idea, but it has been pet peeve of mine for many years. In fact, most times when I have a speech to give before a club, I do mention the committee process. One of the things that is very disturbing to me is the process of having legislators go first. Of course the sponsor of the bill has to introduce the bill, but then having cosponsors get up and then the different departments and so forth and so on and then recognizing the general public. The vast majority of these people that show up take a day out of work. Some of them travel great distances to come up here and to testify on these bills. I have had some citizens from my towns come up and testify on bills that I put in for them. Some of them have had to sit around for most of the day to get up and testify. I see no reason, we do come up with reasons why legislators or the departments should have a first shot at this. Some of the comments that were made were that cosponsors should be able to get up and be able to testify in support of the bill because they cosponsored the bill. However, I think we all know it has been around here a while that most people that cosponsor bills, would not testify for those bills. I would be greatly surprised if the people who cosponsored all their bills went in and testified in

support of those bills. The other big thing is I always said that the departments, the legislators and the lobbyists have many bites of the apple and it is very rare and the new people serving their first term will find this to be true, very rare for citizens to be able to come up for a second bite of the apple. Never mind the third, fourth or fifth or whatever, because they have to work. They come up here. They have their say. They leave and then the work sessions take place at the departments. The lobbyists come in and give information to the committees and everything that citizen might have said has been turned around by the new information and the system never gets a chance to have their second day in court. I think this is a small measure. I think it is good. I think it is a populous measure. It is good for the citizens of this state. I hope you will vote to refer this to the Rules Committee so that they can take a serious look at it. Barring that, I hope we do pass the rule here today.

On motion of Representative COLWELL of Gardiner, TABLED pending the motion of Representative MENDROS of Lewiston to REFER the Joint Order to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules and later today assigned. (Division Ordered)

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

In Memory of:

Edward L. Dexter, of Kingfield, who represented District 66 for 20 years as a Member of the Maine House of Representatives during the 108th-114th and the 116th-118th Legislatures. He served in the United States Army during World War II, and he owned and operated his own lumber business for over 60 years. He was a lifelong resident of the town of Kingfield and served as a selectman for several years. Mr. Dexter was a charter member of American Legion Post 61 and a member and past president of the Kingfield Historical Society. We acknowledge his dedicated and longtime service to his district and to the State of Maine, and we extend our condolences to his loving family. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

(HLS 53)

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.
 Cosponsored by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden, Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representative ANDREWS of York, Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, Representative ASH of Belfast, Representative BAGLEY of Machias, Representative BAKER of Bangor, Representative BELANGER of Caribou, Representative BERRY of Belmont, Representative BERRY of Livermore, Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor, Representative BLISS of South Portland, Representative BOUFFARD of Lewiston, Representative BOWLES of Sanford, Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland, Representative BROOKS of Winterport, Representative BRUNO of Raymond, Representative BRYANT of Dixfield, Representative BUCK of Yarmouth, Representative BULL of Freeport, Representative BUMPS of China, Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township, Representative CANAVAN of Waterville, Representative CARR of Lincoln, Representative CHASE of

