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SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
11th Legislative Day  
Tuesday, February 5, 2002

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

Prayer by Reverend Donald R. Miller, Emanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church, Minot.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Friday, February 1, 2002 was read and approved.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 763)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice report out, to the Senate, a bill, "An Act to Aid Fire Departments in Meeting Mandatory Reporting Requirements."

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (S.P. 762)

**STATE OF MAINE  
120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 28, 2002

Hon. John L. Martin, Senate Chair

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Hon. Scott W. Cowger, House Chair

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

120th Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Martin and Representative Cowger:

Please be advised that in accordance with 38 M.R.S.A. § 341-C(5), Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has extended the term of Andrew Cadot as a Member of the Board of Environmental Protection to ensure fair consideration of the Waste Management Disposal Services application for waste relocation and expansion of the Norridgewock landfill. Mr. Cadot participated in the site visit and has all of the pre-filed written testimony associated with the issues for the upcoming public hearing. Hearings have been scheduled for February 13th, 14th, and 15th in Skowhegan.

Mr. Cadot's term is extended from January 30, 2002 until final Board action on this specific application is completed, until such time as either his re-appointment is confirmed, or his successor is nominated and confirmed, whichever event occurs first.

Sincerely,

S/Richard A. Bennett

President of the Senate

S/Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

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

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

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**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:

**LABOR**

Bill "An Act to Protect the Rights of Maine Citizens Under Collective Bargaining Agreements" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1595) (L.D. 2098)

Sponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BRYANT of Dixfield, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, NORTON of Bangor, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, USHER of Westbrook, Senators: MARTIN of Arostook, President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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**Pursuant to Joint Study Order**

**Joint Study Committee to Study Growth Management**

Representative KOFFMAN for the **Joint Study Committee to Study Growth Management** pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1330 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Provide for Livable, Affordable Neighborhoods"

(H.P. 1596) (L.D. 2099)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

Sent for concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Joint Study Order**

**Committee to Study Issues Concerning Changes**

**to the Traditional Uses of Maine Forests and Lands**

Representative JONES for the **Committee to Study Issues Concerning Changes to the Traditional Uses of Maine Forests and Lands** pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1391 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Majority Recommendations of the Committee to Study Issues Concerning Changes to the Traditional Uses of Maine Forests and Lands"

(H.P. 1599) (L.D. 2100)

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.

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**Pursuant to Joint Study Order**

**Committee to Study Issues Concerning Changes to the  
Traditional Uses of Maine Forests and Lands**

Representative PINEAU for the **Committee to Study Issues Concerning Changes to the Traditional Uses of Maine Forests and Lands** pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1391 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Minority Recommendations of the Committee to Study Issues Concerning Changes to the Traditional Uses of Maine Forests and Lands"

(H.P. 1600) (L.D. 2101)

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.

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**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative JONES of Greenville, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1592) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, DUNLAP of Old Town, JODREY of Bethel, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, PINEAU of Jay, STANLEY of Medway, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SPORTING CAMPS, THEIR HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF MAINE AND THEIR IMPORTANCE TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIES**

WHEREAS, sporting camps have operated in Maine for over 115 years, offering unique experiences in the Maine woods; and

WHEREAS, the Maine woods and the tradition of outdoor recreation are a strong part of Maine's cultural heritage and identity; and

WHEREAS, in these times of change and hectic lifestyles, opportunities to relax and commune with nature are scarce and the need to renew one's spirit is vital; and

WHEREAS, sporting camps continue to provide respite to thousands of people each year; and

WHEREAS, sporting camp owners and employees, in offering hospitality and providing stewardship of Maine's natural resources, have introduced sportsmen, families and outdoor enthusiasts to Maine over several generations; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation of sporting camps contributes not only to local and regional economies, but also benefits the tourism industry throughout the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize sporting camps as an integral part of Maine's cultural heritage, to commend the sporting camp owners of Maine for their contribution to our State and to extend our sincere hopes that the owners of land on which sporting camps are located or abutting lands continue to respect the tradition of sporting camps and that the sporting camps in existence today thrive throughout the 21st century; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Sporting Camp Association on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

**READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Sent for concurrence.

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On motion of Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1591)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor report out, to the House, a bill regarding the expansion of retirement benefits for participating local district employees returning to service.

