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Thursday, March 13, 2003

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

Prayer by Reverend Lionel G. Chouinard, Holy Trinity Parish, Lisbon Falls.

National Anthem by Hampden Academy Chamber Choir.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Ron Marraché, M.D., Waterville.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Make Minor Technical Changes to the Maine Biomedical Research Program"

(S.P. 436) (L.D. 1345)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Workers from Secondhand Smoke and To Promote Worker Safety"

(S.P. 437) (L.D. 1346)

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Attorney General To Seek Restitution and To Require the Superintendent of Insurance To Investigate Certain Insurance Practices"

(S.P. 438) (L.D. 1347)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Candidates Who Are Not Maine Clean Election Act Candidates To Report All Sources of Funding"

(S.P. 439) (L.D. 1348)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Recognize the Maine Rural Development Council"

(S.P. 434) (L.D. 1332)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide Property Tax Relief for Maine Seniors

(S.P. 432) (L.D. 1330)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow Real Estate To Be Valued Differently Based on the Residence of the Owner

(S.P. 433) (L.D. 1331)

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Provide Property Tax Relief through a Local Option Sales Tax"

(S.P. 435) (L.D. 1333)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

Resolve, To Rename the Patty Hill Road in Medford the Clyde Hichborn Road

(S.P. 431) (L.D. 1329)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Unethical Drug Marketing Practices"

(H.P. 930) (L.D. 1256)

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in the House on March 6, 2003.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Abolish the State Planning Office"

(H.P. 785) (L.D. 1067)

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in the House on March 4, 2003.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 70)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

March 10, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate

Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House

121st Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 268

An Act to Support Entrepreneurship in the State Through the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund

- L.D. 275 An Act Concerning the Membership of the Board of Dental Examiners
L.D. 383 An Act to Enhance Public Participation in Matters Before Professional Licensing Boards
L.D. 500 An Act To Ensure Supervision and Oversight of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers
L.D. 501 An Act To Allow Local Plumbing Inspectors To Assist the Plumbers' Examining Board in Establishing the State Plumbing Code

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Lynn Bromley
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Nancy B. Sullivan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 71)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 6, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 529 An Act To Clearly Define the State Fire Marshal's Powers
L.D. 610 An Act To Establish a Schedule for Mandatory Sentencing for a Motor Vehicle Operator Found Guilty of Negligence that Caused the Death of a Motorcycle Rider
L.D. 694 An Act Regarding Criminal Liability in an OUI Case When the Passenger Is Also under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Ethan Strimling
Senate Chair
S/Rep. George H. Bunker, Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 72)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 10, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 495 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Revocation of Probation
L.D. 496 An Act To Amend the Period of Probation for Class D Crimes
L.D. 635 An Act Creating Residency Requirements for Sexually Violent Predators
L.D. 689 An Act To Require Periodic In-person Meetings Between a Probationer and a Probation Officer
L.D. 758 Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to Provide On-line Access to Sex Offender and Sexually Violent Predator Registration Information
L.D. 876 An Act To Make Changes to the Sex Offender Notification Provisions
L.D. 1005 An Act To Increase the Class of Crime of Unlawful Sexual Contact

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Ethan Strimling
Senate Chair
S/Rep. George H. Bunker, Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 73)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 10, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 128 An Act to Provide Funding for a Full-time Warden to Monitor Brandy Pond in the Town of Naples and to Allow the Town to Enact a Noise Level Ordinance
L.D. 130 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Conduct a Programmatic Review of the Bureau of Warden Service
L.D. 131 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Conduct a Programmatic Review of the State's Wildlife Management Program
L.D. 217 An Act Concerning Public Access to Fish, Game and Wildlife Resources
L.D. 236 An Act To Clarify the Animal Nuisance Statutes
L.D. 270 An Act To Give Priority in the Antlerless Deer Permit System to a Person Who Owns 100 Acres or More of Land and Permits Hunting on the Land

L.D. 468 An Act To Amend the Ice Fishing and Fishing Derby Laws

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Bruce Bryant
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Matthew Dunlap
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 74)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

March 6, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 294 An Act to Ensure that Property or Casualty Insurance Companies Can Not Deny Policy Owners Who have Foster Children in Their Care

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Lloyd P. LaFountain III
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Christopher P. O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 75)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 6, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 525 An Act To Encourage Open Space Preservation

