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**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
January 30, 2001

Senate called to order by President Michael H. Michaud of Penobscot County.

Prayer by Mr. Paul Cates of Vassalboro Friends Meeting in East Vassalboro.

MR. CATES: Let us join together in prayer. Dear God, we humbly recognize that all of us, Legislators and citizens alike, have our own axes to grind. Being fallible humans, we find it difficult to rise above our own sometimes imperfect and limited agendas. Today we ask nothing less of You than to help us perform a miracle of bipartisanship in the midst of the partisan world where we live and work. We know that this can happen if we keep in mind the interests of all the citizens of our great state. Help us to remember the women and men, the elderly and the young, the affluent and those who are struggling, everybody. And yes, help us to keep in mind the still glorious and natural environment of the beautiful State of Maine. One more item, dear God, is essential. With all our best intentions, we remain fallible humans. Therefore we are deeply grateful that You are with us, inspiring, guiding, ever present, ever helping. With our best efforts and with Your loving guidance, we can do it. We can achieve the miracle of creative, bipartisanship, even tripartisanship, for the State of Maine. We ask it for Maine and for all its citizens. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator David L. Carpenter of York County.

Doctor of the day, Richard Dillihunt M.D., Portland.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 25, 2001.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: On behalf of the Maine Senate, I'm pleased to receive the 2001 Kids Count Book, which represents a tremendous effort on behalf of Maine's children. The Kids Count Book offers us a chance to reflect on where we've been and where we need to go. While our collective commitment to children is paying off, I think there is still more to be done to insure a healthy future for all Maine's children.

First let me say thank you to the Cub Scouts from Pack 29, Den 2 from Liberty and Montville for distributing the Kids Count books. Scouts represent the finest Maine has to offer. Recently they raised over \$1,500 to support the advocacy work of the Maine Children's Alliance by selling handmade "kids pins" that came with a story of a child who had such a difficult start in life.

I want to read to you what their scoutmaster said of their experience. "It was quite a learning experience for the boys to realize that all children do have many things that they take for granted everyday. They were genuinely touched by the fact that people their age may be neglected or abused or simply not have parents that have an ability to provide the basic necessities to life. My hope and belief is that this impression will carry forward in their lifetime and touch the lives of many more children in need."

I also want to thank Ellie Goldberg, Executive Director of Maine Children's Alliance, who is here today with several supporters of the Alliance. They are Dean Crocker, Michael Fiori, Jane Gilbert, Meredith Jones, Jon Kunz, Ellen McPherson, Marge Medd, Lisa Miller, Cary Olson, Cheryl Lee Rust, Pete Thibodeau, and Celeste Viger. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

Finally, I want to pay special recognition to one member of the Maine Senate, Senator Susan Longley, for all her hard work on behalf of children, particularly the Start Me Right and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Maine is definitely a better place because of her leadership and relationship to all the issues dealing with children.

Again, let me say thank you for the efforts that each and everyone of you have done in regards to children. I know I speak for all my colleagues in saying we look forward to renewing our commitment to children and their future in the State of Maine. So once again, thanks to each and every one of you.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Tax on Gasoline" H.P. 133 L.D. 144

In House, January 16, 2001, REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION and ordered printed.

In Senate, January 16, 2001, REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body ADHERED.

The Senate RECEDED and CONCURRED.

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Building Permits in the Unorganized Territories"

H.P. 239 L.D. 276

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Require First Responders to Carry and Administer Epinephrine Autoinjectors" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 247 L.D. 283

Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 256 L.D. 300

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reimburse Philip Wolley for Litigation Expenses Incurred in Connection with His Termination and Reinstatement as a State Employee"

H.P. 248 L.D. 284

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**.