**READ** and **PASSED**.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative BAGLEY of Machias, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1597)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government report out, to the House, a bill concerning the creation of a nonpartisan legislative office of governmental analysis and accounting.

**READ** and **PASSED**.

Sent for concurrence.

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On motion of Representative BAGLEY of Machias, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1598)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government report out, to the House, a bill concerning the state acquisition of property in Machias as the site of the Downeast Correctional Facility.

**READ** and **PASSED**.

Sent for concurrence.

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On motion of Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1601)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary report out, to the House, a bill to enact a new professional service corporation act based on a model act.

**READ** and **PASSED**.

Sent for concurrence.

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

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-763)** on Bill "An Act to Increase Home Ownership" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1533) (L.D. 2036)

Signed:

Senators:

GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock

CATHCART of Penobscot

MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:

BERRY of Livermore

MAILHOT of Lewiston

TESSIER of Fairfield

BRANNIGAN of Portland

ETNIER of Harpswell

JONES of Greenville

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-764)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

NASS of Acton

WINSOR of Norway

BELANGER of Caribou

ROSEN of Bucksport

**READ**.

Representative BERRY of Livermore moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Livermore, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I wish to briefly explain this bill and the amendment. The majority of the committee, as you can see, supports Committee Amendment "A." The bill would allow the Maine State Housing to increase their borrowing limit by \$500 million. I want to say that many people have concerns about the state's debt, so I am prepared to speak to that.

I want to read from some notes from the Treasurer, Dale McCormick, in her testimony before the committee. Her remarks are as follows: "As Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer of the state, I have a special interest in the issuance of bonds and our bond rating. As you know, I am very protective of the state's bond rating. I would, therefore, very much oppose any action that might have a negative impact. This bill does not.

In my view the Housing Authority is well run and its finances are strong. Standard and Poor just increased its rating of their primary bond resolution to the same AA+ level as the state. This underscores MSHA's ability to balance the risk necessary to its public purpose and the fiscal responsibility to merit the backing of the state's moral obligation pledge. In addition, they have \$130 million in reserve funds. Therefore, I believe that they can handle the additional volume without unreasonably increasing the risk to the state. They have asked for \$500 million with the expectation that it should carry them through the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature and bring them back before you in the First Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature for additional authority. I believe this is a sound plan." Those were the remarks of Treasurer Dale McCormick.

Also in the public testimony President Bennett quoted some of the statistics of the Maine State Housing's record. His comments were as follows: "With the last increase, MSHA's record of achievement is impressive. Ninety seven hundred Maine families purchased their first home, including 1,004 mobile homes, keeping Maine consistently in the top three states in the nation for the rate of home ownership. Seven hundred and fifty-four assisted living units for low-income were developed to assist frail elderly, making Maine fourth in the nation in the production of assisted living units. Nine hundred beds and apartments were constructed for people with special needs. Fifteen hundred and sixty apartments were built for low-income families and elderly persons. Two thousand eight hundred and five Maine families received loans and grants allowing them to make necessary home repairs. This is a commendable record of success. These are concrete achievements that have helped my constituents and yours. We made the right decision five years ago and I urge you to support the increase put forth in this bill."

I feel the \$500 million allows them to go for five years. When the bond houses make their ratings and look at the state and what we are doing to meet the needs of the people, they felt that is necessary to have long-range plans. I think that is one of the goals that we talk about in this body quite often. How do we look ahead and how do we plan the long-range needs of the state? I think it is important that we support the Majority Ought to Pass Report. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Acton, Representative Nass.

Representative **NASS**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The minority's concern on this bill has nothing to do with the Maine State Housing Authority. We agree that their programs have been useful and they have been eminently successful. Our concern is we have too much debt in this state. If you consider the individual pieces, as we are doing today, every one seems to make sense and we continue to process requests for increased

borrowing capacity. In total, one of the things that I am trying to convince you of today is that, this is not the time to be increasing debt beyond what we absolutely need.

