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**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
March 28, 2001

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

Prayer by Reverend Calvin Dame of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Augusta.

REVEREND DAME: Oh Great and Gracious Spirit, present to men and women in all times and ages, called by a thousand different names, and known in the human heart by no name at all, be present with us. Help us to be thankful this day for the gift of life which is ours. Life, a gift which we did not choose, which we cannot earn, which no money can buy. For life, which is to us a gift, may we be grateful. May we cultivate for ourselves those virtues by which we are made stronger, through which the world is made more gracious and more fair. We would pray for wisdom, that our actions may be guided towards that which is good and true. We would pray for enthusiasm, that we might meet the challenges of the day with energy and with passion. We would pray for a larger vision, that we might be able to lift our eyes above the clamor of this particular day. We would pray for hope, that we might live in affirmation and not in fear. We would pray for compassion so that we might truly understand that all men and women are our brothers and sisters, that all who are upon this earth share in one destiny, share in one life. Finally we would pray for courage, that we might not only see the right thing to do but find it in ourselves to act in accordance with our hopes and our beliefs, even when it is difficult and even when we are fearful. All this we pray in the name of all that we know to be holy. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **LEMONT**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **PENDLETON**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

JOINT ORDER - relative to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development reporting out a bill regarding the funding of biomedical research
S.P. 562

In Senate, March 21, 2001, on motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, **READ** and **PASSED**.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Liquor by Retail Licensees for Less than the Actual Price Paid"
S.P. 125 L.D. 401

Majority - **Ought to Pass** (9 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (4 members)

In Senate, March 20, 2001, Reports **READ**. Motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **FAILED**. Subsequently, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

House Papers

Bill "An Act Regarding School Funding Based on Essential Programs and Services"

H.P. 1284 L.D. 1747

Comes 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 Amend the Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse"

H.P. 1287 L.D. 1751

Comes 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 Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws to Provide for a Rebuttable Presumption of Eligibility for Benefits for Hepatitis or Hepatic Disease for Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel"

H.P. 1283 L.D. 1746

Comes 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 Update the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Laws"

H.P. 1288 L.D. 1752

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.

**Pursuant to Joint Order
Committee on Business and Economic Development**

The **Committee on Business and Economic Development** pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1155 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Review Internet Policy

H.P. 1286 L.D. 1749

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
Commission to Study Economically and Socially Just Policies for Foreign Investments and Foreign Purchasing by the State**

The Commission to Study Economically and Socially Just Policies for Foreign Investments and Foreign Purchasing by the State pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 135 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission to Study Economically and Socially Just Policies for Foreign Investments and Foreign Purchasing by the State"

H.P. 1285 L.D. 1748

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** 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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution: H.P. 1138

**JOINT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CREATING
THE MAINE AIR MUSEUM**

WHEREAS, from the early flights of civilian pilots and barnstormers at a farmland site known as Maplewood Park, to Godfrey Field, Dow Air Force Base and the Bangor International Airport, the Bangor area has a long and exciting history of military and civilian aviation; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Maine Aviation Historical Society has chosen the former Dow Air Force Base, a former strategic air command base, as the home to the Maine Air Museum; and

WHEREAS, when completed, the museum will tell the story of Maine's military aviation heritage including the Presque Isle Army Air Corps Base, the Houlton Army Air Corps Base, the Brunswick Naval Air Station, the Loring Air Force Base and the Dow Air Force Base, and of the scores of military planes that crashed in the State; and

WHEREAS, the museum will highlight Maine's civilian aviation history, depicting the dozens of public and private airports, grass strips, float planes and bush pilots; and

WHEREAS, game warden, state police and other governmental air operations will be displayed; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Maine Aviation Historical Society to display the various aircraft and artifacts depicting the history of aviation in Maine for the education and enjoyment of Maine's students and residents and as a focal point where pilots,

historians and aviation enthusiasts of all ages can share their common interests; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, offer our support in making Maine residents and students aware of the Maine Aviation Historical Society's efforts in establishing the Maine Air Museum; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Aviation Historical Society as a token of our esteem.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 157

**120TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

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

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Please be advised that I have made the following appointments:

Maine Canadian Legislative Advisory Committee; Pursuant to Title 3, §227:

Senator Michael H. Michaud of Penobscot County
Senator Richard A. Bennett of Oxford County

New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission;
Pursuant to Title 3, §231:

Senator Michael H. Michaud of Penobscot County
Senator Richard A. Bennett of Oxford County

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. 159

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY,
APPLIED RESEARCH & EVALUATION**

March 19, 2001

Honorable Michael Michaud
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Michaud:

The Maine State Legislature requested the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, University of Southern Maine office, to compile and publish a comprehensive description of public education in Maine each year. Appropriately, the recently completed book is entitled The Condition of K-12 Public Education in Maine 2000.

