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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
15th Legislative Day
Tuesday, February 20, 2001

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

Prayer by Reverend George Waterman, Oxford Advent Christian Church.

National Anthem by Milford Middle School Concert Band.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, John Dow, M.D., Pittsfield (retired).

The Journal of Thursday, February 15, 2001 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Provide Loans for the Construction of Potato Storage Facilities"

(S.P. 250) (L.D. 882)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Control of Disease in Poultry"

(S.P. 259) (L.D. 906)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Harness Racing Laws to Provide for Staggered Terms"

(S.P. 265) (L.D. 912)

Bill "An Act Regarding Variances to the Implementation Dates of the Nutrient Management Law" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 266) (L.D. 913)

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 Provide Insurance Parity for Substance Abuse Treatment"

(S.P. 244) (L.D. 812)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Discounts to Nonsmokers in the Health Insurance Premium Rates"

(S.P. 248) (L.D. 816)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act"

(S.P. 268) (L.D. 915)

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 to Foster the Survival of Maine Small Businesses in Snowmobile and ATV Sales"

(S.P. 247) (L.D. 815)

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 Amend the Concealed Firearms Laws"

(S.P. 238) (L.D. 806)

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Children"

(S.P. 249) (L.D. 817)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Issuance of a Concealed Firearms Permit to the Subject of a Permanent Protection from Abuse Order"

(S.P. 255) (L.D. 885)

Resolve, to Establish Clear Guidelines for Protecting the Safety of Victims of Domestic Violence

(S.P. 261) (L.D. 908)

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 Retain Engineering Expertise in the State"

(S.P. 243) (L.D. 811)

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 Amend Laws Governing Children's Mental Health Services Regarding the Informal Grievance Process"

(S.P. 258) (L.D. 905)

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 Provide for Plenary Proceedings in Actions for Forcible Entry and Detainer"

(S.P. 239) (L.D. 807)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Transfer Health Insurance Eligibility to the Spouse of a Deceased Teacher"

(S.P. 236) (L.D. 804)

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

On motion of Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Catch-up Provisions of the Deferred Compensation Plan for State Employees"

(S.P. 264) (L.D. 911)

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

On motion of Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Increase to Previous Levels the Number of Traps a Holder of Lobster Licenses may Maintain"

(S.P. 245) (L.D. 813)

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 Establish a Clean Government Initiative"

(S.P. 256) (L.D. 886)

Bill "An Act to Address Sludge-spreading Licenses"

(S.P. 260) (L.D. 907)

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 a \$5,000 State Income Tax Exemption for Any Full-time, Postsecondary Student With a Taxable Income of \$20,000 or Less"

(S.P. 237) (L.D. 805)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Deduction of Pension and Retirement Benefits from State Income Tax"

(S.P. 242) (L.D. 810)

Bill "An Act to Return a Percentage of Sales and Use Tax to Municipalities"

(S.P. 251) (L.D. 883)

Bill "An Act to Improve the Circuit Breaker Program Application Process"

(S.P. 262) (L.D. 909)

Bill "An Act to Provide Fair Treatment in Taxation of Social Security Retirement Benefits"

(S.P. 267) (L.D. 914)

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 Create a Maine Black Bears License Plate"

(S.P. 241) (L.D. 809)

Bill "An Act to Promote Safety on the Highways"

(S.P. 246) (L.D. 814)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Service Territory of Kennebunk Light and Power District"

(S.P. 240) (L.D. 808)

Bill "An Act to Revise the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District"

(S.P. 252) (L.D. 884)

Bill "An Act to Provide Opportunity for Affordable House Lot Development"

(S.P. 263) (L.D. 910)

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.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Create a Pilot Project to Fully Implement the Maine Medical Marijuana Act of 1998"

(S.P. 183) (L.D. 611)

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** in the House on February 13, 2001.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative **POVICH** of Ellsworth, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Create a Farmland and Open Space for the Community Board"

(H.P. 598) (L.D. 753)

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in the House on February 13, 2001.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative **McKEE** of Wayne, the House voted to **ADHERE**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, Establishing a Panel for Repeal of Unnecessary or Archaic Laws

(H.P. 566) (L.D. 721)

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the House on February 13, 2001.