Current obligation of the Maine State Housing Authority is \$1.4 billion. Over the years it has increased some. We pay off some and we borrow more, but we are currently at \$1.4 billion. The current cap on the Housing Authority is \$1.65 billion. The difference between those two numbers is \$250 million. That is the current existing borrowing authority that is unused. Now comes this bill. They are asking for \$500 million more dollars of borrowing authority. Add that to the \$250 million of existing authority that they have and you are talking \$750 million of additional borrowing authority. That is 54 percent or roughly 50 percent of what they currently have out there. I contend that is too much. We don't need to get out that far. Rather, we think a smaller amount would do. Again, we are not contending what the Housing Authority does, what they do is good work. We don't need to be out that far on borrowing authority.

One of the reasons offered at the hearing was the one that you just heard. It allows us future planning. I guess I would rather have the Housing Authority in here every two years asking to increase their cap. I don't feel that it is going to have any affect on their long-range ability to borrow money or their long-range ability to plan. This Legislature and the people of Maine have always supported their activities. Seven hundred and fifty million dollars of additional capacity, half of what they already have, is too much. I urge on this basis that we vote against the pending motion and go on to consider the Minority Report. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **WATERHOUSE**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I agree entirely with everything that the previous speaker has said. Beyond that, I have one caveat, something that has always bothered me about bonding issues that were dealt with up here. Everybody up here has heard me talk about it and it is the Maine Constitution. Limiting to \$2 million without going to the people for approval. It is interesting that in Article 9, Section 14, where that limit is imposed that we talk about good faith and credit of the state. If you notice in the bill it mentions funded with bond proceeds backed by the state's moral obligation. I don't know about you, ladies and gentlemen, but good faith and credit and moral obligation are pretty close to a kin to me. Certainly moral obligation for a lot of people is a higher standard. I ask in the Maine Constitution to vote against this bill.

Mr. Speaker. I ask for the yeas and nays.

Representative **WATERHOUSE** of Bridgton **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

#### ROLL CALL NO. 469

YEA - Ash, Bagley, Baker, Berry RL, Blanchette, Bliss, Bouffard, Brannigan, Brooks, Bryant, Bull, Bunker, Canavan, Chick, Chizmar, Clark, Colwell, Cote, Cowger, Cummings, Desmond, Dorr, Dudley, Dunlap, Duplessie, Estes, Etnier, Fisher, Fuller, Gagne, Gerzofsky, Green, Hall, Hatch, Hawes, Hutton, Jacobs, Jones, Kane, Koffman, LaVerdiere, Laverriere-Boucher, Lemoine, Lessard, Lundeen, Mailhot, Marley, Mayo, McDonough, McGlocklin, McKee, McLaughlin, Michaud, Norbert, Norton, O'Neil, Paradis, Patrick, Perry, Pineau, Povich, Quint, Richard,

Richardson, Rines, Savage, Simpson, Skoglund, Stanley, Sullivan, Tarazewich, Thomas, Tracy, Tuttle, Twomey, Usher, Volenik, Watson, Wheeler GJ, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Annis, Belanger, Berry DP, Bowles, Bruno, Buck, Bumps, Carr, Chase, Clough, Collins, Crabtree, Cressey, Daigle, Davis, Duncan, Duprey, Foster, Glynn, Gooley, Haskell, Heidrich, Honey, Jodrey, Kasprzak, Labrecque, Ledwin, Lovett, MacDougall, Madore, McGowan, McKenney, McNeil, Mendros, Michael, Morrison, Murphy E, Murphy T, Muse C, Nass, Nutting, O'Brien JA, Perkins, Pinkham, Rosen, Schneider, Sherman, Shields, Snowe-Mello, Stedman, Tobin D, Tobin J, Trahan, Treadwell, Waterhouse, Weston, Wheeler EM, Winsor, Young.

ABSENT - Dugay, Goodwin, Landry, Marrache, Matthews, Mitchell, Muse K, O'Brien LL, Peavey, Smith, Tessier.

Yes, 80; No, 60; Absent, 11; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-763) was READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on Bills in the **Second Reading.**

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-763)** and sent for concurrence.