Levant, Representative CHICK of Lebanon, Representative CHIZMAR of Lisbon, Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough, Representative COLLINS of Wells, Representative COLWELL of Gardiner, Representative COTE of Lewiston, Representative COWGER of Hallowell, Representative CRABTREE of Hope, Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin, Representative CUMMINGS of Portland, Representative DAIGLE of Arundel, Representative DAVIS of Falmouth, Representative DESMOND of Mapleton, Representative DORR of Camden, Representative DUDLEY of Portland, Representative DUGAY of Cherryfield, Representative DUNCAN of Presque Isle, Representative DUNLAP of Old Town, Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, Representative DUPREY of Hampden, Representative ESTES of Kittery, Representative ETNIER of Harpswell, Representative FISHER of Brewer, Representative FOSTER of Gray, Representative FULLER of Manchester, Representative GAGNE of Buckfield, Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick, Representative GLYNN of South Portland, Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke, Representative GOOLEY of Farmington, Representative GREEN of Monmouth, Representative HALL of Bristol, Representative HASKELL of Milford, Representative HATCH of Skowhegan, Representative HAWES of Standish, Representative HEIDRICH of Oxford, Representative HONEY of Boothbay, Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham, Representative JACOBS of Turner, Representative JODREY of Bethel, Representative JONES of Greenville, Representative KANE of Saco, Representative KASPRZAK of Newport, Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, Representative LABRECQUE of Gorham, Representative LANDRY of Patten, Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton, Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, Representative LEDWIN of Holden, Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, Representative LESSARD of Topsham, Representative LORING of Penobscot Nation, Representative LOVETT of Scarborough, Representative LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, Representative MADORE of Augusta, Representative MAILHOT of Lewiston, Representative MARLEY of Portland, Representative MARRACHÉ of Waterville, Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow, Representative MAYO of Bath, Representative McDONOUGH of Portland, Representative McGOWAN of Pittsfield, Representative McKEE of Wayne, Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland, Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, Representative McNEIL of Rockland, Representative MENDROS of Lewiston, Representative MICHAEL of Auburn, Representative MICHAUD of Fort Kent, Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro, Representative MORRISON of Baileyville, Representative MURPHY of Berwick, Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk, Representative MUSE of South Portland, Representative MUSE of Fryeburg, Representative NASS of Acton, Representative NORBERT of Portland, Representative NORTON of Bangor, Representative NUTTING of Oakland, Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta, Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston, Representative O'NEIL of Saco, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, Representative PATRICK of Rumford, Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich, Representative PERKINS of Penobscot, Representative PERRY of Bangor, Representative PINEAU of Jay, Representative PINKHAM of Lamoine, Representative POVICH of Ellsworth, Representative QUINT of Portland, Representative RICHARD of Madison, Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Representative RINES of

Wiscasset, Representative ROSEN of Bucksport, Representative SAVAGE of Buxton, Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham, Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Representative SHIELDS of Auburn, Representative SIMPSON of Auburn, Representative SKOGLUND of St. George, Representative SMITH of Van Buren, Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Representative SOCTOMAH of Passamaquoddy Tribe, Representative STANLEY of Medway, Representative STEDMAN of Hartland, Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Representative TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, Representative TESSIER of Fairfield, Representative THOMAS of Orono, Representative TOBIN of Windham, Representative TOBIN of Dexter, Representative TRACY of Rome, Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Representative TREADWELL of Carmel, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford, Representative USHER of Westbrook, Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin, Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Representative WATSON of Farmingdale, Representative WESTON of Montville, Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater, Representative WHEELER of Eliot, Representative WINSOR of Norway, Representative YOUNG of Limestone, Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland, President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford, Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland, Senator CARPENTER of York, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot, Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec, Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland, Senator FERGUSON of Oxford, Senator GAGNON of Kennebec, Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln, Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook, Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York, Senator LEMONT of York, Senator LONGLEY of Waldo, Senator MARTIN of Aroostook, Senator McALEVEY of York, President MICHAUD of Penobscot, Senator MILLS of Somerset, Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Senator O'GARA of Cumberland, Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland, Senator RAND of Cumberland, Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Senator SAVAGE of Knox, Senator SAWYER of Penobscot, Senator SHOREY of Washington, Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc, Senator TREAT of Kennebec, Senator TURNER of Cumberland, Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Embden, Representative McGlocklin.

Representative **MCGLOCKLIN**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise this morning to pay tribute to a man who served 20 years of his life in this chamber and in these halls. Edward Dexter, a lumberman, World War II veteran and grandfather of 37, passed away last week.

During his 10 terms in office, Representative Dexter served as the House Chair of the Natural Resources Committee and was a respected member of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. He also served as the chairman of the Board of Selectmen in his hometown of Kingfield. He brought much to this chamber, but I think Eddie will be remembered most for his quick smile and, of course, great analogies, for they revealed the true flavor of rural Maine, which was so much a part of him, I ask, Mr. Speaker, that when the House adjourns today, it do so in honor and lasting memory of Edward L. Dexter of Kingfield. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Raymond, Representative Bruno.