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

On motion of Representative **LaVERDIERE** of Wilton, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Expand Opportunities for Education, Training and Employment for Displaced Homemakers"

(H.P. 540) (L.D. 695)

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in the House on February 13, 2001.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 55)

**STATE OF MAINE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE PLANNING OFFICE
38 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0038**

February 7, 2001

The Honorable Michael Saxl
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Saxl:

Enclosed is the Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature from the State Nuclear Safety Advisor. Please feel free to send me your comments and suggestions for improvement and I will use them for next year's report.

For your information, past reports are on file in the State's libraries.

Best regards,
S/Paula Craighead

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 56)

**STATE OF MAINE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE COMMISSION**

December 5, 2000

Governor Angus S. King, Jr.
1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0001
Commissioner Steven Levesque
59 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0059
President Michael H. Michaud
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003
Speaker Michael V. Saxl
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Governor King, President Michaud, Speaker Saxl and Commissioner Levesque:

The Economic Development Incentive Commission, established by Public Laws 1997, Chapter 761, is pleased to present the enclosed report to you as required by 5 MRSA §13070-L. Over the two years since the Commission was appointed, we have worked with state agencies to develop and refine a uniform business reporting format which has provided the State with extensive data regarding the benefits received by businesses participating in the economic development incentive programs under the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission sponsored an educational forum on economic development incentives with presentations by national experts in the field and contracted with an economist from the University of Maine for an independent analysis of the impact of economic development incentives on job growth. We conducted extensive discussions exploring the role of economic development incentives in economic development policy in general and in Maine's development and tax policies in specific.

The members of the Commission represent a broad spectrum of economic development policy perspectives. This report describes our efforts in detail and presents our areas of agreement and disagreement. Despite our differences of opinion on some issues, Commission members worked together cooperatively and with mutual respect. We look forward to working together with you in the continuation of the Commission's mission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely
S/Sen. Chellie Pingree
Chair

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 253)

**STATE OF MAINE
120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 13, 2001

Hon. Richard Kneeland
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Hon. Linda Rogers McKee
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
120th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Kneeland and Representative McKee:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Stephen W. Wight of Newry for reappointment as a member of the Land Use Regulation Commission.

Pursuant to Title 12, M.R.S.A. §683, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and 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. 254)

**STATE OF MAINE
120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 14, 2001

Hon. Peggy A. Pendleton
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government
Hon. Martha A. Bagley
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government
120th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Pendleton and Representative Bagley:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Peter G. Cary of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment as a member of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority. Pursuant to Title 4, M.R.S.A. §1602, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government 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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 59)

**120TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE**

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 15, 2001
The Honorable Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Joint Rule 506, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:
Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, the nomination of Goodwin O. Gilman of Newport, for the reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

Sincerely,
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**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

Resolve, to Transfer State Property to the City of Bangor
(H.P. 738) (L.D. 957)

Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator SAWYER of Penobscot and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, NORTON of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Protect a Farmer's Right to Farm"
(H.P. 741) (L.D. 960)

Presented by Representative CRABTREE of Hope.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CLARK of Millinocket, DUNCAN of Presque Isle.

Resolve, to Establish the Maine Agri-tourism Program
(H.P. 793) (L.D. 1037)

Presented by Representative BELANGER of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook and Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, HONEY of Boothbay, MAYO of Bath, NUTTING of Oakland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, KILKELLY of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

BANKING AND INSURANCE

Bill "An Act to Define and Ensure Coverage of Basic Health Services by Health Maintenance Organizations"
(H.P. 749) (L.D. 968)

Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.
Cosponsored by Representative: MAYO of Bath, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York.

Bill "An Act to Protect Nongroup and Small Group Insureds"
(H.P. 765) (L.D. 984)

Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.
Cosponsored by Representative: RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Solicitation of Prearranged Funeral Services"
(H.P. 722) (L.D. 942)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Representative: SAVAGE of Buxton, Senator: McALEVEY of York.

