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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
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 Wednesday, March 10, 2004

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

Prayer by Honorable Marie Laverriere-Boucher, Biddeford.

National Anthem by Maine-ly Harmony.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Allow Beverage Sales from Mobile Service Bars on Golf Courses"

(H.P. 486) (L.D. 656)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-636) in the House on January 29, 2004.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-636) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-421)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro moved that the House **ADHERE**.

Representative CLARK of Millinocket moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative BRUNO of Raymond **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Browne.

Representative **BROWNE**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am sorry to take up more time on this bill, which frankly in the scope of things, is not as important as a lot of our other businesses. One of the last things that the Bureau of Health or DHS needs to be involved in is putting porta potties or regulating porta potties on golf courses. This bill, looking at the summary, I am not sure where the rumor started that it was brought forth by DHS. My research has proven that it wasn't initiated there. It is going to be an obstruction to the implementation of this. Already I have golf course managers calling and wanting to know when they can consider ordering these facilities. Before this can happen, they must first obtain the approval of DHS. That, as we all know, could take a long time. This is not a high item on their agenda right now.

Second, it is very unclear. It says sufficient toilet facilities. I would hope you would follow my lead and vote against this motion to Recede and Concur.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Millinocket, Representative Clark.

Representative **CLARK**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This amendment was put forth in the other body and was put forth as a bargaining chip in passing this piece of legislation. As a lot of people know, this bill has been around for a lot of terms. For this bill to have this amendment on it, I don't think it is going to be that bad of a program for DHS to look at, types of bathroom facilities there are out there on golf courses today. If you play golf like I do, left, right, military golf, in the woods, all the time, I hit the ball 320 yards, but I don't know where it goes. If you go in there and if you have beverage carts out there, you might run into or stumble across a person using

the facilities in the woods instead of a porta potty that should be out there on a course today. If anyone has played golf, most courses already have a porta potty out on some of these holes in the locations of the golf course. I don't believe this amendment will hinder or hurt the golf courses in any way.

The good Representative from Vassalboro brought up that he had a lot of phone calls asking when these people can order these golf carts for beverages. That is a little bit premature, ladies and gentlemen, because in previous Legislatures this bill has gone between both bodies right up until the last hours of the Legislature. People have put golf carts on order and the bill has failed.

What we have to do is put this amendment on, keep it the way it is, and pass it on both ends so that golf courses will be able to sell liquor with a golf cart and motorized vehicle. I don't think there is any harm at all in the DHS to look at this. Like the Representative said, it is not high on the radar screen. I don't see them taking a lot of time to help facilitate this. I hope everybody follows my light and votes green on Recede and Concur. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative O'Brien.

Representative **O'BRIEN**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am not a golfer. I probably never will be a golfer. I have never picked up a golf club, but I have had many, many dealings with DHS and why for the life of me, I cannot understand why we would want to give them one more thing to do. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fryeburg, Representative Muse.

Representative **MUSE**: Mr. Speaker, May I pose a question through the Chair?

The **SPEAKER**: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative **MUSE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Does this bill, in fact, create a new job at DHS or do we have someone who does this now? If so, what do we pay them and what is his job title?

The **SPEAKER**: The Representative from Fryeburg, Representative Muse has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Millinocket, Representative Clark.

Representative **CLARK**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The answer is no, zero dollars.

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 here. I am surprised that this bill has come as far as it has. I have been here eight years and we have been successful in killing this each time. I would appeal to all of you who throughout your lives have known golf as a gentleman's game. It is a game that we have encouraged our children to go into. In my high school we have encouraged young men and women to participate in. For eight years the high school golf courses that I have been in touch with have been opposed to putting alcohol on the golf courses of the State of Maine. I recognize that alcohol enhances the game for a great many people. Alcohol also contributes to golf cart accidents and alcohol also prevents me and many other people from encouraging our children and students to enter into this game.