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. 1549) (L.D. 2052) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Application of Workers' Compensation Coverage Requirements to Wood Harvesters" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1471) Bill "An Act to Create a Digital Library to Meet the Educational, Research, Business and Economic Needs of Maine" Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-767)**

(H.P. 1397) (L.D. 1836) Bill "An Act to Clarify Licensure for the Operation of Antique Trucks" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-768)**

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

##### Second Day

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

(S.P. 674) (L.D. 1877) Bill "An Act to Allow Pledging of Medical Education Loans to Secure Bonds to Finance Educational Loans"

(S.P. 128) (L.D. 404) Bill "An Act to Promote Equity Among Health Care Clinics" (C. "B" S-403)

(S.P. 268) (L.D. 915) Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act" (C. "B" S-402)

(H.P. 1412) (L.D. 1856) Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Governmental Unit' as It Relates to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank Act"

(H.P. 674) (L.D. 874) Bill "An Act to Increase the Operating Subsidy to the Casco Bay Island Transit District" (C. "A" H-762)

(H.P. 1399) (L.D. 1838) Bill "An Act to Eliminate Unnecessary Filing Requirements for Water Utilities" (C. "A" H-765)

(H.P. 1457) (L.D. 1954) Bill "An Act to Repeal the Sunset Provision Regarding the State Police Providing Services at Cost to Governmental and Nongovernmental Entities" (EMERGENCY) (C. "A" H-766)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** in concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** and sent for concurrence.

#### ENACTORS

##### Resolves

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to Lease a Certain Parcel of Land to the Federal Aviation Administration

(H.P. 1400) (L.D. 1839)

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

##### HOUSE CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

##### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Friday, February 1, 2002, have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (11) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (2) **Ought to Pass** - Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Restrict the Use of Gill Nets"

(H.P. 335) (L.D. 425)

TABLED - January 29, 2002 (Till Later Today) by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

On motion of Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass Report was ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE REPORT - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-761)** - Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Winterport Sewerage District" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1418) (L.D. 1862)

TABLED - February 1, 2002 (Till Later Today) by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Subsequently, the Committee Report was **ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-761) was READ** by the Clerk.

Representative BROOKS of Winterport **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-769) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-761)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-761) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-769) thereto was ADOPTED.**

The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Wednesday, February 6, 2002.

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An Act to Amend the Charter of the Corinna Sewer District (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 704) (L.D. 1906)

TABLED – February 1, 2002 (Till Later Today) by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.

PENDING – **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED.**

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. 134 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.

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The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding Trial Offers"

(H.P. 1471) (L.D. 1972)

Signed:

Senators:

BROMLEY of Cumberland

SHOREY of Washington

Representatives:

THOMAS of Orono

MORRISON of Baileyville

HATCH of Skowhegan

DUPREY of Hampden

RICHARDSON of Brunswick

BRYANT of Dixfield

CLOUGH of Scarborough

DORR of Camden

MURPHY of Kennebunk

MICHAUD of Fort Kent

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot

**READ.**

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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

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

Representative **TUTTLE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Most of us saw the football game on Sunday. I have been a fan for 42 years, as I am sure a lot of us have. I think it is fitting for the Patriots to win the football championship this year. I feel that football is the greatest game there is. As we are aware, New England won the game. It was 20-17. I remember my wife was sleeping on the couch and my daughter and I was watching TV and they kicked the field goal and we all jumped up. My wife said, "What is going on here?" I said, "They finally won it." She said, "Good, let's go back to sleep."

My dad brought me to a Patriots game when I was nine years old a Fenway Park. That was in 1960. Back then they were the Boston Patriots and they were owned by a gentleman named Billy Sullivan who mortgaged his car dealership and his house to own the AFL franchise in the New England area. My father always said that my Uncle Mike Dougherty, who was shot down over Yugoslavia and killed during World War II, had he lived, he would have been a New England Patriot. I think from the past some of us remember names like Gino Capoletti, Sam Cunningham, Jim Nance, John Hanna and Babe Perelli. This year's team with Adam Vinatieri, Tom Brady, Lawyer Malloy and Troy Brown. I also want to congratulate Representative Cressey for putting in the congratulatory order before I did. Representative Cressey, you did a good job. Mr. Speaker, I am hoping to work with your office and officially invite the team to Augusta. They are the New England Patriots and I would like to see them here in Augusta. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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On motion of Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, the House adjourned at 10:24 a.m., until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2002.