We would like to provide you and your staff with copies of the book for use in your daily deliberations. We hope you will find the information broad yet focused on the many aspects of K-12 public education.

Sincerely,

S/David L. Silvernail
Director

S/A. Mavourneen Thompson
Research Associate

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Improve Services for Children with Autism"
S.P. 578 L.D. 1756

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Department of Corrections"
S.P. 580 L.D. 1758

Sponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor,
GERZOFKY of Brunswick.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Encourage Savings for Higher Education"
S.P. 579 L.D. 1757

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.
(GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland and President Pro
Tem BENNETT of Oxford, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot,
MITCHELL of Penobscot, SHOREY of Washington,
Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CLOUGH of
Scarborough, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Smoking Cessation Program for
Pregnant Women"
S.P. 577 L.D. 1755

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative LOVETT of Scarborough and
Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock,
RAND of Cumberland, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representative:
KANE of Saco.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Change the Membership of Certain Boards to
Include The Department of Administrative and Financial
Services"
S.P. 581 L.D. 1759

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot,
Representatives: McDONOUGH of Portland, NASS of Acton.
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial
Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Build Parking Garages in
Service Center Municipalities"

H.P. 546 L.D. 701

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**
and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

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

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

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Endow the Maintenance of Maine
Civil War Monuments at Gettysburg"

H.P. 641 L.D. 841

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**
and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE
DAY**.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to
Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District to Conform to
Changes in the Municipal Election Date for the City of Portland"
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 497 L.D. 637

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**
and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE
DAY**.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Parity in the Sale of Securities by Maine Financial Institutions"

H.P. 297 L.D. 375

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-43)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-43) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Credit for Reinsurance Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code"

H.P. 341 L.D. 431

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-44)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-44)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-44) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter (unassigned): Rules Providing for the Licensing of Child Placing Agencies With and Without Adoption Programs, Addition of Home Certification Process, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Human Services, Community Services Center (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 6 L.D. 6

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-40)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-40)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-40) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Remove Redundant Written Authorization Requirements"

H.P. 449 L.D. 570

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-42)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-42)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-42) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, to Promote Ethnic Diversity and Maine's French Heritage

H.P. 595 L.D. 750

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

MITCHELL of Penobscot
NUTTING of Androscoggin
ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

RICHARD of Madison
DESMOND of Mapleton
WATSON of Farmingdale
ESTES of Kittery
CUMMINGS of Portland
STEDMAN of Hartland
ANDREWS of York
WESTON of Montville
LEDWIN of Holden

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

SKOGLUND of St. George

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Expand Parental Control of a Minor Child"

H.P. 507 L.D. 647

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

EDMONDS of Cumberland
TURNER of Cumberland
SAWYER of Penobscot

Representatives:

MATTHEWS of Winslow
BUNKER of Kossuth Township
HUTTON of Bowdoinham
SMITH of Van Buren
TARAZEWICH of Waterboro

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

CRESSEY of Baldwin
DAVIS of Falmouth
MacDOUGALL of North Berwick
TREADWELL of Carmel

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **EDMONDS** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator O'GARA for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Pertaining to the Maine Community Policing Institute Surcharge Fund"

S.P. 32 L.D. 130

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-21)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-21) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator CARPENTER for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Testing Process for the Licensing of Guides"

S.P. 167 L.D. 586

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-24)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-24) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator O'GARA for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Facilitate Passenger Rail Transportation by Limiting Liability"

S.P. 202 L.D. 767

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-23)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-23) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Improve Allowances for Jury Duty"

S.P. 57 L.D. 221

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-22).**

Signed:

Senators:

RAND of Cumberland
McALEVEY of York
FERGUSON of Oxford

Representatives:

LaVERDIERE of Wilton
BULL of Freeport
MITCHELL of Vassalboro
MUSE of South Portland
SIMPSON of Auburn
JACOBS of Turner

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Representatives:

MADORE of Augusta
WATERHOUSE of Bridgton
SHERMAN of Hodgdon
MENDROS of Lewiston

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-22) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Expand the Lifetime Hunting License"
H.P. 60 L.D. 69
(C "A" H-20; H "A" H-45)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act to Reallocate a Portion of the Calendar Year 1999 Allocation of State Ceiling" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 196 L.D. 668

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Amend the Harness Racing Laws to Provide for Staggered Terms"
S.P. 265 L.D. 912
(C "A" S-19)

Bill "An Act Regarding Variances to the Implementation Dates of the Nutrient Management Law" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 266 L.D. 913
(C "A" S-20)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair noted the presence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **PENDLETON**.