Representative **BRUNO**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is awfully sad to do this kind of eulogy type thing. Eddie Dexter was a great guy. For those of us who served with him and knew him, he had a quick wit and he was a man of honor and integrity. He didn't say much, for those of you who knew him, but he would only rise on occasions when he really knew something about the subject. When you talk about the woods and the forests and the trees, there wasn't anyone in this chamber who knew any more. Eddie lived in the woods practically 65 years. He could describe a tree like no other person. He always had great stories to tell. The thing he always had was common sense. When he spoke, he spoke with common sense and that is why people listened to him. I can tell you he was a friend of mine and I am going to miss him dearly.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bridgton, Representative Waterhouse.

Representative **WATERHOUSE**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I served with Eddie Dexter in the 117th and the 118th. Eddie Dexter was not only a gentleman, but a gentle man. You might notice on your desk, it was put here earlier, three stories in memory of Eddie Dexter. One of them refers to the famous kitten story. That brings to mind a bill that came out of committee unanimous. It had to do with logging. Eddie had flagged it and I walked up to Eddie and asked him what do you want to do about it and he said, "Why don't we debate it." I knew with Eddie debating it, it stood a good chance of being defeated. Eddie and I got up. I think we were the only two that debated the unanimous committee report. I said my peace and Eddie got up and gave his famous kitten story, about his grandchildren picking up this kitten and squeezing it so hard that its eyes were bugging out. Eddie asked, "What are you doing with that kitten?" The kid said, "I am loving it." Eddie said that is exactly what we are doing up here in the Legislature with all these regulations that we think are helping these people. We are loving them to death. Please save that kitten. He turned around a unanimous committee report and defeated that bill. I would like to think at that time that it was of my doing, but I think it was all Eddie. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Colwell.

Representative **COLWELL**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I knew Ed Dexter. I knew him as a great father, as a great public servant and as a great Mainer. Eddie and I didn't see eye to eye on a lot of issues, but we certainly saw eye to eye on what a great state this is that we live in and what great traditions that we have. I just wanted to lend my words to pay tribute to this great man. He did a heck of a job as a legislator and just as a real Maine person. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Poland, Representative Snowe-Mello.

Representative **SNOWE-MELLO**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I also stand here today in remembrance of Eddie. Eddie and I were very close friends. I remember serving with him in the 118th. I was just a naive freshman who had a lot to learn. In his area of expertise, I knew I could always rely on Eddie to give me a straight fact on any issue. He was a kind and gentle man. He would always listen and always be there for me. I am sorely going to miss Eddie. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Farmington, Representative Gooley.

Representative **GOOLEY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise today to give tribute to Eddie Dexter. Many times he would say, "I started in the woods when I was 12 years old." That is the truth. He did. He was from a different generation. I am a forester and he was a logger and he used to do some cutting on some of the lots that I used to have. He and I used to have some real interesting discussions about forestry and what is right and what is wrong. I can tell you one thing. When he was in his terms in the Legislature, he stood up for landowner rights. If anybody stood up for landowner rights, it was Eddie Dexter. He was not an average person. He was a lumberman. I can tell you that he was sick a few years ago and he and I would ride down here together and I would look at him and say, "Eddie I have to take you home. You really aren't well enough to come down here today." He said that he was going down. That is where my job is and I want to do it. He came down and he was not well. He was one of those people that get up at 4 a.m. in the morning. He certainly spoke his mind. Probably those of you know that you can't smoke in restaurants now, but Eddie started that several years ago and it was his idea to start that. All I can say is that we will certainly miss Eddie. We respect him. We respect what he did and it was a job well done.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Usher.

