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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
16th Legislative Day
Thursday, February 22, 2001

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

Prayer by Reverend Craig L. Cowing, United Church of Monmouth and the East Monmouth United Methodist Church.

National Anthem by Annie Ellis, Monmouth Academy.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Phil Tedrick, D.O., Readfield.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 20, 2001 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Improve Child Development Services"

(H.P. 611) (L.D. 766)

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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Rights of Residents Within Wildlife Sanctuaries"

(H.P. 516) (L.D. 655)

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in the House on February 15, 2001.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

JOINT ORDER - Relative to Joint Study Order Establishing the Special Legislative Oversight Committee for Regional Electricity Issues

(H.P. 719)

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in the House on February 15, 2001.

Came from the Senate having **FAILED** of **PASSAGE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative SAVAGE of Buxton, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 57)

STATE OF MAINE

February 9, 2001
Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 10, Section 929-A, we have appointed Senator Susan W. Longley of Waldo County, Senator Kevin Shorey of Washington County, Representative Paul L. Tessier of Fairfield and Representative Richard W. Rosen of Bucksport to the Maine Economic Growth Council.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,
S/Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor
S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate
S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 58)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 20, 2001
Honorable Millicent MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

In Accordance with PL 1999, ch. 731, Part BBBB, I have re-appointed the following House members to serve on the Long-term Care Implementation Committee:

Representative Thomas J. Kane of Saco, Chair
Representative Richard A. Nass of Acton

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,
S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 59)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 21, 2001
Honorable Millicent MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under 20-A M.R.S.A., §603, I am pleased to appoint Representative Shirley K. Richard of Madison to the Education Commission of the States.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 60)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

February 21, 2001
Honorable Millicent MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:
Pursuant to my authority under 5 M.R.S.A., §12004-I, sub §50-A,
I am pleased to appoint the following to the Consumer Health
Care Advisory Council:
Honorable Christopher P. O'Neil of Saco, as Chair
John Marvin of Augusta as a public member
Robert Philbrook of Portland as a public member
Should you have any questions regarding these appointments,
please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,
S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 276)
MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0013
TASK FORCE ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING
AT JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

February 2001
The Honorable President Michael H. Michaud
The Honorable Speaker Michael V. Saxl
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:
Pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 770, the Task Force on
Educational Programming at Juvenile Correctional Facilities is
pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the report have been
transmitted to the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing
Committees on Education and Cultural Affairs, Criminal Justice
and Health and Human Services. Copies of the report have also
been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference
Library.

Sincerely
S/Sen. Robert E. Murray, Jr., Co-chair
S/Rep. Shirley K. Richard, Co-chair
Came from the Senate, **READ** and with accompanying
papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 60)
120TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0003

February 15, 2001
The Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
State House Station 2
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:
Please be advised the Senate today Insisted to its previous
action whereby the Joint Order relative to Establishing the Task
Force to Implement the 1991 Report of the President's and
Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and Families
(H.P. 462) failed.
Sincerely,
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 66)
120TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0003

February 20, 2001
The Honorable Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Speaker Saxl:
In accordance with Joint Rule 506, please be advised that the
Senate today confirmed upon recommendation of the Joint
Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development,
the nomination of Margaret S. Haynes of Freeport, for
reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority.
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
Bill "An Act to Provide Additional Resources to the Oxford
County Fair Society"
(H.P. 831) (L.D. 1103)
Presented by Representative WINSOR of Norway.
Cosponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, HEIDRICH of Oxford,
JODREY of Bethel, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Adjust the Funding for Designated Regional Emergency Medical Services Councils" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 842) (L.D. 1114)

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BUMPS of China, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, NASS of Acton, Senator: McALEVEY of York.

Bill "An Act to Fund Uncollectible, Outstanding Accounts Receivable of 28 Community and Indian Health Centers"

(H.P. 855) (L.D. 1127)

Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.

Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DAVIS of Falmouth, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, MENDROS of Lewiston, NASS of Acton, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Deappropriate Funds for Dues of the Legislature and Governor and Out-of-State Travel by the Legislature"

(H.P. 860) (L.D. 1132)

Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, GLYNN of South Portland, KASPRZAK of Newport, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Bill "An Act to Treat All Children with Dignity"

(H.P. 864) (L.D. 1136)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, KANE of Saco, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, NUTTING of Oakland, PEAVEY of Woolwich, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senators: MITCHELL of Penobscot, TREAT of Kennebec.

Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** suggested.

On motion of Representative O'NEIL of Saco, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act to Ensure that Parents of Children Prescribed Psychotropic Drugs Receive Adequate Information"

(H.P. 818) (L.D. 1072)

Presented by Representative WESTON of Montville.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, ASH of Belfast, FULLER of Manchester, LEDWIN of Holden, MAYO of Bath, O'BRIEN of Augusta, PEAVEY of Woolwich, RICHARD of Madison, WATSON of Farmingdale.

Bill "An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Dealer Sale Practices"

(H.P. 845) (L.D. 1117)

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

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

Bill "An Act to Enable Low-income and Moderate-income Families to Conserve Energy in Their Homes"

(H.P. 866) (L.D. 1138)

Presented by Representative BERRY of Livermore.

Cosponsored by Senator: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

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

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Firefighter Training Fund"

(H.P. 804) (L.D. 1048)

Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec, Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, BUMPS of China, COWGER of Hallowell, FULLER of Manchester, McKEE of Wayne, NASS of Acton, O'BRIEN of Augusta, RINES of Wiscasset, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act to Relieve Counties from the Expense and Responsibility of Transporting Certain Prisoners Between Correctional Facilities and Courts"

(H.P. 805) (L.D. 1060)

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, DORR of Camden, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act to Protect Children and Elderly or Incapacitated Adults"

(H.P. 811) (L.D. 1066)

Presented by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York and Representatives: ESTES of Kittery, KANE of Saco, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MAYO of Bath, O'BRIEN of Augusta, POVICH of Ellsworth, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senator: LEMONT of York.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Juvenile Offenders"

(H.P. 814) (L.D. 1069)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator: McALEVEY of York.

Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine's Elderly from Theft and Fraud"

(H.P. 823) (L.D. 1077)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, MAYO of Bath, PERRY

of Bangor, RINES of Wiscasset, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SIMPSON of Auburn, THOMAS of Orono.

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

(H.P. 827) (L.D. 1081)

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representative: MUSE of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Limit Access to Firearms by Those Subject to Protection from Abuse Orders"

(H.P. 847) (L.D. 1119)

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, PENDLETON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Concerning Runaways"

(H.P. 851) (L.D. 1123)

Presented by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CARR of Lincoln, KASPRZAK of Newport, MENDROS of Lewiston, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, THOMAS of Orono, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator: McALEVEY of York.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Include in its Plan for a Long-term Care or Hospice Facility Administered by the Department of Corrections Resources and Costs Necessary to Provide Long-term or Hospice Care to County Jail Inmates and Presentence Detainees

(H.P. 856) (L.D. 1128)

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, POVICH of Ellsworth, QUINT of Portland, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senator: O'GARA of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Minimum Sentence and Limit the Use of Plea Bargaining in the Death of a Child 6 Years of Age or Younger"

(H.P. 858) (L.D. 1130)

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act Concerning Teacher Certification for Targeted Need Areas"

(H.P. 803) (L.D. 1047)

Presented by Representative NORTON of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, DESMOND of Mapleton, JACOBS of Turner, LEDWIN of Holden, SKOGLUND of St. George, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipal Officers to Negotiate Employment Contracts with School Employees"

(H.P. 828) (L.D. 1100)

Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Subsidy for Maine Performing Artists at Maine Fairs"

(H.P. 861) (L.D. 1133)

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.

Bill "An Act to Create Equity Among all Children in Need of Special Education or Supportive Services"

(H.P. 862) (L.D. 1134)

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Resolve, to Exclude Certain Income Earned by Personal Care Assistants from Eligibility Requirements for State Assistance

(H.P. 835) (L.D. 1107)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, DUGAY of Cherryfield, FISHER of Brewer, SIMPSON of Auburn, SMITH of Van Buren.

