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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 6, 2001

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

Prayer by Reverend Edward Hatch of the Palermo Christian Church.

REVEREND HATCH: Before I pray, they have given me an opportunity to say a couple of remarks. I would just like to do that. This morning, as you are going about your business today, I just want to encourage you to be very thankful for the things that you do have. I know a lot of times we get busy with life and things get very stressful for us. In the Bible it says to "rejoice in the Lord always." Again, I say "rejoice." A verse that has really spoken to me is "to be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, that your request be made known unto God." I think that thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to gain some perspective as we go through life, with all the difficulties. Today I'm very thankful for many things. I'm thankful for my family. This morning my daughter and wife pushed my car out of the snow bank about five times. Once I got on the road everything was okay. But I'm very thankful that my wife loves me enough to come out into the snow to do that and that my daughter was very willing to do that, although she did kind of take credit for being behind the wheel of the car when it got out. It was her driving skills, not our pushing power, that made it. But I'm very thankful for my family. I'm also thankful that I live in the State of Maine. It's a beautiful, beautiful place. Even driving here in the snow today, it's just a wonderful thing that we really ought to appreciate. I'm thankful for the freedoms we have. We've been through a very contentious time in our country during this election season. But I look at the relative peace and the smooth transition in government and it makes me very thankful to be an American. As I look at some of the things that have divided us in the State of Maine, we still are able to speak to one another and deal with one another with respect. I think we have a lot to be thankful for. So, today, I just want to encourage you, as you go into your deliberations and the things that you'll be talking and sharing, the things that you're very committed to, to stop for just a moment and to be thankful. Before I pray today, I'd just like to have a moment of silence to give you an opportunity to just think about the things that God has blessed you with.

Our Heavenly Father, today we are thankful for the many blessings that You have given to us. I thank You for the privilege of coming and being able to share and to pray before this group of people. I am thankful as well, Lord, for the work that they are doing here in Augusta. Many of them have taken on a pretty significant responsibility. There are many demands on their time. They have few times of privacy. Phone calls at all times of the day and night from people demanding and wanting things from them. They come here with some very difficult problems before them. There are not easy solutions to many of the things that

they face. I'm just thankful for their dedication and their willingness to serve us, the people in the State of Maine, in the way that they do. Lord, today there may be interruptions because of the weather conditions and the fact that many, perhaps, couldn't make it here today. We pray that You help them to seize the opportunities that are before them, that today might be a productive day for them. Lord, as they are servants of the people of the State of Maine, we pray that they might be willing to pass by party lines and go to state lines to represent the people in the State of Maine well. We ask for Your blessing on them today. Give them wisdom and strength. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Norman K. Ferguson, Jr. of Oxford County.

Doctor of the day, Laurel M. Coleman M.D., Augusta.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 1, 2001.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, under unanimous consent on behalf of President Pro Tem **BENNETT** of Oxford, the following Senate Order: S.O. 14

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 10:45 in the morning for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Daniel E. Wathen, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communication as pleases him.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator **DAVIS** to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator **DAVIS** reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Improve the Services of the Saco River Corridor Commission"

H.P. 326 L.D. 416

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to the Wells National Estuarine Reserve Research Center"

H.P. 343 L.D. 433

Bill "An Act Concerning National Board Certification of Teachers"

H.P. 346 L.D. 436

Bill "An Act to Make Career Information More Accessible to Maine Citizens"

H.P. 365 L.D. 467

Bill "An Act to Provide Mental Health Services at Shelters"

H.P. 368 L.D. 470

Bill "An Act to Provide 4 Additional Personnel to the Department of Human Services Community Services Center"

H.P. 371 L.D. 473

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 Expand the Mission of the Office of the Public Advocate"

H.P. 313 L.D. 391

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Consumer Credit Code"

H.P. 322 L.D. 412

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Health Insurance'"

H.P. 323 L.D. 413

Bill "An Act to Require Health Maintenance Organizations to Cover Optometrist Services"

H.P. 324 L.D. 414

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Health Maintenance Organization Insolvency Requirements"

H.P. 325 L.D. 415

Bill "An Act Concerning Managed Care Provider Agreements"

H.P. 336 L.D. 426

Bill "An Act to Modify the Bureau of Insurance Complaint Ratios and to Increase the Amount of Penalties Assessed Against Violators of the Maine Insurance Code"

H.P. 338 L.D. 428

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of the Bureau of Banking in Order to Accurately Reflect the Scope and Variety of Entities Regulated by the Bureau"

H.P. 339 L.D. 429

Bill "An Act to Amend the Credit for Reinsurance Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code"

H.P. 341 L.D. 431

Bill "An Act to Create Catastrophic Health Insurance for Small Businesses in Maine"