Representative **USHER**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Eddie and I started out in the Legislature together. He served on the Natural Resources Committee when I was chair. He was very helpful in the forestry issues. One of the bills that I can remember that Eddie put in had nothing to do with forestry issues. When he had the traveling barbershop, he got national recognition for that. The barber would be able to go from towns in his districts and he was very concerned about what went on in Kingfield. He knew every building. He knew everything that went on in the Kingfield area. His brother happens to reside in my community in Westbrook. I see his brother all the time. I always ask what Eddie's health status was. I was in contact that way. Eddie was a good legislator. He worried about his district all the time and always helped out a lot of people in his district.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Cowger.

Representative **COWGER**: Mr. Speaker, Colleagues of the House. I just need to take a quick moment to remember my libertarian friend, Eddie Dexter. That is what he called me or that is what we called each other. As a freshman in this body in the 118th, Eddie and I were seatmates on the Natural Resources Committee. I was a greenhorn freshman sitting next to probably the most experienced legislator in this body. Eddie and I got to become quite good friends. We disagreed frequently on the issues as well, but occasionally we would agree and it really turned all the heads on the committee. They would look towards us and wonder why we actually agreed on issues. We became good buddies and we did refer to each other as our libertarian friend. I will indeed miss Eddie. He was a gentleman in this chamber. He has taught us all lessons very well and we will miss him.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Michael.

Representative **MICHAEL**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I also served with Eddie Dexter way back in the old days and served several years with him on the Natural Resources Committee. I was much more liberal than he was. My extent of the woods was getting out on the weekends and jogging in back of my house. Eddie had a way of taking a young fellow like me and letting me know I didn't know anything, without making me feel insulted. He always had a way of empowering the younger kids on the committee. He was very generous in that sense. He was a lanky gentleman, but sturdily built. He had a kind of an Abe Lincoln look to him. He was perhaps among all of the people I ever met up here, particularly and fundamentally honest. He was a good gentleman and I will miss him.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Murphy.

Representative **MURPHY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I had the good fortune to serve 10 years with Ed Dexter. As Representative Bruno indicated earlier, one of his excellent traits was commonsense. If you could pull up on the computer and look at his legislative packages over the last 20 years, you would see that theme running through. I think the Executive Branch knew that as well. I am looking at Representative Perkins's resolution today in terms of the rules. I think when Ed Dexter served on a committee, the Executive Branch would have gladly waited to be the last to testify because of his probing questions. He was always famous for his frugality, which used to be a Maine characteristic. He would always talk about this poor woodchopper and he would open up his coat so you could see the label. He was always proud that it was a 20 or 30-year-old coat. When I came back to the Legislature, he had a brand new coat on. I had asked him what was happening. He said that it had been 20 years wearing that last on. "Cord wood prices are up and I want you to know that I went to a thrift shop to get this coat."

He was a man of color. Too sadly, much of that color has disappeared from the Maine Legislature. He was a storyteller that the story he told you in the hall could be repeated in this chamber. There weren't two different levels of humor connected with Ed Dexter. He strongly believed in Maine individualism. Those characteristics included family, personal responsibility. He believed that government should be the last resort rather than the first remedy. It is appropriate in the State of the State that the Chief Executive echoed those same themes. He was also a person with an eye for the future because he was very concerned about whether new generations would ever know the joy or the thrill of working in the Maine woods. I think most of all, he loved this institution, this House of Representatives. He always talked about how humbling it was to serve in the people's body. Ed Dexter will be missed.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Tuttle.

Representative **TUTTLE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. As I have said, these are always the toughest times for a lot of us in the Legislature recalling friends that we had served with. I always repeat that even though their lives may be gone, I assure you that their spirits will maintain in this institution to help us during the hard times for many years to come. As Representative Usher told you, I also served my first term with Ed Dexter back in the 109th Legislature, which was nearly 20 years ago. We served on the Labor Committee together. Back then, the Labor Committee was affectionately known in the press

as the "wild bunch." I guess things really haven't changed all that much over the years for the committee. It was an interesting experience that Ed and I, even though we came from different sides of the issue, we always tried to get together and form some compromise. I think we did in many situations on that committee.

Ed also sat in Seat 33, which back then was the monitor's seat. These were the seats where Representative Perkins and I sit now. Before the voting machines were here, we were responsible for recording the vote. I know Ed always took that quite serious.