I wanted to stand and say this because I missed the debate earlier. I hope that those of you who have been here and have heard the arguments in the past will do what you can to put this bill in non-concurrence so that it will die a nice death. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 323

YEA - Blanchette, Bliss, Brannigan, Bull, Bunker, Clark, Duplessie, Earle, Gerzofsky, Goodwin, Ketterer, Koffman, Mailhot, Makas, Marley, Norbert, O'Brien L, O'Neil, Patrick, Pineau, Richardson J, Smith N, Sullivan, Watson, Woodbury, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Annis, Ash, Austin, Barstow, Beaudette, Berry, Berube, Bierman, Bowen, Brown R, Browne W, Bruno, Bryant-Deschenes, Campbell, Canavan, Carr, Churchill E, Churchill J, Collins, Courtney, Craven, Cressey, Crosthwaite, Cummings, Curley, Daigle, Davis, Dunlap, Duprey B, Eder, Faircloth, Finch, Fischer, Fletcher, Gagne-Friel, Greeley, Grose, Hatch, Heidrich, Honey, Hotham, Hutton, Jackson, Jacobsen, Jennings, Jodrey, Joy, Landry, Ledwin, Lemoine, Lerman, Lessard, Lewin, Lundeen, Maietta, McCormick, McGowan, McKee, McKenney, McNeil, Millett, Mills J, Mills S, Moody, Murphy, Muse, Norton, Nutting, O'Brien J, Paradis, Peavey-Haskell, Pellon, Percy, Perry A, Pingree, Rector, Richardson E, Richardson M, Rines, Rogers, Rosen, Saviello, Sherman, Shields, Smith W, Snowe-Mello, Stone, Sukeforth, Suslovic, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Tobin D, Tobin J, Trahan, Twomey, Vaughan, Wheeler, Wotton, Young.

ABSENT - Adams, Bennett, Bowles, Breault, Clough, Cowger, Dudley, Dugay, Duprey G, Glynn, Kaelin, Kane, Marraché, McGlocklin, McLaughlin, Moore, Perry J, Piotti, Sampson, Simpson, Tardy, Treadwell, Usher, Walcott.

Yes, 26; No, 101; Absent, 24; Excused, 0.

26 having voted in the affirmative and 101 voted in the negative, with 24 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR FAILED.**

Subsequently, the House voted to **ADHERE.**

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Make Emergency Changes to Recent Law" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1404) (L.D. 1897)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED in the House on March 2, 2004.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-416) in NON-CONCURRENCE.**

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

Doctor of the day, Tracy Haas, D.O., Portland.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 348)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

March 3, 2004

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 Utilities and Energy has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1860 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Mount Desert Water District

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Christopher Hall

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lawrence Bliss

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 754)

STATE OF MAINE

121ST MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 4, 2004

Sen. Bruce S. Bryant

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Rep. Matthew Dunlap

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

121st Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Bryant and Representative Dunlap:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Richard Ruhlin of Brewer for appointment as a member of the Atlantic Salmon Board.

Pursuant to Title 12 M.R.S.A. § 9902-A, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett

President of the Senate

S/Patrick Colwell

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ and REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE.**

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 755)

STATE OF MAINE

121ST MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 4, 2004

Sen. Dennis S. Damon

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on

Marine Resources

Rep. Thomas D. Bull

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on

Marine Resources

121st Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Damon and Representative Bull:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Michael Danforth of Addison for appointment as a member of the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12 M.R.S.A. § 6024, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,
S/Beverly C. Daggett
President of the Senate
S/Patrick Colwell
Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 756)

**STATE OF MAINE
121ST MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 4, 2004
Sen. Dennis S. Damon
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on
Marine Resources
Rep. Thomas D. Bull
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on
Marine Resources
121st Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Damon and Representative Bull:
Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Scott Tilton of Rockland for appointment as a member of the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12 M.R.S.A. §6024, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,
S/Beverly C. Daggett
President of the Senate
S/Patrick Colwell
Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Encourage Voluntary Efficiency in Maine's School Systems and Related Costs Savings"

(H.P. 1422) (L.D. 1921)

Sponsored by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: BOWEN of Rockport, CUMMINGS of Portland, MILLS of Cornville, Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, MITCHELL of Penobscot.

Joint Select Committee on **REGIONALIZATION AND COMMUNITY COOPERATION** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on **REGIONALIZATION AND COMMUNITY COOPERATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the Bowdoin International Music Festival and its founder and director, Lewis Kaplan, on the occasion of the festival's 40th Anniversary. Founded in 1964, the festival incorporates a music school, 2 artists' concert series and the Gamper Festival of Contemporary Music during its 6-week residency at Bowdoin College in Brunswick. Talented young performers of graduate, college and high school levels further their artistic development through a concentrated program of instrumental study and competition with the festival's outstanding artist faculty, composed of many of the world's most renowned teachers and performers. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the prestigious Bowdoin International Music Festival and its director Lewis Kaplan on this milestone;