H.P. 349 L.D. 439

Bill "An Act to Assist Individuals in Obtaining Catastrophic Insurance"

H.P. 362 L.D. 452

Bill "An Act to Require Liability Insurance Carriers to Disclose Limits of Liability to Claimants"

H.P. 372 L.D. 474

Bill "An Act to Ensure Equality in Health Insurance Coverage for Eating Disorders for Children and Adults"

H.P. 380 L.D. 482

Bill "An Act to Mandate Smoking Cessation Services for Health Insurance"

H.P. 382 L.D. 484

Resolve, to Create a Committee to Study the Feasibility of a Single Payor Health Care System

H.P. 383 L.D. 485

Come 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 Make Changes to the Board of Licensure in Medicine"

H.P. 342 L.D. 432

Bill "An Act Concerning the State Board of Funeral Service"

H.P. 378 L.D. 480

Bill "An Act to Allow the Agencies of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to Revoke Professional and Occupational Licenses"

H.P. 385 L.D. 487

Come 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 Relating to Out-of-state Travel for Work Purposes for Persons on Probation or on Supervised Release"

H.P. 317 L.D. 407

Bill "An Act to Require Lifetime Probation for Dangerous Sexual Offenders"

H.P. 374 L.D. 476

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.

Resolve, to Require the Department of Education to Propose Guidelines for Students Who Have Been Convicted of Violent Crimes

H.P. 332 L.D. 422

Bill "An Act to Remove Liability from School Units When Releasing Information on School Employees Accused of Crimes"

H.P. 364 L.D. 466

Bill "An Act to Govern Fees Assessed by the Bureau of General Services that Apply to School Construction Projects"

H.P. 373 L.D. 475

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.

Resolve, to Clarify the Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities

H.P. 347 L.D. 437

Resolve, to Expand Access to Certified Nursing Assistant Training Programs

H.P. 351 L.D. 441

Bill "An Act to Create Accountability for Money Spent on Auto Insurance for Participants in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program"

H.P. 361 L.D. 451

Bill "An Act to Recognize the Special Circumstances of Border Hospitals"

H.P. 363 L.D. 453

Bill "An Act Directing the Department of Human Services to Annually Adjust Dental Reimbursement Rates Under the Medicaid Program"

H.P. 375 L.D. 477

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Maine Rx Program"

H.P. 376 L.D. 478

Bill "An Act Concerning Eligibility for ASPIRE-TANF Participation in Households where an Individual has a Physical or Mental Health Disability"

H.P. 377 L.D. 479

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 Related to Nonresident Deer Hunters"

H.P. 319 L.D. 409

Bill "An Act to Delegate the Authority to Regulate Personal Watercraft in Unorganized Territories to County Commissioners"

H.P. 337 L.D. 427

Bill "An Act to Exempt from the Definition of "Watercraft" Permanently Affixed Boats"

H.P. 350 L.D. 440

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Coyote Snaring Program"

H.P. 360 L.D. 450

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 Facilitate Implementation of Court Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs"

H.P. 333 L.D. 423

Resolve, to Establish a Fatherhood Issues Study Commission

H.P. 370 L.D. 472

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

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

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Limitation on Certain Income that Maine State Retirement System Retirees May Earn Without Incurring a Reduction in Benefits"

H.P. 352 L.D. 442

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

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

Resolve, Authorizing Sharon Huff and Raymond Huff to Sue the State

H.P. 357 L.D. 447

Comes 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 Provide Free Licenses to Harvest Marine Organisms for Persons Over 70 Years of Age"
H.P. 320 L.D. 410

Bill "An Act to Restrict Atlantic Halibut Fishing in State Waters"
H.P. 334 L.D. 424

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Use of Gill Nets"
H.P. 335 L.D. 425

Bill "An Act to Require 2 Runners on Lobster Traps"
H.P. 359 L.D. 449

Bill "An Act to Amend the Lobster Licensing Laws"
H.P. 366 L.D. 468

Come 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 Clarify Municipal Authority Over Cable Television Franchises"
H.P. 294 L.D. 372

Bill "An Act to Reinstitute the Auditing of State Agencies by the Department of Audit"
H.P. 331 L.D. 421

Resolve, Regarding the Expansion of a Right-of-way Across the Elizabeth Levinson Center in Bangor
H.P. 344 L.D. 434

Bill "An Act to Allow Washington County to Elect Its Own District Attorney"
H.P. 354 L.D. 444

Bill "An Act to Prohibit State Expenditures on International Treaties not Ratified by the United States Senate"
H.P. 356 L.D. 446

Bill "An Act to Provide a Local Option on Display of the State Flag"
H.P. 369 L.D. 471

