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**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 20, 2001

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

Prayer by Reverend Susan Hoffman, Brunswick United Methodist Church.

REVEREND HOFFMAN: Let us pray. Eternal Creator, on this beautiful, foretaste of spring, day in February, we are filled with thanksgiving and praise. We give You particular thanks for the part of the world in which we live. It knows four seasons and some muddle in-between. It is blessed with resources of earth, sky and sea. It is blessed with a growing diversity of people with resources of their own. We give You thanks for the opportunities that have been given to each of us to serve the people and the area in which we live. Many of the opportunities are also challenges. We are challenged to be fair to all persons who live in this state. The earthly resources vary from place to place and what may seem to be fair to one, may not be fair to another. The people are young, old and in-between with lives, needs and opinions that touch their community, and subsequently, the world. Holy One, help us to become wise enough to do the best for all. Guide us in our recognition of need, deliberation, plan of action and vote that, that which is decided is best for all. Within this body are personal needs and concerns. Some for health issues and others for challenges of time and spirit. As You hear the petitions of our hearts, grant us such knowledge of Your presence and peace that we may be assured of strength beyond ourselves to deal with any issue given into our lives. Once again, oh God, we give You thanks and praise. Thank You for this day and the opportunities it will bring. We thank You for life itself and for family, friends and neighbors given into it. We praise You, for we are filled with awe and wonder for all that has been created. In all things and in all ways, we are blessed. And in Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Karl Turner of Cumberland County.

Doctor of the day, Dr. John Dow, M.D. of Pittsfield.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 15, 2001.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Ensure Environmental Integrity, Forest Health and Rural Maine Jobs"

S.P. 182 L.D. 610

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

In Senate, February 13, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

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

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

House Papers

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

H.P. 516 L.D. 655

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

On motion by Senator **MCALEVEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Designate the Town of Topsham Communications Center as a Public Safety Answering Point" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 630 L.D. 830

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Standards for Release for Crime
Bailable as of Right Preconviction"

H.P. 597 L.D. 752

Committee on **JUDICIARY** 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 Hold Persons Incarcerated in County Jails
Accountable for Certain Costs Associated with Their
Incarceration"

H.P. 401 L.D. 522

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

On motion by Senator **MCALLEVEY** of York, **TABLED 1**
Legislative Day, pending **REFERENCE**.

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order: H.P. 719

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Special
Legislative Oversight Committee for Regional Electricity Issues
be established as follows.

Sec. 1. Committee established. The Special Legislative
Oversight Committee for Regional Electricity Issues, referred to in
this order as the "committee," is established.

Sec. 2. Committee membership. The committee consists of
13 members appointed as follows:

1. Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President
of the Senate; and

2. Nine members of the House of Representatives,
appointed by the Speaker of the House.

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

Sec. 4. Appointments. All appointments must be made no
later than 30 days following the effective date of this order. The
appointments must be made so that no more than 8 members
are of the same political party and the Joint Standing Committee
on Utilities and Energy, the Joint Standing Committee on Natural
Resources, the Joint Standing Committee on Business and
Economic Development and the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary are represented. The appointing authorities shall notify
the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making
their appointments. When the appointment of all members is
complete, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall

call and convene the first meeting of the committee no later than
15 days after the final member is appointed.

Sec. 5. Duties. The committee shall study and make
recommendations concerning:

1. The design and operation of the New England regional
electricity market;

2. The appropriate size and scope of a regional
transmission organization to be created to serve the needs of
Maine's consumers of electricity;

3. The extent to which the State's consumers of electricity
may be harmed by anticompetitive behavior in the energy market
and ways the Legislature may act to protect consumers; and

4. Related matters that the committee considers
appropriate.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Upon approval of the Legislative
Council, the Office of the Public Advocate shall provide
necessary staffing services to the committee. In carrying out its
duties, the committee may seek the expertise of the Public
Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate, the
Department of the Attorney General and any other appropriate
state agency.

Sec. 7. Compensation. Legislative members are entitled to
receive legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement of necessary
expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings of the
committee.

Sec. 8. Reporting date established. The committee shall
submit a report with recommendations and any accompanying
legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and
Energy during the Second Regular Session of the 120th
Legislature by January 15, 2002. Following the receipt of the
report, the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy may
report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 120th
Legislature. If the committee requires a limited extension of time
to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative Council,
which may grant the extension.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

READ.