Bill "An Act Relating to Rent-to-own Purchases"
(H.P. 731) (L.D. 951)

Presented by Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representative: BRYANT of Dixfield.
Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Ownership Patterns in Maine (EMERGENCY)
(H.P. 767) (L.D. 986)

Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, MAILHOT of Lewiston, O'NEIL of Saco, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, TREAT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Change Certain Educational Requirements and Make Title Changes for Licensed Social Workers"
(H.P. 768) (L.D. 987)

Presented by Representative DESMOND of Mapleton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SMITH of Van Buren, Senator: KNEELAND of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act Concerning Fair Debit Card Practices"
(H.P. 727) (L.D. 947)

Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, LaVERDIERE of Wilton,
MAYO of Bath, McDONOUGH of Portland, ROSEN of Bucksport,
SULLIVAN of Biddeford, THOMAS of Orono, Senator: SAWYER
of Penobscot.

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

On motion of Representative DORR of Camden, **TABLED**
pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bill "An Act to Create a Uniform Standard for Disposal of
Property Seized by Law Enforcement Agencies"
(H.P. 721) (L.D. 941)

Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, GERZOFISKY of
Brunswick, McDONOUGH of Portland, MUSE of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Excuse Animal Control Officers from Attending
the Maine Criminal Justice Academy"
(H.P. 726) (L.D. 946)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

Bill "An Act to End Internet Crime"
(H.P. 737) (L.D. 956)

Presented by Representative KASPRZAK of Newport.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, JODREY of Bethel,
LOVETT of Scarborough, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TOBIN of
Dexter, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Bill "An Act to Allow Compassionate Leave to State
Prisoners"
(H.P. 773) (L.D. 1017)

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and
Representatives: MAILHOT of Lewiston, SKOGLUND of St.
George, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, WATSON of
Farmingdale, Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, TREAT of
Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Impose Community Service on a Person
Convicted of Assaulting a Sports Official"
(H.P. 775) (L.D. 1019)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives:
BOWLES of Sanford, COLLINS of Wells, CRESSEY of Baldwin,
DAVIS of Falmouth, FOSTER of Gray, MENDROS of Lewiston,
MICHAEL of Auburn.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Sex Offender Laws"
(H.P. 786) (L.D. 1030)

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BRUNO
of Raymond, CRESSEY of Baldwin, MacDOUGALL of North

Berwick, MENDROS of Lewiston, MURPHY of Berwick,
TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Protect Occupants from Diesel Exhaust
Emitted by School Buses"
(H.P. 744) (L.D. 963)

Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York,
CHIZMAR of Lisbon, COTE of Lewiston, DUNLAP of Old Town,
LOVETT of Scarborough, MURPHY of Kennebunk, STEDMAN of
Hartland, TRACY of Rome.

Bill "An Act to Waive Immunization Requirements for
Students Participating in Distance Programs"
(H.P. 748) (L.D. 967)

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of York.
Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives:
COLLINS of Wells, DESMOND of Mapleton, ESTES of Kittery,
MURPHY of Kennebunk, RICHARD of Madison, STEDMAN of
Hartland, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, WESTON of Montville.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Tuition at Postsecondary Education
Institutions of the State for Students Who Maintain a 3.0 Grade
Point Average in High School"
(H.P. 758) (L.D. 977)

Presented by Representative COLLINS of Wells.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives:
ANDREWS of York, COLWELL of Gardiner, DESMOND of
Mapleton, RICHARD of Madison, Speaker SAXL of Portland,
SKOGLUND of St. George, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy
Tribe, WESTON of Montville.

Resolve, to Designate Regional Rare Book, Manuscript and
Vital Records Depositories
(H.P. 776) (L.D. 1020)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and
Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, MAYO of Bath, QUINT
of Portland, Senator: LEMONT of York.

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine
Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security
Concerning Child Nutrition Services"
(H.P. 788) (L.D. 1032)

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.
Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Portland.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act to Expand Benefits Under the Elderly Low-cost
Drug Program"
(H.P. 742) (L.D. 961)

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, DUGAY of Cherryfield,
FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco, LAVERRIERE-
BOUCHER of Biddeford, LOVETT of Scarborough, SHIELDS of
Auburn, Senator: LONGLEY of Waldo.

Bill "An Act to Add Cancer Drugs to the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program"

(H.P. 745) (L.D. 964)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DUDLEY of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, KANE of Saco, MAYO of Bath, QUINT of Portland, Speaker SAXL of Portland, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

Resolve, Extending the Reporting Deadline for the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security

(H.P. 777) (L.D. 1021)

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, QUINT of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Require Full Disclosure of Prescription Drug Marketing Costs"

(H.P. 778) (L.D. 1022)

Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MUSE of South Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senators: EDMONDS of Cumberland, GAGNON of Kennebec, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Extend the Youth in Need of Services Oversight Committee" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 780) (L.D. 1024)

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, MUSE of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Make Child Care More Accessible for Parents in Transition From Welfare to Work"

(H.P. 789) (L.D. 1033)

Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LOVETT of Scarborough, MAILHOT of Lewiston, NORBERT of Portland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendation of the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security Concerning Recapitalization of the Vehicle Revolving Fund for Low-Income Families Administered by the Department of Human Services"

(H.P. 796) (L.D. 1040)

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, QUINT of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Provide Universal Health Insurance Coverage"

(H.P. 797) (L.D. 1041)

Presented by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DORR of Camden, DUDLEY of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, QUINT of Portland, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

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

On motion of Representative FULLER of Manchester, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act to Correct Errors in the Laws Regarding Court Unification" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 732) (L.D. 952)

Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Relating to Discovery Procedures under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act"

(H.P. 733) (L.D. 953)

Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Laws"

(H.P. 734) (L.D. 954)

Presented by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, SCHNEIDER of Durham.

Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Accountability in the Department of Human Services"

(H.P. 736) (L.D. 955)

Presented by Representative KASPRZAK of Newport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CHASE of Levant, LABRECQUE of Gorham, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TOBIN of Dexter, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Tort Claims Act"

(H.P. 747) (L.D. 966)

Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAVAGE of Buxton.

Bill "An Act to Create the Civil Rights in Public Employment, Education and Contracting Act"

(H.P. 755) (L.D. 974)

Presented by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representative: BUCK of Yarmouth.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Civil Court Procedure as it Pertains to Execution Liens"

(H.P. 774) (L.D. 1018)

Presented by Representative SMITH of Van Buren.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, NORBERT of Portland, SAVAGE of Buxton, WATSON of Farmingdale.

Bill "An Act to Allow a Person to Take the Bar Examination without Attending Law School"

(H.P. 781) (L.D. 1025)

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MENDROS of Lewiston, PERKINS of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Quality and Accessibility of HIV Services and Prevention Services"

(H.P. 779) (L.D. 1023)

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, MAYO of Bath, MUSE of South Portland, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested.

On motion of Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton, the Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

LABOR

Bill "An Act to Ensure that the Annual Inflation Adjustment for Partial Compensation for Injuries occurring Prior to November 20, 1987 is Fully Recognized and Paid"

(H.P. 723) (L.D. 943)

Presented by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representative: SMITH of Van Buren.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Retired Persons Who Work as Substitute Teachers from Paying into the Maine State Retirement System"

(H.P. 752) (L.D. 971)

Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, LOVETT of Scarborough, MURPHY of Kennebunk, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, STEDMAN of Hartland, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Establish an Exemption to the Exclusivity Provisions of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"

(H.P. 756) (L.D. 975)

Presented by Representative GOOLEY of Farmington. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: DUNCAN of Presque Isle, MATTHEWS of Winslow, RICHARD of Madison, TRACY of Rome, Senators: TREAT of Kennebec, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation Examinations"

(H.P. 757) (L.D. 976)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representative: ANDREWS of York, Senator: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Require an Additional Labor Representative on the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System"

(H.P. 760) (L.D. 979)

Presented by Representative MUSE of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission"

(H.P. 762) (L.D. 981)

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator SAWYER of Penobscot and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CRESSEY of Baldwin, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MATTHEWS of Winslow, NORTON of Bangor, SMITH of Van Buren, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, TREADWELL of Carmel.

Bill "An Act Regarding Health Insurance for Firefighters"

(H.P. 771) (L.D. 1015)

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COLWELL of Gardiner, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, NORBERT of Portland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, O'NEIL of Saco, RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act to Change the Compensation of the Panel of Mediators"

(H.P. 795) (L.D. 1039)

Presented by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BULL of Freeport, ESTES of Kittery, MAYO of Bath, NORTON of Bangor, POVICH of Ellsworth, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

Resolve, Establishing a Minimum Pay Grade Increase for State Police Officers (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 743) (L.D. 962)

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CARR of Lincoln, DUNLAP of Old Town, SAVAGE of Buxton, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Committee on LABOR suggested.

On motion of Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township, the Resolve was REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Establish Uniform Election Filing Deadlines for Legislative and Gubernatorial Candidates"

(H.P. 790) (L.D. 1034)

Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, COLWELL of Gardiner, DUDLEY of Portland, GOODWIN of Pembroke, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MAYO of Bath, O'NEIL of Saco, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act to Require Proof of Liquor Liability Insurance Upon Demand by a Municipality" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 791) (L.D. 1035)

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, QUINT of Portland, Senator: LEMONT of York.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Election Laws"

(H.P. 798) (L.D. 1042)

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, COTE of Lewiston, HEIDRICH of Oxford, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PATRICK of Rumford, Senator: WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Relationship Between Alcohol Sales and Substance Abuse in the State of Maine

(H.P. 759) (L.D. 978)

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, LOVETT of Scarborough, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, SMALL of Sagadahoc.

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act Relating to Daily Catch Limits for Scallops" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 746) (L.D. 965)

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, MORRISON of Baileyville.

Bill "An Act to Permit Intrafamily Transfer of Lobster Tags"

(H.P. 750) (L.D. 969)

Presented by Representative MCKENNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, MURPHY of Berwick, MURPHY of Kennebunk, PINKHAM of Lamoine, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

Bill "An Act to Restrict Daily Sea Urchin Taking" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 754) (L.D. 973)

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, MORRISON of Baileyville.

Bill "An Act to Set the Lobster License Sale Date"

(H.P. 783) (L.D. 1027)

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 Create a State Program for the Testing of Marine Dredge Spoils and Disposal of Contaminated Spoils"

(H.P. 792) (L.D. 1036)

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, ETNIER of Harpswell, MUSE of South Portland, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested.

On motion of Representative USHER of Westbrook, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Increase the Personnel and Air Quality Oversight of School Construction"

(H.P. 725) (L.D. 945)

Presented by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale.

Bill "An Act to Fund the Cleanup of Illegal Dumping Sites"

(H.P. 787) (L.D. 1031)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, ETNIER of Harpswell, QUINT of Portland, Senator: GAGNON of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Require Committee Approval for Certain Purchases Proposed by the Land for Maine's Future Board"

(H.P. 769) (L.D. 1013)

Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CARR of Lincoln, CLARK of Millinocket, GOODWIN of Pembroke, TOBIN of Dexter, TREADWELL of Carmel, WESTON of Montville.

Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested.

On motion of Representative COWGER of Hallowell, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Legislative Approval of Certain Land Purchases by the Land for Maine's Future Board"

(H.P. 770) (L.D. 1014)

Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CARR of Lincoln, CLARK of Millinocket, GOODWIN of Pembroke, TOBIN of Dexter, TREADWELL of Carmel, WESTON of Montville.

Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested.

On motion of Representative COWGER of Hallowell, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act to Promote Efficiency in County Government in the Androscoggin County Budget Process"

(H.P. 763) (L.D. 982)

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.

Resolve, Creating a Governance System for Unorganized Towns

(H.P. 766) (L.D. 985)

Presented by Representative KASPRZAK of Newport.

Cosponsored by Representative: McNEIL of Rockland.

Resolve, Requiring the Maine Municipal Association, the Maine County Commissioners Association and the Office of the Governor to Establish a Permanent Statewide Intergovernmental Advisory Commission

(H.P. 794) (L.D. 1038)

Presented by Representative MORRISON of Baileyville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BERRY of Livermore, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, ROSEN of Bucksport, THOMAS of Orono.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act to Provide Equity in the Payment of Excise Tax on Rented Equipment"

(H.P. 724) (L.D. 944)

Presented by Representative BUMPS of China.

Bill "An Act to Fairly Distribute the Payment of Real Estate Transfer Taxes"

(H.P. 729) (L.D. 949)

Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and Representatives: BUMPS of China, CHICK of Lebanon, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, MURPHY of Berwick, NASS of Acton, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

Bill "An Act to Limit the Use of Property Taxes to Fund Education"

(H.P. 751) (L.D. 970)

Presented by Representative McGOWAN of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, ESTES of Kittery, GAGNE of Buckfield, JONES of Greenville, Speaker SAXL of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senator: GAGNON of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief to Senior and Disabled Citizens of the State"

(H.P. 761) (L.D. 980)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BUCK of Yarmouth, BUMPS of China, LOVETT of Scarborough, MURPHY of Berwick, SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 2000 with the United States Internal Revenue Code" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 784) (L.D. 1028)

Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Pertaining to Tax Exemptions for Public and Private Pensions"

(H.P. 785) (L.D. 1029)

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act Creating a Pilot Project to Provide Video Camera Surveillance at Intersections in Ellsworth"

(H.P. 728) (L.D. 948)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, PINKHAM of Lamoine, Senator: McALEVEY of York.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Fees Imposed on Purple Heart Recipients for Special Registration Plates"

(H.P. 730) (L.D. 950)

Presented by Representative BUMPS of China.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FISHER of Brewer, HEIDRICH of Oxford, HONEY of Boothbay, McNEIL of Rockland, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, TREADWELL of Carmel.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Registration of Farm Trucks and Require the Secretary of State to Respond to Inquiries from the Public"

(H.P. 739) (L.D. 958)

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, FOSTER of Gray, JODREY of Bethel, KASPRZAK of Newport, McKENNEY of Cumberland, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Provide Specialty Plates for Modified Show Vehicles"

(H.P. 753) (L.D. 972)

Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Revise Driver Education Laws"

(H.P. 764) (L.D. 983)

Presented by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, COLLINS of Wells, McKENNEY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Provide George J. Mitchell and William S. Cohen Lifetime License Plates"

(H.P. 782) (L.D. 1026)

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, MAYO of Bath, MUSE of South Portland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senators: President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford, CATHCART of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Easements and the Discontinuance of Town Ways"

(H.P. 772) (L.D. 1016)

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative FISHER of Brewer, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act to Change the Assessment for Sprinkler Systems to a Per-use basis"

(H.P. 740) (L.D. 959)

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.

ORDERS

On motion of Speaker SAXL of Portland, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 735)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Revisor of Statutes shall deliver by March 7, 2001, to the Clerk of the House or Secretary of the Senate all bills or resolves filed prior to the cloture date. Said bills or resolves shall be fully drafted as of that date. The Revisor of Statutes is authorized to hire such temporary staff as necessary to carry out this order.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Designate the First Saturday in September as Colonel Freeman McGilvery Day"

(H.P. 108) (L.D. 112)

Signed:

Senators:

PENDLETON of Cumberland

YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot

ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

BAGLEY of Machias

McDONOUGH of Portland

McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth

HATCH of Skowhegan

LESSARD of Topsham

NORBERT of Portland

MURPHY of Berwick

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

KASPRZAK of Newport

CHASE of Levant

HASKELL of Milford

READ.

Representative McDONOUGH of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lebanon, Representative Chick.

Representative **CHICK**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise this morning to indicate to you, my colleagues here in the House, that there have been many, many thousands of people that have served their country in many conflicts. I also believe that the people that have received awards have been given by their company commanders, their platoon leader, recommended by those that they served with and I just feel that those folks that have given their last full measure were rewarded with various decorations. I believe in that system and for that reason, I shall oppose this item. Thank you.

The Chair ordered a division on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

A vote of the House was taken. 95 voted in favor of the same and 19 against, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE** and was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, February 22, 2001.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H.P. 102) (L.D. 106) Bill "An Act to Establish Maine Lighthouse Week" (EMERGENCY)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, February 15, 2001, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to Prepare a Recodification of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws

(S.P. 88) (L.D. 315)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

TABLED - February 6, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

PENDING - **REFERENCE** in concurrence.

On motion of Representative DUNLAP of Old Town, the Resolve and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority"

(H.P. 430) (L.D. 551)

(Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested)

TABLED – February 6, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Livermore.

PENDING – **REFERENCE**.

Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton, pursuant to House Rule 107, asked the chair to rule if the Bill was properly before the body.

Subsequently, the Bill was **TABLED** by the Speaker pending a Ruling of the Chair.

Bill "An Act to Restore the Maine Court Facilities Authority"

(H.P. 511) (L.D. 651)

(Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested)

TABLED - February 8, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative BAGLEY of Machias.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton, pursuant to House Rule 107, asked the chair to rule if the Bill was properly before the body.

Subsequently, the Bill was **TABLED** by the Speaker pending a Ruling of the Chair.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Change the Dates for Licensing of Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions"

(S.P. 284) (L.D. 995)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Potato Board"

(S.P. 285) (L.D. 996)

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 Improve Washington County's Economy by Promoting Natural, Historical and Cultural Tourism"

(S.P. 272) (L.D. 937)

Bill "An Act to Promote Learning Through the Reading Recovery Program"

(S.P. 287) (L.D. 998)

Bill "An Act to Assist the Teacher Certification Process" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 297) (L.D. 1008)

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 Establish the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board"

(S.P. 279) (L.D. 990)

Resolve, to Enhance Economic Development in Eastern Maine (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 286) (L.D. 997)

Bill "An Act to Protect Consumers During Licensing Hearings"

(S.P. 290) (L.D. 1001)

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 Enhance Sentences for Individuals Convicted of Sexually Abusing Children"

(S.P. 270) (L.D. 935)

Resolve, Creating the State Fire and Emergency Medical Services Academy

(S.P. 271) (L.D. 936)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Number of Persons Who May Be Appointed Sheriff or Become a Candidate for Sheriff"

(S.P. 282) (L.D. 993)

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 Expand the Maine Mathematics, Science and Engineering Talent Search Venture"

(S.P. 280) (L.D. 991)

Bill "An Act to Establish Equity in the School Funding Formula"

(S.P. 283) (L.D. 994)

Bill "An Act to Provide First Responder Teams For Schools to Assist with Violent and Chronically Disruptive Students"

(S.P. 288) (L.D. 999)

Bill "An Act to Modify the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program"

(S.P. 300) (L.D. 1011)

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 Regarding Nursery School Rules"

(S.P. 291) (L.D. 1002)

Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Certain Behavioral Specialists

(S.P. 292) (L.D. 1003)

Bill "An Act to Inform Consumers About Prescription Drug Prices"

(S.P. 294) (L.D. 1005)

Resolve, to Retain Direct Care Workers for Persons with Mental Retardation (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 295) (L.D. 1006)

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 Improve Funding for Snowmobile Trail Maintenance"
(S.P. 275) (L.D. 940)

Bill "An Act to Permit the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Accept Gifts for the Benefit of Wildlife Protection and Conservation"
(S.P. 281) (L.D. 992)

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 Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act"
(S.P. 298) (L.D. 1009)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Safeguard Production of Groundwater" (EMERGENCY)
(S.P. 301) (L.D. 1012)

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

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 Manage the Sea Urchin Fishery"
(S.P. 299) (L.D. 1010)

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 Relating to the Celebration of Veterans' Week"
(S.P. 277) (L.D. 988)

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 Tax Relief to Maine's Military Retirees"
(S.P. 274) (L.D. 939)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws on Current Use Taxation to Exclude Property that is Subdivided After Classification"

(S.P. 296) (L.D. 1007)

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 Amend the Laws Governing Outdoor Signs"
(S.P. 273) (L.D. 938)

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Truck Weight Laws to Deter Gross Vehicle Weight Violations"
(S.P. 278) (L.D. 989)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Covered Load Laws"
(S.P. 293) (L.D. 1004)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Timely Public Comment on Matters Heard Before Sanitary Districts"
(S.P. 269) (L.D. 934)

Bill "An Act to Promote Consistency in Dialing Cellular and Landline Telephone Numbers"
(S.P. 289) (L.D. 1000)

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.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

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

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Higher Education"
(H.P. 799) (L.D. 1043)

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BRUNO of Raymond, RICHARD of Madison, THOMAS of Orono, WESTON of Montville, Senators: President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford, President MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

On motion of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, the House adjourned at 11:23 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 22, 2001 in honor and lasting tribute to Francis S. Ford, of Sanford and Gail Burns Pelletier, of Cape Elizabeth.