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 Provide Clarification on the Use of Impact Fees"
H.P. 268 L.D. 346

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

Come 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 Reduce Tree Growth Tax Benefits to Landowners Who Ship Raw Timber Outside the Country"
H.P. 316 L.D. 406

Bill "An Act to Tax Farm Implements Equally"
H.P. 327 L.D. 417

Bill "An Act to Encourage Equity Equivalent Loans or Investments in Nonprofit Community Economic Development Organizations"
H.P. 340 L.D. 430

Bill "An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Religious Ministries From Sales Tax for Items Used in Missionary Work"
H.P. 348 L.D. 438

Bill "An Act to Establish a Sales Tax Exemption for Purchases Made by Private, Nonprofit Senior Citizens' Centers"
H.P. 355 L.D. 445

Come 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 Regarding Veterans"
H.P. 231 L.D. 268

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Expand the Jurisdiction of the Maine Turnpike Authority to Include an East-west Highway"
H.P. 318 L.D. 408

Bill "An Act to Enforce the Speed Limit at Toll Plaza Approaches on the Maine Turnpike"

H.P. 321 L.D. 411

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Placards for Handicapped Motor Vehicle Operators"

H.P. 353 L.D. 443

Come 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 Maintain Moosehead Trail Signs" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 215 L.D. 250

Come 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 Strengthen Energy Conservation"

H.P. 330 L.D. 420

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority"

H.P. 345 L.D. 435

Bill "An Act to Implement a State Universal Service Fund" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 384 L.D. 486

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
Joint Select Committee to Study the Creation of a
Public/Private Purchasing Alliance
to Ensure Access to Health Care for All Maine Citizens**

The **Joint Select Committee to Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for All Maine Citizens** pursuant to Joint Order 1999, H.P. 1857 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Fund Community Health Access Programs"
H.P. 196 L.D. 226

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 169

120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 23, 2001

Senator Anne Rand
Representative Charles LaVerdiere
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
120th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Rand and Representative LaVerdiere:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated the Honorable Roland Beaudoin of Falmouth for appointment as Maine District Court Judge (no resident designation).

Pursuant to Title 4, M.R.S.A., §157, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate

S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 10:45 in the morning for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Daniel E. Wathen, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communications as pleases him.

The Following Communication: S.C. 37

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

January 30, 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 Chapter 411, P.L. 1997, I am pleased to appoint Senator Richard Kneeland of Aroostook and Senator Kenneth Gagnon of Kennebec County to the Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 38

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

February 1, 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 Title 12 § 7367, I have appointed David Preble of Millinocket to the Whitewater Safety Committee.

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 Correct an Error in the Bureau of Parks and Lands Statute"

S.P. 144 L.D. 488

Sponsored by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative CARR of Lincoln and Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, MARTIN of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: GOOLEY of Farmington, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Bond Ceiling of the University of Maine System"

S.P. 154 L.D. 498

Sponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator: KNEELAND of Aroostook, Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, DUNLAP of Old Town, HONEY of Boothbay, THOMAS of Orono.

Bill "An Act to Continue the Donated Dental Services Program"
S.P. 161 L.D. 505

Sponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative QUINT of Portland and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, EDMONDS of Cumberland, Representatives: LaVERDIERE of Wilton, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Bill "An Act to Expand Funding for the Maine Research Internships for Teachers and Students Program"
S.P. 162 L.D. 506

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick and Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representative: PARADIS of Frenchville.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Service Contracts"
S.P. 147 L.D. 491

Sponsored by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DUDLEY of Portland and Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Preserve Competition in the Retail Marketing of Motor Fuels"

S.P. 146 L.D. 490

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative DUGAY of Cherryfield and
Senators: KNEELAND of Aroostook, YOUNGBLOOD of
Penobscot, Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke,
WHEELER of Eliot.

Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
suggested and ordered printed.

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

Resolve, to Provide Improved Access to Quality Locally Grown
Foods through Expansion of the Farmers' Market Nutrition
Program

S.P. 164 L.D. 583

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne and Senators:
KNEELAND of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin,
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, FOSTER of Gray, GOOLEY
of Farmington, HAWES of Standish, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill,
PINEAU of Jay.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Testing Process for the Licensing of
Guides"

S.P. 167 L.D. 586

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and
Senator: CARPENTER of York, Representatives: CLARK of
Millinocket, COTE of Lewiston, PERRY of Bangor, SCHNEIDER
of Durham, THOMAS of Orono, TRACY of Rome, TUTTLE of
Sanford.