I remember a particular story back three years ago when I was in the hospital when I came back to the Legislature and I read something that Peter Mills put on our desks the other day and I would like to share it with you because he had given it me. Eddie told me about a legislator who had returned from being ill in the hospital and he asked a fellow legislator, a known tightwad, why he hadn't sent any flowers? The tightwad replied, "I heard you might not make it and I didn't want to send you flowers twice." For many of you who knew Ed, that was his sense of humor. Ed, rest in peace, my friend. God bless you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gray, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Eddie Dexter was probably one of the best reasons that we could call the Maine Legislature a Citizen's Legislature. He was a person with his feet on the ground. He knew the woods. He knew the land. He represented the people who owned that land very well. Thank you very much.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hartland, Representative Stedman.

Representative **STEDMAN**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. On behalf of the Somerset County Republican Caucus, I want to acknowledge Ed Dexter's passing and the contributions he made to our organization. He was an ever present member even though he only represented a very small portion of Somerset County. He never missed the meetings. He always had issues to discuss and he always used his wit and wisdom to enlighten us on the things we should be concerned about. On behalf of that organization, I do pass along our condolences to the family. Thank you.

ADOPTED and sent for concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, January 25, 2001, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act to Provide Services to People with Autism"

(H.P. 138) (L.D. 149)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on January 16, 2001.

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - January 18, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative **BERRY** of Livermore.

PENDING – FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Bill "An Act to Reinstate Emergency Assistance for Dependents of Veterans"

(S.P. 60) (L.D. 224)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

TABLED - January 25, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Livermore.

PENDING - **REFERENCE** in concurrence.

On motion of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify When Notice is Effective for Termination of a Tenancy"

(S.P. 58) (L.D. 222)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**.

TABLED - January 25, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

PENDING - **REFERENCE** in concurrence.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: Our ability to make decisions in the best interest of children depends on our access to accurate, timely and comprehensive information about the condition of children in their families. The *Maine Kids Count Report* provides a valuable resource in helping us to meet that responsibility. As a society, we have no more important responsibility than to help Maine families raise happy and healthy children. The *Kids Count Report* has and continues to provide a tool for lawmakers to craft legislation and policies that maximize our resources. I would like to thank on behalf of the House some of the people that have made this report possible. If they would stand as I read their names. These are the supporters of the Maine Children's Alliance. They are Dean Crocker, Michael Fiori, Jane Gilbert, Meredith Jones, John Coons, Ellen McPherson, Marj Medd, Lisa Miller, Terry Olsen, Cheryl Lee Rust, Pete Thibodeau and Elinor Goldberg, the Executive Director of the Maine Children's Alliance. Would they please stand and accept the greetings of this chamber? I would encourage each of you to take a very careful look at this report. I suggest you bring it home with you and take the time to read it. I personally believe that this report is an invaluable tool to eliminate the needs of Maine's children. I commend the Maine Children's Alliance for their great work and those of you who helped to bring these important matters to our attention. I would tell you that I look forward to this day each year when I serve in this body because this is a benchmark, in my opinion, of how we serve the people of Maine. I hope that you will take the time to carefully consider all the good work that has taken place.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Michael who wishes to address the House on the Record.

Representative **MICHAEL**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wish to apologize to the House for my role in causing any embarrassment to this institution or its

members as a result of the disagreement, which occurred on Thursday or from any of the media stories, which resulted, thereof. People who know me know that I am passionate and committed to the rights of the people, the integrity of the Constitution and to honesty in government. I was passionate and committed last week. I was probably, certainly as committed as I should have been, but I was also more passionate than necessary. I would hope I never have to give up my passion totally and I know that no one in this room would ever ask me to give up my commitment to the state and its people. I know I would never ask you to. Again, I apologize to the members of this body for any inconvenience or embarrassment that I may have caused to you or this institution. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Tuttle who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **TUTTLE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. As many of you are aware, yesterday, we heard the reports of the death of Joseph Ricci of Scarborough, owner of Scarborough Downs. The Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs for many of us in this institution had worked with Mr. Ricci over the years. We might not have always agreed with him, but, in my opinion, Mr. Ricci always spoke with a pure heart as he saw it. I think that we will miss him. I will miss him personally and others in this institution who dealt with him. I just wanted to mention that on the record.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Signatures From All Counties on Direct Initiative Petitions

(H.P. 119) (L.D. 123)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner pending the motion of Representative KASPRZAK of Newport to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**. (Roll Call Requested)

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Tuttle.