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend the Charter of the South Berwick Sewer District
H.P. 24 L.D. 24
(C "A" H-9)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, to Extend the Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft

H.P. 28 L.D. 28
(C "A" H-21)

On motion by Senator **GOLDTHWAIT** of Hancock, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, to Implement the Saco Bay Regional Beach Management Plan

H.P. 186 L.D. 197
(C "A" H-24)

On motion by Senator **GOLDTHWAIT** of Hancock, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

Acts

An Act to Clarify the Division Line Between the Towns of Deer Isle and Stonington

S.P. 10 L.D. 2
(C "A" S-2)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission on Child Abuse

H.P. 27 L.D. 27

An Act to Increase the Fine for Allowing a Dog to Roam at Large

S.P. 22 L.D. 38
(C "A" S-3)

An Act to Allow Funeral Escort Vehicles in a Funeral Procession to be Equipped with Flashing Yellow Lights

H.P. 37 L.D. 46
(C "A" H-10)

An Act to List the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price on the Certificate of Title

H.P. 65 L.D. 74
(C "A" H-14)

An Act to Remove the Weight Limit Restrictions on Vanity Registration Plates

H.P. 109 L.D. 113
(C "A" H-15)

An Act to Revise the Hampden Water District Charter

H.P. 118 L.D. 122
(C "A" H-8)

An Act to Amend the Animal Trespass Laws

H.P. 128 L.D. 139

An Act Providing for the Revocation of a Driver's License upon Conviction for Certain Crimes

H.P. 165 L.D. 176

An Act to Clarify Insurance Coverage for Victims of Domestic Violence

S.P. 49 L.D. 217
(C "A" S-5)

An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

H.P. 250 L.D. 286

An Act to Enhance Collectibility of the Penalty for Failure to File the Municipal Valuation Tax Return

S.P. 99 L.D. 325
(C "A" S-6)

An Act to Facilitate State Park Campsite Reservations through the Internet

S.P. 118 L.D. 394

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

H.P. 345 L.D. 435
(C "A" H-22)

An Act to Clarify the Substance Abuse Law

S.P. 139 L.D. 462

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

S.P. 160 L.D. 504

An Act Concerning Disability Registration Plates and Placards

H.P. 563 L.D. 718

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act to Increase the State Earned Income Tax Credit from 5% to 10% of the Federal Earned Income Credit

H.P. 17 L.D. 17
(C "A" H-13)

On motion by Senator **GOLDTHWAIT** of Hancock, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Specify That Possession of Sexually Explicit Materials by Way of the Internet is Criminal

H.P. 121 L.D. 125
(C "A" H-17)

On motion by Senator **GOLDTHWAIT** of Hancock, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Add Prior Conviction for Burglary of a Motor Vehicle to Enhancement of Theft Penalties and to Include Burglary of a Motor Vehicle in the Presumption Provision for Theft

H.P. 240 L.D. 292
(C "A" H-16)

On motion by Senator **GOLDTHWAIT** of Hancock, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolve

Resolve, to Create a Greenhouse Gas Registry

H.P. 78 L.D. 87
(C "A" H-23)

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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 Today Assigned matter:

JOINT STUDY ORDER - relative to Studying the Offset in Social Security and Maine State Retirement System Benefits
HP 513

Tabled - February 13, 2001, by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, February 8, 2001, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**.)

(In Senate, February 13, 2001, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution: H.P. 1291

JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE MAINE FARMER AND MAINE AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, farmers and others employed in associated industries make up 10% of the Maine work force, with about 7,400 farms operating on 600,000 acres of cropland; and

WHEREAS, Maine farmers provide in excess of \$518,000,000 in total farm income and are credited with a contribution of \$1,200,000,000 to Maine's economy; and

WHEREAS, the agri-food business provides 65,000 full-time and part-time jobs throughout the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, Maine is first in the world in the production of wild blueberries, first in the world in the production of brown eggs, home of the world's largest bioagricultural firm, first in New England in the production of food, 2nd in the country in the production of maple syrup and 8th in the country in potato production; and

WHEREAS, Maine farms provide not only food for families but scenic views, open spaces, employment opportunities and a tangible link to our culture and heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the First Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to honor Maine farmers and innovators who have contributed so much to the betterment of our State and to pledge our support and encouragement, and urge the youth of Maine to pursue the growing opportunities for careers in today's technologically advanced agricultural industry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in token of the esteem in which those in this vital field are held.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

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

On motion by President Pro Tem **BENNETT** of Oxford, **ADJOURNED**, to Thursday, March 29, 2001, at 10:00 in the morning.