The Chair ordered a Division. 1 Senator having voted in the
affirmative and 28 Senators having voted in the negative
FAILED, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 276

**TASK FORCE ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING
AT JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

February 2001

The Honorable President Michael H. Michaud
The Honorable Speaker Michael V. Saxl
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

Pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 770, the Task Force on Educational Programming at Juvenile Correctional Facilities is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing Committees on Education and Cultural Affairs, Criminal Justice and Health and Human Services. Copies of the report have also been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely

S/Sen. Robert E. Murray, Jr. Co-chair

S/Rep. Shirley K. Richard, Co-chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 50

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE PLANNING OFFICE**

February 7, 2001

The Honorable Michael Michaud
President of the Senate
3 SHS
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Michaud:

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

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

S/Paula Craighead

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 57

**120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

February 13, 2001

The Honorable Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate of Maine
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 120th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Margaret S. Haynes of Freeport, for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Bromley of Cumberland, Shorey of Washington, Youngblood of Penobscot
	Representatives	9	Bryant of Dixfield, Clough of Scarborough, Dorr of Camden, Duprey of Hampden, Hatch of Skowhegan, Michaud of Fort Kent, Morrison of Baileyville, Richardson of Brunswick, Thomas of Orono
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Murphy of Kennebunk

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Margaret S. Haynes of Freeport, for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Kevin L. Shorey
Senate Chair

S/John G. Richardson
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 120th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#5)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: ABROMSON, BENNETT, BROMLEY, CARPENTER, DAGGETT, DAVIS, DOUGLASS, EDMONDS, FERGUSON, GAGNON, GOLDTHWAIT, KILKELLY, KNEELAND, LAFOUNTAIN, LEMONT, MARTIN, MCALEVEY, MITCHELL, NUTTING, O'GARA, PENDLETON, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SAWYER, SHOREY, SMALL, TREAT, TURNER, WOODCOCK, YOUNGBLOOD, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

ABSENT: Senators: CATHCART, LONGLEY, MILLS, RAND

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being absent, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Margaret S. Haynes** of Freeport, for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 61

**STATE OF MAINE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
INCENTIVE COMMISSION**

December 5, 2000

Governor Angus S. King, Jr. President Michael H Michaud
1 State House Station 3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0001 Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Commissioner Steven Levesque Speaker Michael V. Saxl
59 State House Station 2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0059 Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

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

The Economic Development Incentive Commission, established by Public Laws 1997, Chapter 761, is pleased to present the enclosed report to you as required by 5 MRSA §13070-L. Over the two years since the Commission was appointed, we have

worked with state agencies to develop and refine a uniform business reporting format which has provided the State with extensive data regarding the benefits received by businesses participating in the economic development incentive programs under the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission sponsored an educational forum on economic development incentives with presentations by national experts in the field and contracted with an economist from the University of Maine for an independent analysis of the impact of economic development incentives on job growth. We conducted extensive discussions exploring the role of economic development incentives in economic development policy in general and in Maine's development and tax policies in specific.

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

Sincerely

S/Sen. Chellie Pingree
Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

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

S.P. 284 L.D. 995

Sponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon and Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, KNEELAND of Aroostook, Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, CRABTREE of Hope.

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

S.P. 285 L.D. 996

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Washington County's Economy by Promoting Natural, Historical and Cultural Tourism"
S.P. 272 L.D. 937

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative DUGAY of Cherryfield and Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook, Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, GOODWIN of Pembroke, MORRISON of Baileyville, PARADIS of Frenchville, PINKHAM of Lamoine, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Bill "An Act to Promote Learning Through the Reading Recovery Program"
S.P. 287 L.D. 998

Sponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative QUINT of Portland and Senator: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, HASKELL of Milford, NORTON of Bangor, RICHARD of Madison, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act to Assist the Teacher Certification Process" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 297 L.D. 1008

Sponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford and Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board"
S.P. 279 L.D. 990

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senators: MILLS of Somerset, O'GARA of Cumberland, Representatives: BUMPS of China, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, HONEY of Boothbay, MAYO of Bath, RINES of Wiscasset, TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

Resolve, to Enhance Economic Development in Eastern Maine (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 286 L.D. 997

Sponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senators: MITCHELL of Penobscot, SAWYER of Penobscot, Shorey of Washington, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot, Representative: DUGAY of Cherryfield.

Bill "An Act to Protect Consumers During Licensing Hearings"
S.P. 290 L.D. 1001

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Sentences for Individuals Convicted of Sexually Abusing Children"
S.P. 270 L.D. 935

Sponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative McNEIL of Rockland and Senator: LEMONT of York, Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick.