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Resolve, to Implement the Saco Bay Regional Beach Management Plan (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 186 L.D. 197

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create Purchasing Alliances of Small Businesses In Order to Purchase Health Insurance"

H.P. 238 L.D. 275

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish Returnable Tobacco Products and to Create the Returnable Tobacco Products Fund"

H.P. 223 L.D. 258

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Offer Reciprocity Concerning Concealed Firearms Permits"

H.P. 224 L.D. 259

Bill "An Act to Provide Funds to Purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras"

H.P. 225 L.D. 260

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Requirement That a Person Have a Permit for Concealed Firearms"

H.P. 230 L.D. 267

Bill "An Act to Establish Parity in Requirements for Exits Among Apartments, Boardinghouses and Lodging Houses"

H.P. 237 L.D. 274

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Award High School Diplomas to World War II Veterans"

H.P. 246 L.D. 282

Bill "An Act to Require Teaching of Maine Native American History and Culture in Maine's Schools"

H.P. 255 L.D. 291

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Implement the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000" H.P. 208 L.D. 243

Bill "An Act to Continue the Privacy Protection of Health Care Information" H.P. 209 L.D. 244

Bill "An Act to Ensure Appropriate Audit Procedures" H.P. 211 L.D. 246

Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Prescription Drugs with a State Toll-free Number" H.P. 212 L.D. 247

Bill "An Act to Consolidate All Aspects of Licensing and Enforcement of Agricultural Fairs Under the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources" H.P. 229 L.D. 266

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council" H.P. 250 L.D. 286

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Discharge of Firearms Near Certain Buildings" H.P. 197 L.D. 227

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Submit a Proposal to Encourage the Harvest of Coyotes H.P. 199 L.D. 229

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Marking and Placement of Baitfish Traps, Baitfish Holding Boxes and Buoys in Inland Waters" H.P. 202 L.D. 232

Bill "An Act to Allow the Use of Cage Traps for Bear" H.P. 251 L.D. 287

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Laws" H.P. 207 L.D. 242

Bill "An Act to Clarify that Polluters Who Violate the Environmental Laws on Private Land are Liable for Their Actions" H.P. 236 L.D. 273

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Pertaining to the Solvency of the Unemployment Compensation Fund" H.P. 218 L.D. 253

Bill "An Act Concerning Recordkeeping in Relation to Employment of Minors" H.P. 244 L.D. 280

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Proof of Identity in Order to Vote" H.P. 203 L.D. 238

Resolve, Authorizing Charles O'Conner to Sue the State H.P. 219 L.D. 254

Bill "An Act to Require the State Harness Racing Commission to Appoint Judges for Harness Races" H.P. 220 L.D. 255

Bill "An Act to Discourage Underage Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor" H.P. 222 L.D. 257

Bill "An Act to Amend the Time the Registrar is Required to be at a Municipal Caucus" H.P. 243 L.D. 279

Bill "An Act to Reform Lobbyist Disclosure Requirements" H.P. 249 L.D. 285

Bill "An Act Regarding Horse Racing" H.P. 253 L.D. 289

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Where a Public Hearing Involving Dredging Activity by the Department of Marine Resources Must be Held"
H.P. 245 L.D. 281

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Wetlands Use"
H.P. 204 L.D. 239

Bill "An Act to Amend the Mercury Discharge Law"
H.P. 254 L.D. 290

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Change the Fiscal Year of Sagadahoc County"
H.P. 206 L.D. 241

Bill "An Act to Establish Destroyer Escort Day" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 210 L.D. 245

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Rebate Program"
H.P. 226 L.D. 261

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Fee Paid When Purchasing a New Tire or Battery"
H.P. 200 L.D. 230

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, to Change the Name of the Maine Turnpike to the Ronald Reagan Highway
H.P. 242 L.D. 278

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Time Permissible for Displaying Political Signs"
H.P. 217 L.D. 252

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Seize the Cars of Habitual Offenders"
H.P. 235 L.D. 272

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Permit an Unspent Balance in the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund to be Carried Forward in Full for Fiscal Years 2000-01 and 2001-02"
H.P. 205 L.D. 240

Bill "An Act to Clarify Access to Private Lines in a Public Way"
H.P. 252 L.D. 288

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Joint Study Order
Committee to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools**

The **Committee to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools** pursuant to Joint Study Order 1999, H.P. 1938 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations Relating to Education Made by the Joint Study Committee to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 232 L.D. 269