(SLS 570)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

the Bangor Fire Department for its efforts to save the Bangor Masonic Temple Building throughout the weekend of January 16, 2004. Firefighters attempted to save the 135-year-old building by working around the clock, for more than 3 days in subzero temperatures. The 5-story building was built in 1868, and in 1990 the Bangor City Council designated it as part of the Main Street Historic District. It was the home to the Masonic Temple and its affiliated organizations, the Rising Virtue Lodge #10, St. Andrew's Lodge #83 and Scottish Rite Valley of Bangor and Bangor's chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, Order of DeMolay the Order of the Rainbow, as well as the Masonic Learning Center, which offered free tutoring for children with dyslexia. Firefighters also worked to save 2 area businesses, the historic Yankee Shoe Repair and the Riverside Art Gallery. We commend the hard work of the Bangor firefighters who tried to save this vital piece of Bangor's history in those difficult conditions. While they were unable to save the building, they did contain the fire, saving the rest of Bangor's downtown buildings;

(HLS 1277)

Presented by Representative NORTON of Bangor. Cosponsored by Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor, Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, Representative PERRY of Bangor, Senator SAWYER of Penobscot.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative NORTON of Bangor, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Norton.

Representative **NORTON**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It has been a tough winter. Our public servants have had to work long hard hours to get through this winter that contained a lot of subzero temperature days and nights. I am very proud of our Bangor firefighters. They have shown themselves to be the hardworking-concerned individuals that we always knew they were anyway. The Masonic Hall on Main Street in Bangor burned this winter. Our firefighters worked mightily to save the building and the surrounding downtown area. When it became obvious that they couldn't save the building, they

spent many days on the site trying to contain the fire and make things as safe as they possibly could.

I want to tell you just a little bit of what it looked like. I couldn't bring myself to go there for a day or two, but when I finally did and looked down upon the site from the hill I was on, it was a very sad, but eerie site. We actually had replaced the building with a building of ice. It was so cold that the ice froze as it came out of the hoses. They were there all the time watching and trying to keep the fire from expanding into the rest of the downtown area and making sure that people stayed at a safe distance. Many families brought their children to the site just so that they would remember this part of Bangor history. As I said, it was really eerie just to stand there and listen to the people in the crowd pointing out things to their children. In the end, of course, they were unable to save the building and we lost some businesses. I can't tell you the pride I felt in watching these public servants. They are represented here today, Chief Cammack, Assistant Chief Cheverie and firefighters Green, Estes and Hibbs. I guess I can't say anything else except that I am so proud and so thankful that I have these public servants watching over my constituents.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Blanchette.

Representative **BLANCHETTE**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is indeed a pleasure today to rise to recognize five of the outstanding fire personnel that I have the privilege of having in the City of Bangor to protect myself and the 33,000 residents that live within Bangor. The devastation of the fire of the Masonic Hall on the week of January 16 is something that Bangor residents and people from around Penobscot County will not soon forget. The unreal feeling that you will get when you drive down Main Street and go down Water Street today is the remains of the building that has not been removed due to asbestos problems. On the week of January 16th, my fire department fought bravely in temperatures that were touching 40 below zero wind chills. It was so cold that the water coming out of the hoses almost instantly froze on the sections of the buildings they were doing. I came into the State House and I had heard on the news on the way in that there was a bad fire in downtown Bangor. You sort of feel kind of isolated when you are in Augusta and there is a fire in your hometown on Main Street. I called my City Hall to find out first, is everybody okay? That is your first concern when you have firefighters going into a working fire that is obviously out of control, I found out they were okay, a couple slips on the ice and a couple bruises from going down where nature bruises us the most easily, but everybody was okay. They were meeting at the time I called to determine the safety impact of the firefighters and the surrounding people in the town. They agreed that they had to go in and take down the two top floors and not be able to contain the inside fire. These men and women that serve Bangor and served them very proudly, from my Chief down to the newest rookie on the force, deserve Maine's appreciation because they are amongst the very, very best of what fire service is all about. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Recognizing:

the Honorable Marie Laverriere-Boucher, of Biddeford, for her 3 years of outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine in the House of Representatives during the 120th and 121st Legislatures. She exemplifies everything a Legislator should be. While a Legislator, she fought for the citizens of the State who were in need. We send our appreciation to her for her

outstanding leadership and dedication to the democratic process and extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavors;

(HLS 1287)

Presented by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville. Cosponsored by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of York, Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford, Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative CANAVAN of Waterville, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Canavan.

Representative **CANAVAN**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Once in a while someone touches your life and leaves a lasting imprint. One such person in my life was Marie Laverriere-Boucher. Marie and I met in the Hall of Flags on our very first day as freshman legislators. At that time, even though I had worked in the Senate Office, the Law Library and as Director of the State Ethics Commission before being elected to office, I was as nervous as anyone starting out. Suddenly being thrust out there on the playing field is not the same as watching from the sidelines. On that first day, Marie and I, complete strangers, sat in that great hall downstairs surrounded by history and shared campaign stories and family stories and naturally we shared a little of our political ideology and even talked a little religion, but mostly we talked about the reasons we had wanted to be here, the reasons we had wanted to serve the people of Maine, the issues that had drawn us into the political realm and what we hoped to accomplish for the people who having elected us had placed so great a trust in us. When we had finished talking, I knew I had found a kindred spirit and more I felt instinctively that here was a very special human being. In the days and weeks and months to come, my sense of things was affirmed. Marie and I served on different committees so for the most part we went our separate ways and rarely had time for socializing aside from an occasional lunch with colleagues. We did work closely on some things.

If I had to characterize her style in a phrase, it would be to say, she has the will to do and the soul to dare. Those words are Walter Scott's, not mine. At first glance you see in Marie a very benign ladylike demeanor, but looks sometimes do deceive and many of us working with Marie came to see that underneath that benign demeanor is a fierce passion and determination to uphold the things she believes in, things she believes are right and just. Underneath this great courage, the courage to speak forthrightly in support of her beliefs and the courage to stay the course, even when the going gets tough. If it meant benefiting the people of Maine, quite often the most vulnerable among us, I think Dianne Feinstein said it best when she said, "Toughness doesn't have to come in a pinstriped suit".

There isn't time today to fully do justice to my friend, because no snapshot this brief could capture the grace, wit, dignity and heart that she brought her role as Representative of the people of Biddeford. As we celebrate Women's History Month, I think it is truly fitting that we honor Marie, who in my view and the view of those who have come to know her as I did, is not only a truly remarkable human being, but a credit to the people of Maine, a credit to this body and indeed a role model for girls and women everywhere. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative O'Brien.

Representative **O'BRIEN**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I feel honored to stand today and say that I have missed Marie Laverriere-Boucher. I served with her on the Health and Human Services Committee and often times it

was very grueling and emotional and really tough times. I have to say that I have come to know Marie fairly well. We share common backgrounds. Because of her life experiences, she has developed such a strong sense of empathy and passion and sense of purpose and justice. It has cut across party lines. It is in her soul. I want to say thank you to Marie. She serves many roles, as a social worker and now as a minister and as a legislator, but I think that she would say and I feel that her strongest role and that she feels the most passion towards and feels the most accomplishment is that of a mother. I so much respect her for that and for her decisions surrounding that. I want to say thank you Marie for your service and for the good work that you do.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Norton.

Representative **NORTON**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This will be very brief. I find Marie as a tremendous friend and what a great role model for Maine's young women. Marie, you are soaring. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Twomey.

Representative **TWOMEY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I hadn't planned this, Marie, but I don't need any advance notice to speak about you. I think you are wonderful. I miss you and we don't always get a lot of credit back home. The letters to the editor are kind of mean sometimes, but the people that you represented know what you did. You are sorely missed up here. I miss you because it was nice to have someone from back home who fought the good fight and wasn't afraid to speak up when things needed to get said. That is what I love most about you. I really miss you, Marie, and welcome today.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Sullivan.

Representative **SULLIVAN**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I need to ditto everything that Representative Twomey has said. Marie embodies in this Legislature, I believe, what we all do. We come here to do your best. You come here to fight the good fight. She was able to do it with a smile and she was able to do it by making friends on both sides of the aisle. That is what being here for me has meant the most. Friendship, people you never would have met and believe it or not, probably never would have even thought of befriending. Marie befriended everyone. She listened. She counseled us. She even counseled us when people couldn't get along at times. I miss you here. I still occasionally see you and your husband. You are a credit to your gender. You are a credit to the City of Biddeford. You are a credit to having been here and the state is a little richer for having had you here. Thank you so much and God bless you and family. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Cummings.

Representative **CUMMINGS**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I don't want to talk about the Honorable Marie Laverriere-Boucher's legislative record. I want to talk about her new record at Chevrus High School, which happens to be in my district. The other day I was talking to someone and said, how is it going with her? Are you enjoying having her in your midst? The person said that they look forward every day to what she says on the intercom, the gift that she gives us about hope and life. She received the greatest compliment of all when the person said, and the students actually listen. I think that being a high school teacher, I think that speaks volumes. Congratulations on her new job and my honor to you for your past job.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Haven, Representative Pingree.

Representative **PINGREE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. While I have the good-looking Representative from Manchester sitting next to me now, and while he is entertaining, I miss sitting next to Marie. I know if she was sitting next to me right now, she would say, enough is enough with this debate. I miss her sense of humor. I miss the hard time that she liked to give the good Speaker about issues and the state of our water cooler and all kinds of other things in the State House. I know it was a really difficult decision for her to leave us here. She hasn't had the easiest time since she left. I really admire her courage and all she has been through. We certainly miss her and I think the fight that she took on for foster kids, what she has done in her own life, the number of bills she passed. When I first got here as a freshman, I had a few bills in. Marie sitting next to me, I can't even remember, 20 or 30 bills and many of them passed. She worked very hard. She was up late every night typing up testimony and researching. This institution certainly misses her and we appreciate all the good work that she did for us. Thanks.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Dudley.

Representative **DUDLEY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I am proud to be able to include myself among that small but elite group of legislators who can pronounce the name, Marie Laverriere-Boucher. Marie was my seatmate in both our first terms on the Health and Human Services Committee. I am proud to call her a friend. I am also proud to have worked with someone I considered to be an enormously courageous legislator. Thank you, Marie, for your service and maybe we will see you back here one day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Madison, Representative Ketterer.

Representative **KETTERER**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and Marie, it is very appropriate, I think, that we honor Marie today, because as you all know, this is Women in History Month. Looking at the board out in the hall, I couldn't help but think how easily it would have been for Marie to be up on that board with all of those other courageous and brave women, especially because she has so much heart. I thank you for that and I wish you good luck.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would also like to take this moment to address my old friend. Although the Representative from North Haven, Representative Pingree, referenced some difficult moments, this Chair has no recollection of any moments of disagreement with the good Representative from Biddeford. This Chair only remembers that she did her job very, very well. She did it with dignity and with grace, commitment and with tremendous heart and soul. I don't think that any district in our state could have been better represented.

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

Recognizing:

the Brunswick High School Speech and Debate Team, coached by Josh Obptande, Rick Wilson, Robert Goddard and Greg Bussiere, on its highly successful 2003-2004 season, which included winning the prestigious State School Championship Debate Award sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and the Maine Forensic Association. Team members are: Varsity members Nicole Hill, Sylvanus Polky, Kyle Thompson-Westra, Megan Skillman, Matt Lea, Pat Randall and Rebecca Seder; Junior Varsity members Ben Estabrook, Gabe Seder, Geneva Wilgus, John Coombs, Tyler Braun and Zack McConnell; Novice members Doug Noe, Henry Mills, Sara Jochem, Lyndsy Cejka

and Nate Wohlrabe; Public Forum (Ted Turner) Debate members Denise Taylor, Andrew Baer, Andrew Dalrymple, James MacDonnell, Hunter Higgison and Tom Kelley; Student Congress Debate members Ryan Fisher, Sara Hubert, Brittanie Partridge and Jeremy Herrick; and Speech members Alison Kemmerle, Santana Polky, Bonnie Paige, Amber Farnham and Alyssa Shellenbarger. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their many accomplishments this year;

(HLS 1301)

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham, Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland, Representative GERZOSKY of Brunswick, Representative PERCY of Phippsburg, Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc, Representative GROSE of Woolwich, Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, Senator HALL of Lincoln.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Richardson.

Representative **RICHARDSON**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I am honored today to stand and rise to talk about Brunswick just for a moment. I am very proud today that we have the debate, the speech and the student government organizations here in our midst. As a matter of fact, I took them downstairs to meet the Chief Executive who informed them that he is an alumnus of their organization. He was on the Bangor Debate Team that won the state championship. I am rising today to talk about Brunswick High School's Speech and Debate Team, which was coached by Josh and Rick and Robert and Greg. They did a great, great job in bringing home that trophy for Brunswick High School. Members of the Brunswick High School Debate Team flexed their intellectual muscles against 24 Maine schools on January 31st of this year and left with the state championship team trophy. That trophy was the first given by the Maine Principal's Association for the overall performance of their good work.

The interesting thing is that I have read a *Times Record* article about the debate and speech team about their accomplishments. It was kind of interesting. I have had here the basketball team two years ago when they won the state championship. There was lots of fanfare. We took them down to then Governor King. They met a number of other people. They spent the day here and enjoyed themselves. I thought no less important than the accomplishments of the Debate and Speech Team and that they should be honored in the same way the basketball team was honored to bring them here to pay tribute to the good work they did and obviously hope and believe that some day just like that Bangor Team so many years ago, that we may have a future Chief Executive sitting up in the gallery today. So on behalf of the Legislature, the Brunswick Delegation, I want to thank you for your efforts, for your accomplishments in coming here today and understand that even though you may not have hundreds or thousands in the crowd to watch you, you are every bit as important to the people of Brunswick in terms of your accomplishments. I wish you all well in the future. Keep up the good work and thank you for attending today.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Change of Committee

Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Creating the Central Maine Regional Public Safety Communication Center"

(S.P. 615) (L.D. 1683)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Assessment of Lands Used for Long-term Ownership

(H.P. 695) (L.D. 938)

Signed:

Senators:

STANLEY of Penobscot
STRIMLING of Cumberland

Representatives:

LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach
McGOWAN of Pittsfield
SUSLOVIC of Portland
PERRY of Bangor
LERMAN of Augusta

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-740)** on same RESOLUTION.

Signed:

Senator:

NASS of York

Representatives:

McCORMICK of West Gardiner
CLOUGH of Scarborough
COURTNEY of Sanford
TARDY of Newport

READ.

Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report and later today assigned.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 214) (L.D. 605) Bill "An Act To Increase the Bond Limit of the Maine Turnpike Authority" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-411)**

(H.P. 1274) (L.D. 1752) Bill "An Act To Update Laws Affecting the Military" Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-752)**

(H.P. 1277) (L.D. 1755) Bill "An Act To Amend the Election Laws" Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-753)**

(H.P. 1286) (L.D. 1764) Bill "An Act To Improve the Operations of the Department of Corrections and the Safety of State Correctional Facilities" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-749)**

(H.P. 1338) (L.D. 1816) Bill "An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-754)**

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

(S.P. 637) (L.D. 1705) Bill "An Act To Simplify the Maine Turnpike Authority's Enforcement Procedures for Toll Violations" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-412)**

On motion of Representative MARLEY of Portland, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was **READ**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of the Committee Report and later today assigned.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

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

(S.P. 608) (L.D. 1676) Bill "An Act To Allow Communications Towers on Land of the Maine Turnpike Authority"

(H.P. 784) (L.D. 1066) Bill "An Act to Address the Temporary Maximum Levels of Assistance for General Assistance Established in 1991" (C. "A" H-738)

(H.P. 1217) (L.D. 1640) Bill "An Act To Provide Accurate Vital Records for Adults in Maine" (C. "A" H-739)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** and sent for concurrence.

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

BILLS IN THE SECOND READING

Senate as Amended in Non-Concurrence

Bill "An Act To Provide for Department of Marine Resources Jurisdiction Over Certain Sections of the State's Endangered Species Program"

(S.P. 634) (L.D. 1702)

(H. "A" H-741 to C. "A" S-403)

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

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Honor Maine's First Peoples

(H.P. 1254) (L.D. 1732)

(C. "A" H-717)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative MARLEY of Portland, was **SET ASIDE**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (H-717)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-744)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-717)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-717) as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-744)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

The Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** as Amended by **Committee Amendment "A" (H-717)** as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-744)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

An Act To Provide Equity in Veterans' Property Tax Exemptions

(H.P. 1268) (L.D. 1746)

(C. "A" H-725)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, was **SET ASIDE**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-742)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Orchard Beach, Representative Lemoine.

Representative **LEMOINE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This is really a change. The bill itself is one where we tried to update the language regarding veterans so that we include veterans and spouses, not simply veterans and husbands. We include mothers and fathers. Inadvertently we left a section that did not include fathers. This is simply to correct that oversight. Thank you.

House Amendment "A" (H-742) was **ADOPTED**.

The Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** as Amended by **Committee Amendment "A" (H-725)** and **House Amendment "A" (H-742)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

Resolves

Resolve, To Promote Recruitment and Retention of Direct-care Workers in Long-term Care in Maine

(S.P. 362) (L.D. 1090)
(C. "A" S-402)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, was **SET ASIDE**.

On motion of Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, **TABLED** pending **FINAL PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

The House recessed until the Sound of the Bell.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Increase Business Investment, Provide Expanded Property Tax Relief to Low-income and Moderate-income Homeowners and Cap Local and County Spending"

(S.P. 759) (L.D. 1923)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Local Government through Increased State Education Funding and Provide Property Tax Relief"

(S.P. 761) (L.D. 1924)

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Preserve Transportation Projects Statewide by Using Federal GARVEE Financing for the Waldo-Hancock Bridge Replacement"

(S.P. 758) (L.D. 1922)

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

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

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 760)
JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ADULT EDUCATION IN MAINE

WHEREAS, Public Law 1871, chapter 194 authorized cities and towns to provide for instruction in industrial or mechanical drawing to persons over 15 years of age, either in day or evening schools, establishing the beginning of formal adult education in Maine; and

WHEREAS, the legislation in 1871 was followed by an amendment in 1889, allowing cities and towns to raise money to support evening schools; and

WHEREAS, by 1909, a legislative study determined that 11 cities and towns were maintaining evening schools with an approximate enrollment of 1,400 pupils found to be generally employed in mills or factories; and

WHEREAS, literacy was to become a concern during World War I, and adult education in Maine took a broader focus although the growth of the programs was modest. The Depression saw a decline of programs due to financial reasons, but by 1934 there were classes in 9 communities with a total enrollment of 2,824 pupils; and

WHEREAS, modern adult education is a product of the 1960s and the "War on Poverty" programs. In 1966, 59 communities offered adult education with a total enrollment of 8,086. The growth has continued dramatically throughout recent decades; and

WHEREAS, current trends in adult education reflect the variety of ways the State's programs serve the needs of the State's population. The trends include:

1. Collaboration with postsecondary institutions through career guidance, brush-up and college preparation classes for aspiring students;

2. High school completion and General Equivalency Diploma, GED, programs, with an estimated 650 high school diplomas and an estimated 3,500 GEDs awarded in the State last year;

3. Job readiness, including career guidance and a variety of skills classes, including computer training and many other vocational offerings;

4. Workplace literacy, including courses offered on site at businesses focusing on such topics as math, computer literacy and writing skills;

5. Family literacy, a coordinated approach including adult education, early literacy, parenting instruction and intergenerational activities; and

6. A vibrant array of community programs reflecting the needs and interests of Maine people; and

WHEREAS, funding for adult education in the State is a partnership that includes state subsidy, local taxpayer support, grants, contracts and fees paid by those enrolled in nonacademic courses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Special Session, pause to acknowledge and applaud adult education programs, which uniquely reflect the needs of the communities they serve and provide a vital system of service to the population of the State as new challenges are faced in economic, community and family life; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Department of Education.

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

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.

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Report "A" (7) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-394)** - Report "B" (4) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (S-395)** - Report "C" (2) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Require All Health Insurers To Cover the Costs of Hearing Aids"

(S.P. 359) (L.D. 1087)

- In Senate, Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-394)**.

TABLED - March 9, 2004 (Till Later Today) by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE** of Report "C" **OUGHT NOT TO PASS.** (Roll Call Ordered)

The SPEAKER: A roll call having been previously ordered. The pending question before the House is acceptance of Report "C" Ought Not to Pass. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 324

YEA - Andrews, Annis, Austin, Beaudette, Berry, Berube, Bowles, Brannigan, Brown R, Browne W, Bruno, Campbell, Carr, Churchill J, Collins, Courtney, Cressey, Crosthwaite, Cummings, Curley, Daigle, Davis, Dugay, Dunlap, Duplessie, Duprey B, Earle, Finch, Fischer, Fletcher, Greeley, Hatch, Honey, Hotham, Jacobsen, Jennings, Jodrey, Joy, Kane, Koffman, Landry, Ledwin, Lerman, Lewin, Lundeen, Mailhot, McCormick, McGowan, McLaughlin, McNeil, Millett, Mills J, Mills S, Moody, Murphy, Muse, Norbert, Nutting, O'Brien J, O'Neil, Patrick, Peavey-Haskell, Pellon, Pineau, Rector, Richardson E, Richardson J, Richardson M, Rines, Rogers, Rosen, Saviello, Sherman, