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 Thursday, March 20, 2003

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

Prayer by Reverend Jack M. Caron, Passadumkeag Baptist Church.

National Anthem by Julie Anna Shaw, Westfield.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Christine Gates, M.D., Portland.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Provide Self-regulation for Registered Dental Hygienists"

(S.P. 460) (L.D. 1390)

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 Provide Student Loan Forgiveness to Maine Employees"

(S.P. 455) (L.D. 1384)

Bill "An Act To Approve Public Charter Schools in Maine"

(S.P. 461) (L.D. 1391)

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 81)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

March 17, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1 An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans
- L.D. 204 An Act To Require That the Excise Tax on Vehicles Be Based on the Purchase Price
- L.D. 219 An Act to Expand the Maine Residents Property Tax Program, the so-called "Circuit Breaker Program"
- L.D. 259 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Assessment of Property Taxes in the Event of a Change of Ownership of the Property
- L.D. 261 An Act To Require Disclosure Statements Regarding Proration of Property Taxes When Real Estate is Sold

- L.D. 526 An Act To Ensure Domestic Tranquility
- L.D. 530 An Act To Bring Equity to the Vehicle Excise Tax
- L.D. 587 An Act To Repeal the Sales Tax on All Over-the-counter Medications
- L.D. 613 An Act To Allow Vendors to Retain a Portion of Sales Tax They Collect to Cover Costs
- L.D. 725 An Act To Authorize Towns and Cities To Give Property Tax Relief to Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Providers
- L.D. 726 An Act to Eliminate the Maine Sales Tax on United States Flags
- L.D. 872 Resolve, To Require That the State Conduct a New Valuation of Private Properties in the Unorganized Territories of Aroostook County

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stephen Stanley

Senate Chair

S/Rep. David G. Lemoine

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 82)

STATE OF MAINE

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

March 17, 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. 307 An Act To Allow Licensed Master Social Workers To Contract with Agencies in the State
- L.D. 498 An Act To Regulate Business Practices between Manufacturers, Distributors and Dealers of Power Equipment, Machinery and Appliances
- L.D. 512 An Act To Promote Economic Development in Rural Maine
- L.D. 539 An Act To Study Maine-Canada Issues
- L.D. 580 An Act Concerning the Fair Application of the Mechanic's Lien Laws

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. 83)

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

March 17, 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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 435 An Act To Restrict the Cancellation of Health Insurance Coverage During an Enrollee's Period of Incarceration
- L.D. 487 An Act To Amend the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act
- L.D. 560 An Act To Allow a Mortgagor To Select a Land Title Company To Perform a Title Search
- L.D. 769 An Act To Allow Homeowners to Set the Amount of Insurance Coverage on Property
- L.D. 772 An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Return 1% of Net Profits
- L.D. 814 An Act To Help Businesses with a Clean Workers' Compensation Claims History

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed 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. 84)

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

March 17, 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 Labor has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 414 An Act To Require the State To Fully Pay for Health Insurance for Maine's Retired Educators

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Betheda G. Edmonds

Senate Chair

S/Rep. William J. Smith

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Modify Water Well Reporting Requirements"

(H.P. 1025) (L.D. 1398)

Sponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and Representative: ROGERS of Brewer.

Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Pesticide Control Act of 1975 To Increase the Pesticide Product Registration Fee"

(H.P. 1027) (L.D. 1400)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, PINEAU of Jay, PIOTTI of Unity, Senator: KNEELAND of Aroostook.

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Conform the Voting Members of Certain State Entities"

(H.P. 1029) (L.D. 1402)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Representative: SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, MAYO of Sagadahoc.

Submitted by the Office of the Treasurer of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Separate the Office of Tourism from the Office of Community Development"

(H.P. 1033) (L.D. 1406)

Sponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, RECTOR of Thomaston, Senator: SHOREY of Washington.

Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Provide the Office of the State Fire Marshal with Adequate Funding for Construction Plans Review"

(H.P. 1028) (L.D. 1401)

Sponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, MAIETTA of South Portland.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Adjust Fees Charged for Licenses Issued by the Bureau of State Police Licensing Division"

(H.P. 1032) (L.D. 1405)

Sponsored by Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine Law Relating to Viatical Settlements"

(H.P. 1035) (L.D. 1413)

Sponsored by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representative: O'NEIL of Saco.

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Amend the Procedure for Maine Human Rights Commission Hearings"

(H.P. 1024) (L.D. 1397)

Sponsored by Representative BENNETT of Caribou.

Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: MILLS of Farmington, NORBERT of Portland, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act To Allow District Attorneys To Approve Immunity Requests"

(H.P. 1026) (L.D. 1399)

Sponsored by Representative NORBERT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Concerning Representation of the State in Disclosure Hearings" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1031) (L.D. 1404)

Sponsored by Representative NORBERT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Decriminalize Unlicensed Shellfish Digging"

(H.P. 1038) (L.D. 1415)

Sponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Create an Owner-operator Requirement in the Scallop Fishery"

(H.P. 1039) (L.D. 1416)

Sponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Governing Aquaculture Leasing"

(H.P. 1040) (L.D. 1417)

Sponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend a Requirement Concerning Dioxin"

(H.P. 1030) (L.D. 1403)

Sponsored by Representative DAIGLE of Arundel.

Cosponsored by Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Increase the Ground Lease Term at the Long Creek Youth Development Center from 50 to 90 Years

(H.P. 1034) (L.D. 1412)

Sponsored by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representative: BLISS of South Portland.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Storage of Sand and Salt and To Provide Funding for State and Municipal Storage Facilities"

(H.P. 1036) (L.D. 1414)

Sponsored by Representative USHER of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset.

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative McKEE of Wayne, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1037) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CHURCHILL of Orland, EDER of Portland, FLETCHER of Winslow, HONEY of Boothbay, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PINEAU of Jay, PIOTTI of Unity, SMITH of Monmouth, Senators: KNEELAND of Aroostook, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot)

**JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE
MAINE FARMER AND MAINE AGRICULTURE**

WHEREAS, Maine's 6,900 farms last year provided full-time and part-time employment to more than 65,000 workers, approximately 10% of the State's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Maine's agricultural enterprises and associated industries provide more than 500 million dollars in the sale of farm products and contribute more than 1.2 billion dollars annually to the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, Maine farmers are the stewards of 1,250,000 acres of land that is a vital resource in maintaining the food security of Maine people, and an overwhelming majority of Maine people believe that buying local Maine agricultural products helps the State; and

WHEREAS, Maine is first in New England in the production of food, first in the world in the production of wild blueberries, the world leader in the production of brown eggs, 2nd in the Nation in the production of maple syrup, 8th in the Nation in production of fall potatoes and the only state anywhere involved in the production of fiddleheads; and

WHEREAS, agriculture forged Maine's past, maintains much of Maine's scenic open space, provides recreational opportunities, makes a significant contribution to the nature and character of Maine's many rural communities and provides for a strong future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature, 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.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wayne, Representative McKee.

Representative **MCKEE:** Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I just want to say a few words this morning about Maine agriculture and to extend to those farmers and folks that work in the agricultural community how happy we are to have them with us today and to extend to this very diverse agricultural community on behalf of the Legislature our sincere gratitude for their efforts.

These are almost 70,000 people across the state who on a daily basis work to provide the food that you and I eat and many others across the country. We have a lot to be proud of in agriculture here in this state. If you look at on farm sales, processing, servicing, wholesale, retail markets, agriculture has a total economic impact of almost a \$1.25 billion. We are the largest producer of brown eggs. In fact when my daughter lived in Hong Kong she was surprised to pick up a carton of eggs and

see that it came from Turner, Maine. We are the largest producer of wild blueberries in the world. We are second in national maple syrup production, first in New England in the production of food, second in milk, livestock, sheep and wool. I believe this record really speaks highly for our ability to play a key role in something that I think is very important and that is regional food security in the future.

Our diversity goes on further. We have over 240 small agricultural businesses that sell directly to the customer. These range from small rural family farms that offer quality home-grown produce and other farm products whose specialty in gourmet foods that have been serving customers around the world for years, many making use of high tech marketing programs.

We also have a growing number of unique food processors such as Fresh Samantha Juice products and Borealis Breads and several value added potato-processing firms. One of the fastest growing sectors of Maine Agriculture is organic farm production, responding to consumer interest in the way that their food and milk are produced.

Today is a day to celebrate these accomplishments and to honor farmers, business people and entrepreneurs who provide for all of us. It is also a day to honor all of the many accomplishments of the Department of Agriculture and you and I who have tried through policy to make some of those achievements possible, all the while having a department operate on a tiny shoestring.

I want to tell you that this resolution is just a piece of paper. The words on it will soon be forgotten. I want you to look in your gift boxes and you will see a tiny little container of a plant called rosemary. It is a wonderful plant. It grows naturally out west in California, in particular. You can take it home and you can pot it and in about five years you will have a rosemary plant that is as tall as I am. I attest to that, because I have one.