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
Committee to Develop a Compensation Program
for Victims of Abuse
at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf**

The **Committee to Develop a Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf** pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 127, Part B asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Establish the Baxter Compensation Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 234 L.D. 271

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

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

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

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

**Pursuant to Resolve
Committee to Develop a Compensation Program
for Victims of Abuse
at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf**

The **Committee to Develop a Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf** pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 127 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Funding Recommendations of the Committee to Develop a Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf"

H.P. 241 L.D. 293

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

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

**Pursuant to Statutes
Criminal Law Advisory Commission**

The **Criminal Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Add Prior Conviction for Burglary of a Motor Vehicle to Enhancement of Theft Penalties"

H.P. 240 L.D. 292

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 28

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 25, 2001

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under 7 MRSA § 125 (G), I am pleased to appoint Senator Richard Kneeland of Aroostook to the Board of Agriculture.

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

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

S.P. 118 L.D. 394

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook and Representatives: HAWES of Standish, JODREY of Bethel.
Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

S.P. 85 L.D. 305

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative CARR of Lincoln and Senators: KNEELAND of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, DAIGLE of Arundel, GREEN of Monmouth, JONES of Greenville, McKEE of Wayne, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

S.P. 105 L.D. 331

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston and Senator: TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUGAY of Cherryfield, GOODWIN of Pembroke, HALL of Bristol, MORRISON of Baileyville.

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

S.P. 116 L.D. 342

Sponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham and Senators: EDMONDS of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, TREAT of Kennebec, Representative: LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

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

S.P. 119 L.D. 395

Sponsored by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative BELANGER of Caribou and Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook, Representatives: DUNCAN of Presque Isle, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, WHEELER of Bridgewater, YOUNG of Limestone.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Assist in Removing a Hazardous Dam"

S.P. 83 L.D. 303

Sponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and Representative: BRYANT of Dixfield.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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

S.P. 92 L.D. 318

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Bath and Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

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

S.P. 97 L.D. 323

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Bath and Senator: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

S.P. 98 L.D. 324

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Greenville and Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, SAWYER of Penobscot, WOODCOCK of Franklin, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot, Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, LESSARD of Topsham, STANLEY of Medway.

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

S.P. 110 L.D. 336

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative BRUNO of Raymond and Senators: LaFOUNTAIN of York, SHOREY of Washington, Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, DAIGLE of Arundel, MURPHY of Kennebunk, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, RINES of Wiscasset, SCHNEIDER of Durham, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

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

S.P. 115 L.D. 341

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Teachers"

S.P. 103 L.D. 329

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke and Representative: McDONOUGH of Portland.

Resolve, to Create a Study Commission on the Problems Created By Inadequate Funding for Special Education Services
S.P. 111 L.D. 337

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Livermore and Senators: LaFOUNTAIN of York, SMALL of Sagadahoc, WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, DUNLAP of Old Town, ESTES of Kittery, HALL of Bristol, HONEY of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Address Violence in Schools"

S.P. 113 L.D. 339

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative RICHARD of Madison and Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, MILLS of Somerset, SAWYER of Penobscot, Representatives: LEDWIN of Holden, STEDMAN of Hartland, WESTON of Montville.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Study the Placement of a Drug Rehabilitation Facility in Washington County

S.P. 104 L.D. 330

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CLARK of Millinocket, DUGAY of Cherryfield, HALL of Bristol, MORRISON of Baileyville.

Resolve, to Change Medicaid Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities

S.P. 117 L.D. 393

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, DAGGETT of Kennebec, EDMONDS of Cumberland, GAGNON of Kennebec, President MICHAUD of Penobscot, MILLS of Somerset, MITCHELL of Penobscot, PENDLETON of Cumberland.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Change the Snowmobile Registration Laws"

S.P. 109 L.D. 335

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and Senators: CARPENTER of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KNEELAND of Aroostook, MARTIN of Aroostook, Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, HONEY of Boothbay, PINEAU of Jay, RINES of Wiscasset.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and Senator: RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, CLARK of Millinocket, HONEY of Boothbay, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, PERKINS of Penobscot, SCHNEIDER of Durham, USHER of Westbrook.
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Update the Abandoned Property Laws"
S.P. 120 L.D. 396