Resolve, Creating the State Fire and Emergency Medical Services Academy
S.P. 271 L.D. 936

Sponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative McNEIL of Rockland and Senators: LEMONT of York, O'GARA of Cumberland, Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, MAYO of Bath, POVICH of Ellsworth, RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Number of Persons Who May Be Appointed Sheriff or Become a Candidate for Sheriff"
S.P. 282 L.D. 993

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, KILKELLY of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin, SHOREY of Washington, Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, TRACY of Rome.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Maine Mathematics, Science and Engineering Talent Search Venture"
S.P. 280 L.D. 991

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Greenville and Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot, Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, DUNLAP of Old Town, GREEN of Monmouth, RINES of Wiscasset, TESSIER of Fairfield.

Bill "An Act to Establish Equity in the School Funding Formula"
S.P. 283 L.D. 994

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Provide First Responder Teams For Schools to Assist with Violent and Chronically Disruptive Students"
S.P. 288 L.D. 999

Sponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative QUINT of Portland and Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, LEDWIN of Holden, NORTON of Bangor, RICHARD of Madison, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TOBIN of Dexter, WESTON of Montville.

Bill "An Act to Modify the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program"
S.P. 300 L.D. 1011

Sponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative RICHARD of Madison and Senators: PENDLETON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, LEDWIN of Holden, STEDMAN of Hartland, WESTON of Montville.
Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Nursery School Rules"
S.P. 291 L.D. 1002

Sponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Certain Behavioral Specialists
S.P. 292 L.D. 1003

Sponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act to Inform Consumers About Prescription Drug Prices"
S.P. 294 L.D. 1005

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FULLER of Manchester and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, EDMONDS of Cumberland, RAND of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Resolve, to Retain Direct Care Workers for Persons with Mental Retardation (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 295 L.D. 1006

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Funding for Snowmobile Trail Maintenance"
S.P. 275 L.D. 940

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

Sponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act"
S.P. 298 L.D. 1009

Sponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Manage the Sea Urchin Fishery"
S.P. 299 L.D. 1010

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.
Cosponsored by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.
Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Safeguard Production of Groundwater"
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 301 L.D. 1012

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough,
Representative STEDMAN of Hartland and Senators:
FERGUSON of Oxford, MITCHELL of Penobscot, O'GARA of
Cumberland, SHOREY of Washington, Representatives:
BRYANT of Dixfield, LABRECQUE of Gorham, MORRISON of
Baileyville, TOBIN of Windham.

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

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Celebration of Veterans' Week"

S.P. 277 L.D. 988

Sponsored by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, FERGUSON of Oxford,
KILKELLY of Lincoln, PENDLETON of Cumberland,
Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
HEIDRICH of Oxford, TREADWELL of Carmel.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Tax Relief to Maine's Military Retirees"

S.P. 274 L.D. 939

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative DUGAY of Cherryfield and
President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford, Senators: DAVIS of
Piscataquis, McALEVEY of York, SMALL of Sagadahoc,
TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias,
BUNKER of Kossuth Township, MORRISON of Baileyville.

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

S.P. 296 L.D. 1007

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Outdoor Signs"

S.P. 273 L.D. 938

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Truck Weight Laws to Deter Gross
Vehicle Weight Violations"

S.P. 278 L.D. 989

Sponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, FISHER of
Brewer, GLYNN of South Portland, KASPRZAK of Newport,
McKENNEY of Cumberland, McNEIL of Rockland, WHEELER of
Bridgewater.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Covered Load Laws"

S.P. 293 L.D. 1004

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner and
Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, O'GARA of Cumberland,
SAVAGE of Knox.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Timely Public Comment on Matters Heard
Before Sanitary Districts"

S.P. 269 L.D. 934

Sponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Promote Consistency in Dialing Cellular and
Landline Telephone Numbers"

S.P. 289 L.D. 1000

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the
following:

House

Bill "An Act to Correct a Reference in the Maine Juvenile Code"
H.P. 31 L.D. 5

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem **RICHARD A. BENNETT** of Oxford.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matter 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 (2/15/01) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Improve Child Development Services"
H.P. 611 L.D. 766

Tabled - February 15, 2001, by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, February 13, 2001, **REFERRED** to Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Today Assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER - relative to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife reporting out a bill implementing the recommendations of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and municipalities regarding surface water uses.
HP 612

Tabled - February 15, 2001, by Senator **CARPENTER** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In House, February 13, 2001, **READ** and **PASSED**.)

(In Senate, February 15, 2001, **READ**.)

PASSED, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem **RICHARD A. BENNETT** of Oxford.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **YOUNGBLOOD** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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

On motion by President Pro Tem **BENNETT** of Oxford, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, February 22, 2001, at 10:00 in the morning.