I want to say that rosemary is for remembrance. Take it home, put it somewhere and remember when you sit down to eat lunch today or tonight and this is something we always do in our home, we look at the table and we think about where each of those things came from, who made it, who processed it, who grew it. Imagine the man, the women, the children getting up early in the mornings that are colder than you and I would ever want to get up on and working in the heat, insects in their face and still out there because they love it. As you thank God for the gifts at the table, thank those people who helped to produce that food for us. That is what this rosemary is for.

Also, when you go to the supermarket this is another way to walk the walk and not just to read the Resolution. Look for those products that say, quality Maine seal or Maine Produces or Get Real, Get Maine. Look for labels that say produced in Maine and buy Maine, buy local. That is walking the walk and it is also purchasing products that we can trust. Maine is known for the integrity of its produce, its agriculture and its products. I hope that you will join the folks who have come today with their exhibits and also at lunch today at the Maine State Grange in honoring all of those people who make Maine agriculture possible. Thank you sir.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winterport, Representative Kaelin.

Representative **KAELIN:** Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I join my colleague from the other side in recognizing Maine's land farmers today, but I also want to remind this body that there are people who farm the ocean and also raise seafood, fin fish and oysters and so forth. This is my first year in the body and hopefully next year this same Resolution will reflect that fact. I would encourage you to go out in the hall and meet with the people from the Maine Aquaculture

Association and maybe next year we will have some salmon and some oysters on your desk. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, **ADOPTED**.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative WHEELER of Kittery, the following House Order: (H.O. 23)

ORDERED, that Representative Donald P. Berry, Sr. of Belmont be excused Tuesday, March 18th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David E. Bowles of Sanford be excused Wednesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 6th for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Theodore H. Heidrich of Oxford be excused Tuesday, January 28th and Thursday, January 30th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Arthur L. Lerman of Augusta be excused Tuesday, March 11th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Janet T. Mills of Farmington be excused Wednesday, February 26th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Janet T. Mills of Farmington be excused Thursday, March 13th for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative John Richardson of Brunswick be excused Friday, February 14th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Thomas F. Shields of Auburn be excused Tuesday, March 18th for health reasons.

READ and PASSED.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Report of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, To Amend the 2-year Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Eligibility Rule Relative to Medicare Supplement Insurance Access

(S.P. 299) (L.D. 903)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Representative SMITH from the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act To Protect Health Care Workers Who Report Medical Errors"

(H.P. 526) (L.D. 720)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 212) (L.D. 603) Bill "An Act To Simplify the Bonding Limitations of the Maine Turnpike Authority" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 537) (L.D. 731) Bill "An Act Regarding Case Management Officers" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 143) (L.D. 184) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Ability of the Maine Forest Service and Tax Assessors to View Private Landowners' Forest Management Plans" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-20)**

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

BILLS IN THE SECOND READING

House

Bill "An Act To Allow Fire and Emergency Medical Services Response Vehicles To Display One Blue Light at the Rear of the Vehicle"

(H.P. 356) (L.D. 464)

Reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**, read the second time, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Eliminate a Defunct Account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

(H.P. 433) (L.D. 570)

(C. "A" H-12)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 137 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide Temporary Emergency Relief to Maine Dairy Farmers

(S.P. 202) (L.D. 593)

(C. "A" S-1)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 131 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

Acts

An Act to Create the Maine Youth Conservation Wildlife Management Area

(H.P. 33) (L.D. 26)

An Act to Reenact Standards for Road Construction for Forest Management Activities

(H.P. 262) (L.D. 319)

An Act to Enhance Integration of Transportation and Land Use Planning

(H.P. 355) (L.D. 463)

An Act To Repeal the Crime of Plundering at Fires as Larceny

(H.P. 534) (L.D. 728)

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.

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 466)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House stands adjourned it does so until Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at 9:00 in the morning and the Senate adjourns until Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 9:30 in the morning.

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Timber Harvesting Notification Requirements"

(S.P. 463) (L.D. 1407)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Refine the Maine Rural Development Statutes"

(S.P. 464) (L.D. 1408)

Bill "An Act To Update the Process for the Allocation of the State Ceiling on Tax-exempt Bonds"

(S.P. 465) (L.D. 1409)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate State Licensing of Boxers, Wrestlers and Transient Sellers"

(S.P. 468) (L.D. 1410)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Licensing Fee Caps of the State Board of Optometry"

(S.P. 469) (L.D. 1411)

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.

On motion of Representative RINES of Wiscasset, the House adjourned at 11:23 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2003 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 466) and in tribute and support of our troops that are currently in the Middle East.