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

Bill "An Act to Clarify Laws Pertaining to Nuisance Wildlife"

S.P. 168 L.D. 587

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and
Senator: CARPENTER of York, Representatives: CHICK of
Lebanon, COTE of Lewiston, PERRY of Bangor, THOMAS of
Orono, TOBIN of Dexter, TRACY of Rome, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Town of Bar Harbor to Acquire the
Bar Harbor Water Company" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 159 L.D. 503

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

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

On motion by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Pay Equity"

S.P. 145 L.D. 489

Sponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland and Senators:
BROMLEY of Cumberland, EDMONDS of Cumberland,
ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TREAT of Kennebec,
Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, HUTTON of
Bowdoinham, MATTHEWS of Winslow, NORBERT of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Qualifications for Health Care Providers
Conducting Employer-requested Examinations"

S.P. 155 L.D. 499

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative JACOBS of Turner and
Senators: EDMONDS of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of
Androscoggin, Representatives: BERRY of Livermore,
LaVERDIERE of Wilton, PINEAU of Jay.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reform Certain Features of the Clean Election
Law"

S.P. 157 L.D. 501

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create the Right to Fish"

S.P. 158 L.D. 502

Sponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell and
Senators: EDMONDS of Cumberland, LEMONT of York,
SHOREY of Washington, Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland,
DUNLAP of Old Town, HONEY of Boothbay, KOFFMAN of Bar
Harbor, McNEIL of Rockland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the State's Recycling and Waste
Reduction Goals"

S.P. 160 L.D. 504

Sponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative TOBIN of Windham and
Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, SAWYER of Penobscot,
Representatives: BULL of Freeport, CHICK of Lebanon, ESTES
of Kittery, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.
Submitted by the State Planning Office pursuant to Joint Rule
204.

Bill "An Act to Encourage Agricultural Development"

S.P. 165 L.D. 584

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne and Senators:
KNEELAND of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin,
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, FOSTER of Gray, GOOLEY
of Farmington, HAWES of Standish, JODREY of Bethel,
LUNDEEN of Mars Hill.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a Major Medical Insurance Program for
Prisoners Incarcerated in County Jails"

S.P. 150 L.D. 494

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Act of Separation of Frye Island from
the Town of Standish" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 156 L.D. 500

Sponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton and
Senators: NUTTING of Androscoggin, McALEVEY of York,
PENDLETON of Cumberland, SAVAGE of Knox, SMALL of

Sagadahoc, Representatives: BUMPS of China, BRUNO of
Raymond, HAWES of Standish, McDONOUGH of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the State from Competing with Private
Industry"

S.P. 163 L.D. 582

Sponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Revenue-sharing Formula"

S.P. 152 L.D. 496

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Eliot and
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, COLLINS of Wells, ESTES
of Kittery, McKENNEY of Cumberland, MURPHY of Berwick.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reimburse Communities that have Constructed
Sand and Salt Sheds and are Rated Priority 1 or 2"

S.P. 148 L.D. 492

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative DUGAY of Cherryfield and
Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock,
KILKELLY of Lincoln, SAVAGE of Knox, Representatives:
BERRY of Livermore, BUMPS of China, RINES of Wiscasset,
WHEELER of Eliot.

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to
Coordinate with Municipalities Regarding Landscaping and
Planting"

S.P. 149 L.D. 493

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Eliot and
Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, KILKELLY of Lincoln,
SAVAGE of Knox, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives:
BOUFFARD of Lewiston, COWGER of Hallowell, LEMOINE of
Old Orchard Beach, O'BRIEN of Augusta.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Noise Pollution"

S.P. 153 L.D. 497

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Eliot and
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, ESTES of Kittery,
McKENNEY of Cumberland, MURPHY of Berwick.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Small Power Production and Cogeneration Laws" S.P. 151 L.D. 495

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Remove Telemarketers from the Application of the Consumer Solicitation Sales Laws" S.P. 166 L.D. 585

Sponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner and Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, President MICHAUD of Penobscot, MITCHELL of Penobscot, SAVAGE of Knox, SHOREY of Washington, Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, McNEIL of Rockland, RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (1/25/01) Assigned matter:

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

Tabled - January 30, 2001, by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, January 25, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (1/30/01) Assigned matter:

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

Tabled - January 30, 2001, by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/1/01) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Reinstate Emergency Assistance for Dependents of Veterans" S.P. 60 L.D. 224

Tabled - February 1, 2001, by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, January 23, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

(In House, January 30, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/1/01) Assigned matter:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Vote of 2/3 of Each House of the Legislature to Enact or Include a Tax or License Fee H.P. 280 L.D. 358

Tabled - February 1, 2001, by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, January 30, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

At this point, the Senate retired to the Hall of the House, where a Joint Convention was formed.

After Convention

In Senate Chamber

Senate called to order by the President

On motion by President Pro Tem **BENNETT** of Oxford, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, February 8, 2001, at 10:00 in the morning.