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CHIZMAR of Lisbon and Senator: **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, Representative: O'BRIEN of Lewiston.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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

Sponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, CATHCART of Penobscot, **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, Representatives: BULL of Freeport, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MATTHEWS of Winslow, RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Sponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke and Senators: LEMONT of York, TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, HALL of Bristol, MORRISON of Baileyville.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell and Senator: TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, JACOBS of Turner, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, McKEE of Wayne, TOBIN of Windham, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Sponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MUSE of Fryeburg and Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, O'GARA of Cumberland, SAVAGE of Knox, SHOREY of Washington, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot, Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, NASS of Acton, MURPHY of Berwick, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Include a Legislator as a Voting Member of the Somerset County Budget Committee and to Eliminate the 3 Advisory Members"

S.P. 100 L.D. 326

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton and
Representative: BUMPS of China.

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

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative GREEN of Monmouth and
Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, LEMONT of York, MILLS of
Somerset, Representatives: BUMPS of China, LaVERDIERE of
Wilton, MURPHY of Berwick, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

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

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

Sponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland and Senators:
GAGNON of Kennebec, KNEELAND of Aroostook, MARTIN of
Aroostook, MILLS of Somerset, Representatives: BLISS of South
Portland, GREEN of Monmouth, PERRY of Bangor, TESSIER of
Fairfield, THOMAS of Orono.

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

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township
and Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, KNEELAND of
Aroostook, LaFOUNTAIN of York, NUTTING of Androscoggin,
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, HALL of Bristol, McKEE of
Wayne, TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

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

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Bristol and Senators:
KNEELAND of Aroostook, LaFOUNTAIN of York, SAVAGE of
Knox, Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CARR of
Lincoln, MURPHY of Berwick, ROSEN of Bucksport, TRAHAN of
Waldoboro.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered
printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Sponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative HEIDRICH of Oxford and
Representative: WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint
Rule 204.

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

Sponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative FISHER of Brewer and
Representative: McNEIL of Rockland.
Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to Joint Rule
204.

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

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.

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

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

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

Sponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative FISHER of Brewer and
Representative: McNEIL of Rockland.

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

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and
Senator: WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representatives: CARR of
Lincoln, HONEY of Boothbay, MAYO of Bath, MUSE of Fryeburg,
PERKINS of Penobscot, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, USHER of
Westbrook.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and
ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Sponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

S.P. 87 L.D. 314

Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: SAVAGE of Buxton.
Submitted by the Office of Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Authorize Representation by the Public Advocate of Consumer Interests on Regional Decision-making Bodies"
S.P. 89 L.D. 316

Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HALL of Bristol, SAVAGE of Buxton.
Submitted by the Office of Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statutes
Judicial Compensation Commission**

Senator RAND for the **Judicial Compensation Commission**, pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1701 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission Regarding Retirement Benefits"

S.P. 81 L.D. 301

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statutes
Judicial Compensation Commission**

Senator RAND for the **Judicial Compensation Commission**, pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1701 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission Regarding Compensation"

S.P. 124 L.D. 400

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order: S.P. 86

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor review the limits on wages earned by recipients of disability benefits under the Maine State Retirement System and report out, to the Senate, a bill implementing the committee's recommendations no later than January 15, 2002.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **YOUNGBLOOD** of Penobscot, the following Joint Order: S.P. 91

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development study the potential alternatives for state financing of the construction of meeting and convention facilities. In performing the study, the committee shall consider the findings of the Maine Meetings and Convention Committee established by the Department of Economic and Community Development in 1999. The committee shall report out by January 15, 2002, to the Senate, a bill to implement its recommendations reached as a result of the study.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2002" (**EMERGENCY**)

H.P. 25 L.D. 25

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**.

On motion by President Pro Tem **BENNETT** of Oxford, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, February 1, 2001, at 10:00 in the morning.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**.

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

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Make Additional Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 227 L.D. 262

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-7).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** (H-7).

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **LONGLEY** of Waldo was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.