L.D. 623 An Act To Amend Shoreline Zoning

L.D. 745 An Act To Allow Municipalities To Assess a Surcharge on New Construction That Is Not in a Designated Growth Area

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. John L. Martin
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Theodore Koffman
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 76)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 10, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 395 An Act to Clarify the Use of Municipal Rate-of-growth Ordinances

L.D. 517 An Act To Ensure Legislative Oversight of Major Environmental Policy Proposals

L.D. 522 An Act To Expand the Duties of the Community Preservation Advisory Committee

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. John L. Martin
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Theodore Koffman
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 77)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 6, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 742 An Act To Establish a System of Self-governance for Unorganized Areas

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Margaret Rotundo
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Janet L. McLaughlin
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 78)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 10, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate

Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House

121st Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 111 An Act To Allow Volunteer Firefighters To Use Red Flashing Lights when Responding to a Fire
- L.D. 406 Resolve, To Designate Route 201 as Part of the East-West Highway
- L.D. 412 Resolve, To Require Reports from the Maine State Police Regarding Commercial Trucks
- L.D. 493 An Act Regarding the Use of Lights and Sirens on Personal Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel
- L.D. 506 An Act To Permit Municipalities To Erect Pedestrian Crossing Stop Signs in the Middle of the Road
- L.D. 524 Resolve, To Have Signs Erected at the Town of Newburgh in Recognition of Ricky Craven
- L.D. 533 An Act To Add a Sign on Interstate 95 Indicating the Town of Bingham BY REQUEST
- L.D. 637 An Act To Enhance the Visibility of Pedestrian Crosswalks

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Pamela H. Hatch

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ronald E. Usher

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act Regarding the Labeling of Returnable Containers"
(H.P. 993) (L.D. 1351)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, EDER of Portland, GROSE of Woolwich, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PELLON of Machias, SMITH of Monmouth, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Women's Health Care Coverage for All Maine Women" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 995) (L.D. 1353)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BREAUULT of Buxton, CANAVAN of Waterville, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, McNEIL of Rockland, O'NEIL of Saco, YOUNG of Limestone, Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, MITCHELL of Penobscot.

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Assist Seasonal Workers with Workers' Compensation"

(H.P. 992) (L.D. 1350)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PATRICK of Rumford, SMITH of Van Buren, WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Benefit for Accidental Death in the Line of Duty for Law Enforcement Officers"

(H.P. 994) (L.D. 1352)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, GROSE of Woolwich, PERRY of Bangor, RINES of Wiscasset.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Recognition of Qualified Political Parties"

(H.P. 991) (L.D. 1349)

Sponsored by Representative EDER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MILLS of Cornville, Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, EDMONDS of Cumberland, LEMONT of York, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Permit Video Gaming for Money Conducted by Nonprofit Organizations"

(H.P. 996) (L.D. 1354)

Sponsored by Representative THOMPSON of China.

Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, RINES of Wiscasset, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative WHEELER of Kittery, the following House Order: (H.O. 22)

ORDERED, that Representative Robert A. Berube of Lisbon be excused Wednesday, February 26th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard B. Brown of South Berwick be excused Tuesday, March 4th, Wednesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 6th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kenneth C. Fletcher of Winslow be excused Tuesday, March 11th for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Christian D. Greeley of Levant be excused Thursday, February 20th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Mary Ellen Ledwin of Holden be excused Tuesday, February 18th and Thursday, February 20th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Louis B. Maietta, Jr. of South Portland be excused Tuesday, February 25th, Wednesday, February 26th and Thursday, March 6th for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Janet L. McLaughlin of Cape Elizabeth be excused Wednesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 6th for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien of Lewiston be excused Wednesday, March 5th for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Gary E. Sukeforth of Union be excused Tuesday, March 4th for health reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Fred Hale, Sr., a 112-year old former Maine resident, who is the oldest man in the United States of America. Mr. Hale was born December 1, 1890 in the Town of New Sharon and lived in the State of Maine for more than a century. A member of the Masons for more than 80 years, he worked as a railroad postal clerk, retiring in 1956. When he was 95 years of age he visited Japan and at age 100 he flew to Kentucky to go deer hunting. He was the only member of the hunting party to get a deer. Mr. Hale drove a vehicle until the age of 107. Attributing his longevity to bee pollen and honey, he now resides in an assisted-living community in Liverpool, New York. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him;

(HLS 308)

Presented by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough. Cosponsored by Representative ASH of Belfast, Representative BROWN of South Berwick, Representative CHURCHILL of Orland, Representative COLLINS of Wells, Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative DUGAY of Cherryfield, Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, Representative DUPREY of Medway, Representative EARLE of Damariscotta, Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke, Representative HATCH of Skowhegan, Representative HEIDRICH of Oxford, Representative HOTHAM of Dixfield, Representative JENNINGS of Leeds, Representative JODREY of Bethel, Senator LEMONT of York, Representative MCGOWAN of Pittsfield, Representative MILLETT of Waterford, Representative PELLON of Machias,

Representative RICHARDSON of Greenville, Representative RICHARDSON of Skowhegan, Representative RINES of Wiscasset, Representative ROGERS of Brewer, Senator SAWYER of Penobscot, Representative STONE of Berwick, Representative TARDY of Newport, Representative THOMAS of Orono, Representative TREADWELL of Carmel, Representative WHEELER of Kittery, Representative WOTTON of Littleton, Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Clough.

Representative **CLOUGH**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Mr. Hale attained this honor just a few short weeks ago when a gentleman in Florida passed away at the age of 113. He now has the distinction of being the oldest man in the United States.

A Maine native, he was born in New Sharon in 1890. He moved to South Portland in 1921 where he resided until he was 106, at which time he moved to Westbrook. At the present time he lives in Liverpool, New York to be closer to his family.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Hale when we were both attending the Masonic Lodge in South Portland sometime after he was 100 years old. He attended meetings on a fairly regular basis.

Mr. Hale became a Mason when he joined the Masonic Lodge in New Sharon sometime prior to his moving to South Portland in 1921. He still retains his membership there. He has been a Mason for over 82 years.

This sentiment was sponsored by all of the Masons serving in the 121st Maine Legislature.

I would just like to tell you about a couple of anecdotal items that concern this gentleman. He fought to keep his driving license until well after he was 100 years old. Sometime after his 100th birthday he had a minor traffic accident and when they saw his age on his license, they proceeded to take it away. He went right down to the closest motor vehicle office and took a test and got it back. I believe he was 104 years old and a few years back we had a winter somewhat like this one where we had a heavy snow buildup on the roof and he decided it was time to shovel it off. He got the ladder, climbed up on the roof and shoveled it off and he made a pretty nice looking pile down there. He looked down and said that he wouldn't climb down the ladder and he jumped off the roof into the snow pile. One of the neighbors observed that and called the rescue. As he is walking down the driveway, the rescue is driving in. They ask him if he is all right. He said, Yes, I am all right, are you?

He is a great gentleman and we wish him many more long years. Thank you for the opportunity.

Subsequently, **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

**ENACTORS
Acts**

An Act to Amend the Maine Probate Code Regarding the Fee for a Copy of a Will Provided to a Beneficiary

(H.P. 125) (L.D. 166)

An Act To Eliminate the Restriction on Municipal Investment of Trust Funds

(H.P. 221) (L.D. 278)

An Act To Clarify That the Application Process for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Is a One-time Process

(H.P. 406) (L.D. 521)

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Educators for Maine Program" (H.P. 985) (L.D. 1340)

(Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested)

TABLED - March 12, 2003 (Till Later Today) by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.

PENDING - REFERENCE.

On motion of Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 441)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 10:00 in the morning.

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

Bill "An Act To Increase State Funding for Renovation, Repair and Replacement of Schools for Local Communities by Limiting the State's Debt Limit for New School Construction"

(S.P. 443) (L.D. 1355)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Fair Hearing Procedures in the Department of Human Services" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 444) (L.D. 1356)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Economic Development in Piscataquis County" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 445) (L.D. 1357)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Locally Governed Water District Act"

(S.P. 447) (L.D. 1359)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 440)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife report out, to the Senate, a bill recodifying the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 10 that was prepared by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes and that incorporates changes proposed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that were submitted by the department to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on February 14, 2003.

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

Resolve, To Reestablish the Commission To Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 446) (L.D. 1358)

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

Came from the Senate, under suspension of the rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Under suspension of the rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill was **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

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

The House recessed until the Sound of the Bell.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

On motion of Representative JODREY of Bethel, the House adjourned at 11:57 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2003 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 441).