Representative **TUTTLE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I do apologize to the membership, but just as a point of clarification, I am asking that you would oppose the present motion to Recede and Concur. Issues of direct initiatives have always gone to the Committee on Legal Affairs. As I had mentioned before, we had a number of bills two years ago and for as long as I can remember, always went to the Committee on Legal Affairs. That is the reason why I am asking that you would oppose the pending motion. Just a point of education and history, if it were a issue of a resolution proposing an amendment like voting for Secretary of State as we see on Page 12 and 13. Those issues historically go to the Committee on State and Local Government. Therefore, I would ask that you would stick with the tradition. A number of people who are making the motion to send it to State and Local Government. Those who were supporting the issue testified before the Committee on Legal Affairs two years ago. I understand their concerns, but we do have to stick with tradition from what the titles say and directing bills from committee. Therefore, I would

ask that you would vote against the pending motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Kasprzak.

Representative **KASPRZAK**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I would ask you to Recede and Concur with the Senate. It has been said that that traditionally and historically these things have gone to Legal and Veterans Affairs. That is the sudden shift. That is last session that things have started to shift. Historically these issues on constitutional amendments have been referred to the State and Local Government Committee. I will just read briefly some things from committee subject areas. There is a little booklet in the Information Office. Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee - claims against the state, liquor, lottery, gambling, games of chance, off-track betting, non-profit organizations, elections, campaign financing, voter registration, governmental ethics, lobbyist registration, landlord tenants, veterans programs, department of defense and veterans services, sale and furnishing of cigarettes to minors and National Guard. State and Local Government Committee - state contracts and fiscal procedures, state government organizations, oversight of state officials, state personnel and property, administrative procedures, boards and commissions, capital area planning, constitutional amendments, county and regional government, Legislature and municipal and local governments. Please sand with me on Recede and Concur. I appreciate it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bath, Representative Mayo.

Representative **MAYO**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This issue has been on the calendar and kicking around for a number of days or weeks. It happens to be a bill that I am the sponsor of. There is a companion piece that has also been discussed and debated. I would support and urge you to support the chair of the Legal and Veteran's Committee. It is my understanding. I know that in the 119th Legislature, that committee dealt with similar issues and it is my understanding that looking back in the record that also this took place in the 118th Legislature. The previous speaker, the good Representative from Newport, made mention of the various duties of the two committees involved. In listing the duties of the Legal and Veterans Committee, was the word, election. I believe that what we are currently discussing does, in fact, pertain to elections. I would urge you to follow the chair's light on this particular issue and my light and vote against Recede and Concur. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative McDonough.

Representative **MCDONOUGH**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I have a great deal of respect for my committee member and colleague from Newport. However, I have to stand this morning and disagree with her position on this particular bill. I have looked at it closely and discussed it with other chairs. This particular issue, as the good Representative from Bath has just indicated, and that Representative Tuttle has stood up and spoke to, I also agree that we should send this to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs and let them deal with it. We have done it in the past. I think that is the appropriate place to do it. I hope that you will vote against the motion to Recede and Concur and follow my light. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Mendros.

Representative **MENDROS**: Mr. Speaker, May I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative **MENDROS**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Earlier in the session there was a bill sponsored by the good Representative from Penobscot, Representative Perkins, to have a direct election for the position of Attorney General. Could someone tell me what committee that was referred to?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Lewiston, Representative Mendros has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Tuttle.

Representative **TUTTLE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. That went to the State and Local Government Committee. I do want to remind you that historically those issues have gone to State and Local Government because of the initiative nature, the election law nature, of this bill that goes to Legal and Veterans Affairs and that is the distinction.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Mendros.

Representative **MENDROS**: Mr. Speaker, May I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative **MENDROS**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. According to the little booklet that the Representative from Newport, Representative Kasprzak, pointed out, constitutional amendments go to State and Local Government. Elections go to Legal and Veterans Affairs, however, the Attorney General's Office is under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee. That constitutional Amendment didn't come to our committee. It went to the committee that deals with constitutional amendments. Every one of these constitutional amendments has some other area in effect. We can water down that committee and send bills to other committees and have some overlapping areas, but it seems to me that committees either have jurisdiction over an area or they don't. I see no reason why that particular bill that I mentioned couldn't come to the Judiciary Committee. I see no difference in these two pieces of legislation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Tuttle.

Representative **TUTTLE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. If the gentleman would wished that to occur, he would have the right to do that. Based upon, as I said before, the tradition because of the election law nature, I had been a former chair of the State and Local Government Committee 15 years ago. That was a precedent back then. I would hope that we would continue that precedent Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Mendros.

Representative **MENDROS**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. One other point about the Constitution. The US Supreme Court in Meyer vs. Grant ruled that petitioning is protected by the First Amendment Rights. It is a core political speech at its zenith. This is more constitutional issues that this particular bill will be dealing with and the State and Local Government Committee is the most capable committee that deals with constitutional issues, how things relate to constitutional issues and other constitutional amendments. I

urge you to follow the light of the good Representative from Newport, Representative Kasprzak.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 9

YEA - Andrews, Annis, Belanger, Berry DP, Bowles, Buck, Bumps, Carr, Chase, Collins, Crabtree, Cressey, Davis, Duprey, Foster, Glynn, Gooley, Haskell, Hatch, Honey, Jodrey, Kasprzak, Ledwin, Lovett, MacDougall, McKenney, Mendros, Michael, Morrison, Murphy E, Murphy T, Muse K, Nass, Nutting, O'Brien JA, Peavey, Perkins, Pinkham, Rosen, Schneider, Sherman, Shields, Snowe-Mello, Stedman, Tobin J, Treadwell, Waterhouse, Weston.

NAY - Ash, Baker, Berry RL, Blanchette, Bliss, Bouffard, Brannigan, Brooks, Bruno, Bryant, Bull, Bunker, Canavan, Chick, Chizmar, Clark, Clough, Colwell, Cote, Cowger, Cummings, Daigle, Desmond, Dorr, Dudley, Dugay, Duncan, Dunlap, Duplessie, Estes, Etnier, Fisher, Fuller, Gagne, Gerzofsky, Green, Hall, Hawes, Heidrich, Hutton, Jacobs, Jones, Kane, Koffman, Labrecque, Landry, LaVerdiere, Lemoine, Lessard, Lundeen, Mailhot, Marley, Marrache, Mayo, McDonough, McGlocklin, McGowan, McKee, McLaughlin, McNeil, Michaud, Mitchell, Muse C, Norbert, Norton, O'Brien LL, O'Neil, Paradis, Patrick, Perry, Pineau, Povich, Richard, Richardson, Rines, Savage, Simpson, Skoglund, Smith, Stanley, Sullivan, Tarazewich, Tessier, Thomas, Tobin D, Tracy, Trahan, Tuttle, Twomey, Usher, Volenik, Watson, Wheeler EM, Wheeler GJ, Winsor, Young, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Bagley, Goodwin, Laverriere-Boucher, Madore, Matthews, Quint.

Yes, 48; No, 97; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

48 having voted in the affirmative and 97 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the motion to RECEDE and CONCUR FAILED.

Subsequently, the House voted to ADHERE.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Facilitate State Park Campsite Reservations through the Internet"

(S.P. 118) (L.D. 394)

Came from the Senate, REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Maine to Continue its Membership in the Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship"

(S.P. 85) (L.D. 305)

Bill "An Act to Promote Cultural Tourism for St. Croix Island"

(S.P. 105) (L.D. 331)

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 to Make Maine Courts Compliant with the Federal American With Disabilities Act of 1990"

(S.P. 116) (L.D. 342)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for a Low-flow Study for the Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board"

(S.P. 119) (L.D. 395)

Came from the Senate, REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law Concerning Representations Made in Insurance Contracts"

(S.P. 92) (L.D. 318)

Bill "An Act Concerning Patient Access to Eye Care Providers"

(S.P. 97) (L.D. 323)

Came from the Senate, REFERRED to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Recission Period in the Purchase of Time Shares"

(S.P. 98) (L.D. 324)

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Block Grants to Promote Regional Tourism"

(S.P. 115) (L.D. 341)

Came from the Senate, REFERRED to the Committee on BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect the Privacy of Maine Physicians"

(S.P. 110) (L.D. 336)

Came from the Senate, REFERRED to the Committee on BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and ordered printed.

On motion of Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton, TABLED pending REFERENCE and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Teachers"

(S.P. 103) (L.D. 329)

Resolve, to Create a Study Commission on the Problems Created By Inadequate Funding for Special Education Services

(S.P. 111) (L.D. 337)

Came from the Senate, REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Address Violence in Schools"
(S.P. 113) (L.D. 339)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion of Representative COLWELL of Gardiner, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Resolve, to Study the Placement of a Drug Rehabilitation Facility in Washington County
(S.P. 104) (L.D. 330)

Resolve, to Change Medicaid Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities
(S.P. 117) (L.D. 393)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Change the Snowmobile Registration Laws"
(S.P. 109) (L.D. 335)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Encourage Parental Involvement in Schools"
(S.P. 123) (L.D. 399)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Direct Sales from Maine Breweries"
(S.P. 121) (L.D. 397)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Scallop Count"
(S.P. 101) (L.D. 327)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Lower the Sulfur Content of Gasoline Sold in the State"
(S.P. 102) (L.D. 328)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Advertise Legal Notices in Weekly Newspapers"
(S.P. 93) (L.D. 319)

Bill "An Act to Include a Legislator as a Voting Member of the Somerset County Budget Committee and to Eliminate the 3 Advisory Members"
(S.P. 100) (L.D. 326)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Provide a Tax Credit to Certain Small Businesses"
(S.P. 94) (L.D. 320)

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Economic Development Incentive Laws"
(S.P. 95) (L.D. 321)

Bill "An Act to Enhance Collectibility of the Penalty for Failure to File the Municipal Valuation Tax Return"
(S.P. 99) (L.D. 325)

Bill "An Act to Provide Incentives to Families Who Save for College"
(S.P. 108) (L.D. 334)

Bill "An Act to Increase Funding for Animal Welfare Programs"
(S.P. 112) (L.D. 338)

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Determine the Level of Auto Excise Tax"
(S.P. 122) (L.D. 398)

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

Bill "An Act to Designate the Ryefield Bridge an Historic Bridge"
(S.P. 82) (L.D. 302)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Maine Turnpike Authority's Power Regarding Confidentiality of Information"
(S.P. 90) (L.D. 317)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Franchise Laws"
(S.P. 96) (L.D. 322)

Bill "An Act to Require Seat Belts on School Buses"
(S.P. 106) (L.D. 332)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to Construct Communications Facilities"
(S.P. 107) (L.D. 333)

Bill "An Act to Create a Sportsman's License Plate"
(S.P. 114) (L.D. 340)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Franchises of Transmission and Distribution Electric Companies"
(S.P. 84) (L.D. 304)

Bill "An Act to Require Notice to Telephone Customers in Maine Prior to Price Increases"

(S.P. 87) (L.D. 314)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Representation by the Public Advocate of Consumer Interests on Regional Decision-making Bodies"

(S.P. 89) (L.D. 316)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in concurrence.

On motion of Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden, the House adjourned at 12:01 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 1, 2001 and in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Edward L. Dexter, of Kingfield.