Resolve, to Promote More Flexible Use of the Long-term Care Workforce

(H.P. 852) (L.D. 1124)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Adjust the Cap on Direct-care Staff Costs for Residential Care Facilities

(H.P. 853) (L.D. 1125)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough, O'NEIL of Saco, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Relationship between State Agencies and Faith-based Organizations Regarding Charitable Choice Options"

(H.P. 865) (L.D. 1137)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, DUPREY of Hampden, FOSTER of Gray, GLYNN of South Portland, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TREADWELL of Carmel.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Dogs or Bait While Hunting Bear"

(H.P. 812) (L.D. 1067)

Presented by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtles in Order to Ensure Sustainability of the Resource"

(H.P. 824) (L.D. 1078)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, MUSE of South Portland, PERRY of Bangor, THOMAS of Orono, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, KILKELLY of Lincoln.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Corporate and Other Entities"

(H.P. 813) (L.D. 1068)

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Exclusion of Legal Counsel as a Condition of Settlement"

(H.P. 817) (L.D. 1071)

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SAVAGE of Buxton, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Bill "An Act to Require that any Proceedings Initiated by the Department of Human Services to Terminate Parental Rights Be Open"

(H.P. 820) (L.D. 1074)

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, MADORE of Augusta.

Bill "An Act to Protect Families by Easing the Standard of Proof for Certain Child Protection Hearings"

(H.P. 825) (L.D. 1079)

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUPREY of Hampden, KASPRZAK of Newport, MICHAEL of Auburn, O'BRIEN of Augusta, PERRY of Bangor, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TRACY of Rome.

Bill "An Act to Amend Article 9-A of the Uniform Commercial Code" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 826) (L.D. 1080)

Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Civil Liability of Parents for the Criminal Conduct of their Children"

(H.P. 839) (L.D. 1111)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act Regarding Property Tax Liens"

(H.P. 809) (L.D. 1064)

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested.

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

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Plea Bargaining for Cases of Murder and Felony Sex Offenses Against Children"

(H.P. 821) (L.D. 1075)

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representative QUINT of Portland, Senator: PENDLETON of Cumberland.

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested.

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

LABOR

Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Workers' Compensation Board"

(H.P. 810) (L.D. 1065)

Presented by Representative TREADWELL of Carmel.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, TOBIN of Dexter, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway.

Bill "An Act to Address the Critical Shortage of Teachers and School Administrators in Maine Public Schools"

(H.P. 830) (L.D. 1102)

Presented by Representative RICHARD of Madison.

Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, ESTES of Kittery.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Resolve, Authorizing Arnold Smith to Sue the State

(H.P. 822) (L.D. 1076)

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, MADORE of Augusta, MUSE of South Portland, QUINT of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Bring Fairness to the Maine Clean Elections Act"

(H.P. 829) (L.D. 1101)

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: McKENNEY of Cumberland, MICHAEL of Auburn, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHIELDS of Auburn, TRACY of Rome, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, SAWYER of Penobscot, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act to Provide Fairness in Lottery Ticket Sales"

(H.P. 832) (L.D. 1104)

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn, Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, HEIDRICH of Oxford, JODREY of Bethel, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MAYO of Bath, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHIELDS of Auburn, WINSOR of Norway.

Bill "An Act to Bring Parity to the Candidate Signature Requirement"

(H.P. 834) (L.D. 1106)

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.

Bill "An Act to Allow Oral Campaigning by Candidates at the Polls"

(H.P. 840) (L.D. 1112)

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.

Bill "An Act to Provide a Standard Residency Requirement for the Purpose of Registering to Vote"

(H.P. 854) (L.D. 1126)

Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, DAVIS of Falmouth, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MURPHY of Berwick, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, TOBIN of Dexter, TREADWELL of Carmel, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Bill "An Act to Provide Compensation to a Person Detained on the Basis of a Warrant Issued in Error"

(H.P. 819) (L.D. 1073)

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, JODREY of Bethel, KASPRZAK of Newport, MARLEY of Portland, PERRY of Bangor, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, LEMONT of York.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Testing of Marine Dredge Spoils and the Proper Disposal of Spoils that are Special or Hazardous Waste"

(H.P. 863) (L.D. 1135)

Presented by Representative NORBERT of Portland.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested.

On motion of Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Cost of Disposal for Municipalities and Encourage the Recycling of Electronic Equipment"

(H.P. 833) (L.D. 1105)

Presented by Representative HAWES of Standish.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HUTTON of Bowdoinham, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WHEELER of Eliot.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act to Honor Maine's French Heritage"

(H.P. 844) (L.D. 1116)

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MENDROS of Lewiston, TWOMEY of Biddeford, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act to Enact the Paperwork Reduction Act"

(H.P. 846) (L.D. 1118)

Presented by Representative MCKENNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BRUNO of Raymond, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MURPHY of Kennebunk.

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Advertise Legal Notices in Weekly Newspapers"

(H.P. 859) (L.D. 1131)

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act to Exempt Bottled Water from State Sales Tax"

(H.P. 800) (L.D. 1044)

Presented by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.

Cosponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, GAGNE of Buckfield, JACOBS of Turner, LANDRY of Patten, LESSARD of Topsham, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAYO of Bath, POVICH of Ellsworth.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Taxation of Food"

(H.P. 802) (L.D. 1046)

Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BUMPS of China, ETNIER of Harpswell, LABRECQUE of Gorham, MURPHY of Berwick, ROSEN of Bucksport.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Tree Growth Tax Benefits to Landowners Who Employ Migrant Workers"

(H.P. 806) (L.D. 1061)

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, GOODWIN of Pembroke, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Tree Growth Tax Benefits to Landowners Who Restrict Access to Their Land"

(H.P. 807) (L.D. 1062)

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Representative: JONES of Greenville.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Maine State Retirement System Employee Contributions from State Income Tax"

(H.P. 808) (L.D. 1063)

Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, DAVIS of Falmouth, DUNLAP of Old Town, MARLEY of Portland, MCKEE of Wayne, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Assessment and Collection of Real Estate Property Taxes"

(H.P. 836) (L.D. 1108)

Presented by Representative COLLINS of Wells.

Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BUCK of Yarmouth, BUMPS of China, FISHER of Brewer, MURPHY of Berwick, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: KNEELAND of Aroostook, LEMONT of York.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Conditions of Eligibility for Property Tax Exemptions for Benevolent and Charitable Institutions"

(H.P. 837) (L.D. 1109)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Tax on Mahogany Quahogs"

(H.P. 838) (L.D. 1110)

Presented by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Permit a Parcel of Land to be Withdrawn from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Program after 20 Years Without Penalty

(H.P. 841) (L.D. 1113)

Presented by Representative WESTON of Montville.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: FOSTER of Gray, GOOLEY of Farmington, GREEN of Monmouth, MENDROS of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act to Exempt a Portion of Certain Pensions From the State Income Tax"

(H.P. 843) (L.D. 1115)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, DUPREY of Hampden, LOVETT of Scarborough, McKENNEY of Cumberland, MURPHY of Kennebunk, TREADWELL of Carmel.

Bill "An Act to Allow an Income Tax Deduction for the Cost of Health Insurance Premiums"

(H.P. 857) (L.D. 1129)

Presented by Representative PINKHAM of Lamoine.

Cosponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin, Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BUCK of Yarmouth, HONEY of Boothbay, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, McNEIL of Rockland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TOBIN of Dexter, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

TRANSPORTATION

Resolve, to Direct the Secretary of State's Office to Institute an Organ and Tissue Donor Registry

(H.P. 848) (L.D. 1120)

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Clergy from Using a Social Security Number on a Driver's License"

(H.P. 850) (L.D. 1122)

Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HASKELL of Milford, JODREY of Bethel, PERKINS of Penobscot, TOBIN of Windham.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act to Allow Flexibility in Regulation of Telephone Utilities"

(H.P. 849) (L.D. 1121)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Ban the Permitting or Expansion of Existing Sewage Outfalls into the Ocean"

(H.P. 801) (L.D. 1045)

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.

Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY suggested.

On motion of Representative SAVAGE of Buxton, the Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Representative POVICH for the Criminal Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Creating the New Crime of Aggravated Attempted Murder"

(H.P. 867) (L.D. 1147)

Be REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Family Law Advisory Commission

Representative LaVERDIERE for the Family Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Require Background Checks for Adoptions"

(H.P. 815) (L.D. 1070)

Be REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative BULL of Freeport, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 720) (Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, COLLINS of Wells, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, FISHER of Brewer, McGOWAN of Pittsfield, MUSE of South Portland, Senator: SAVAGE of Knox)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Commission to Examine the Laws Governing the Operation of Emergency Vehicles is established as follows.

1. Commission established. The Joint Select Commission to Examine the Laws Governing the Operation of Emergency Vehicles, referred to in this order as the "commission," is established.

2. Membership. The commission consists of 11 members appointed as follows.

A. The President of the Senate shall appoint 2 members from the Senate. One must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and the other must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

B. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 6 members from the House of Representatives as follows:

- (1) One must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice;
- (2) One must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation;
- (3) At least one must have experience in the field of emergency medical services;
- (4) At least one must have experience in the field of fire service; and
- (5) At least one must have experience in the field of law enforcement.

C. The Governor, after consulting with the Commissioner of Public Safety, shall appoint 3 members as follows:

- (1) One must have experience in the field of emergency medical services;
- (2) One must have experience in the field of fire service; and
- (3) One must have experience in the field of law enforcement.

3. Chairs. The first Senate member named is the Senate chair and the first House member named is the House chair.

4. Appointments; convening commission. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chairs of the commission shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than 60 days following the effective date of this order.

5. Duties. The commission shall review any necessary changes to laws governing the operation of emergency vehicles, including, but not limited to, the use of emergency lights, the general operation of emergency vehicles and the training of operators of emergency vehicles.

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

7. Compensation. Members of the commission are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the commission.

8. Report. The commission shall submit a report along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee

on Criminal Justice and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 2, 2002. Following receipt of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. If the commission requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

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

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

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested.
READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative BRYANT of Dixfield, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 816)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife report out, to the House, a bill concerning the reauthorization of the Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative FULLER of Manchester, the following House Order: (H.O. 19)

ORDERED, that Representative Joseph E. Brooks of Winterport be excused Thursday, February 15th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Susan M. Hawes of Standish be excused Tuesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 15th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Lemoine of Old Orchard Beach be excused Tuesday, February 20th for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Julie Ann O'Brien of Augusta be excused Tuesday, February 20th for legislative business.

READ and **PASSED**.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 45) (L.D. 54) Bill "An Act to Allow the Transfer of a Valid Turkey Permit to a Juvenile or Senior Citizen" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 67) (L.D. 76) Resolve, to Simplify the System of Licenses Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass**

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

BILLS IN THE SECOND READING

House

Bill "An Act to Designate the First Saturday in September as Colonel Freeman McGilvery Day"

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

Reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**, read the second time, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act to Correct a Reference in the Maine Juvenile Code

(H.P. 31) (L.D. 5)

An Act to Allow Certified Insurance Counselors to Qualify as Risk Managers

(H.P. 71) (L.D. 80)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, February 20, 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 Authorize the State and Participating Municipalities to Pool Health Care in a Joint Venture"

(H.P. 616) (L.D. 801)

- In House, House **RECONSIDERED REFERENCE** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

TABLED - February 15, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

On motion of Representative BAGLEY of Machias, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

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

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**.

TABLED - February 20, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.

PENDING - **REFERENCE** in concurrence.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Universal Health Insurance Coverage"

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

(Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested)

TABLED - February 20, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

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

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)

(Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested)

TABLED - February 20, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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)

(Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested)

TABLED - February 20, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative USHER of Westbrook.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

On motion of Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Give the Legislative Council Discretion in Appointing Members to the Revenue Forecasting Commission" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 339) (L.D. 1146)

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, under suspension of rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Representative may pose her question.

Representative **KASPRZAK**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. First, what does this bill do? Second, what is the benefit of doing it in this manner without being referred to committee? Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Representative from Newport, Representative Kasprzak has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Livermore, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I apologize to the members. I believe the purpose for moving through this so quickly is the need for the Revenue Forecasting Committee to meet. Presently there has been a change in the Legislative Executive's Office. It is about Jim Clair and about keeping Jim Clair on the Revenue Forecasting Committee. He is an extremely valuable resource to the Legislature. He has been a non-partisan person. He understands the budget, the position that we are in and it is extremely important that we are able to keep him in that capacity. This is a request to allow the Legislative Council to make that happen for this session. I apologize. I was distracted and I didn't hear the direct question. I hope I have answered it for you. Thank you.

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

Representative **BRUNO**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. If you look at the bill and the sponsorship on it, you can see that I am one of the cosponsors and the President of the Senate is the other sponsor of it. We are doing this in a hurry because the Revenue Forecasting Committee is going to meet next week and Jim Clair, who is now the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, is a valuable member of that forecasting committee. The Governor and most members of leadership realize what an important asset he is and we are trying to get him on that committee in a hurry. That is the purpose of the bill. That is why it has not been referenced to a committee. I am trying to get him appointed before the committee meets again next week. I ask for your support. This is not an end run around anything. We know the value of Jim Clair and we think it is very important to get him on that committee. Thank you.

Under suspension of the rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill was **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 313)

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate stand Adjourned they do so until Wednesday, February 28, 2001, at 10:00 in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Sale of Farm-produced Foods"
(S.P. 334) (L.D. 1141)

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 Appropriate Funds for the Capital Riverfront Improvement District"

(S.P. 302) (L.D. 1049)

Bill "An Act to Improve the Literacy of Adults in the State"

(S.P. 320) (L.D. 1088)

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

(S.P. 335) (L.D. 1142)

Bill "An Act to Enhance Economic Development Capacity"

(S.P. 337) (L.D. 1144)

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 Allow Victims of Crimes More Access to Inmate Records"

(S.P. 303) (L.D. 1050)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalty for Criminal Homicide Caused by a Person Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence"

(S.P. 316) (L.D. 1084)

Bill "An Act to Create the Crime of Fleeing from a Motor Vehicle Stopped by Police"

(S.P. 319) (L.D. 1087)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Crime Classification of the Crime of Misuse of Identification"

(S.P. 330) (L.D. 1098)

Bill "An Act to Permit Involuntary Medication of Mentally Ill Persons Residing in Department of Corrections Facilities"

(S.P. 331) (L.D. 1099)

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 Improve Taxpayer Equity in School Funding"

(S.P. 321) (L.D. 1089)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Requirement that School Employees be Fingerprinted"

(S.P. 322) (L.D. 1090)

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.

Resolve, to Improve Staffing in Health Care Settings

(S.P. 317) (L.D. 1085)

Resolve, to Require Medicaid Reimbursement to Persons with Brain Injuries

(S.P. 326) (L.D. 1094)

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 Allow Principals of Limited Liability Corporations to Appear in Court in Forcible Entry and Detainer Cases"

(S.P. 336) (L.D. 1143)

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

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

Resolve, Directing the Maine State Retirement System to Report on the Establishment of a Universal Special Retirement Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

(S.P. 304) (L.D. 1051)

Bill "An Act to Amend the State's Overtime Law"

(S.P. 314) (L.D. 1082)

Bill "An Act to Improve Limits on Mandatory Overtime"

(S.P. 318) (L.D. 1086)

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 Regulate Push Polling"

(S.P. 308) (L.D. 1055)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Revoke Voting Rights of Convicted Felons while in Prison

(S.P. 311) (L.D. 1058)

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 Concerning the Lobster Management Fund"

(S.P. 323) (L.D. 1091)

Resolve, to Clarify the 3-mile Fishing Waters in Saco Bay

(S.P. 333) (L.D. 1140)

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 Authorize State Agencies to Arrange for Direct Billing of Hotel Rooms for State Business"

(S.P. 315) (L.D. 1083)

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in the Jacob Abbott House and the Reed Auditorium Properties, Located at the Stevens School Campus in Hallowell

(S.P. 338) (L.D. 1145)

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 Prorate Excise Tax on Commercial Vehicles that are Rented"

(S.P. 305) (L.D. 1052)

Bill "An Act to Enforce the Taxation of Building Materials and Modular Homes"

(S.P. 309) (L.D. 1056)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Definition of "Charitable Institution" for Purposes of Property Tax Exemption"

(S.P. 310) (L.D. 1057)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Public Property Tax Exemption"

(S.P. 328) (L.D. 1096)

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 Clarify the Release of Driver's License Information"

(S.P. 306) (L.D. 1053)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law on Local Bridge Reconstruction"

(S.P. 327) (L.D. 1095)

Bill "An Act to Provide Nesting Areas for Ospreys Displaced by Department of Transportation Bridge Repair" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 329) (L.D. 1097)

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

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Private Line Extensions Provided by Central Maine Power Company"

(S.P. 312) (L.D. 1059)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Energy Markets for Maine's Small Hydroelectric Facilities"

(S.P. 332) (L.D. 1139)

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.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act to Give the Legislative Council Discretion in Appointing Members to the Revenue Forecasting Commission

(S.P. 339) (L.D. 1146)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 120 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative THOMAS of Orono, the House adjourned at 11:58 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2001 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 313).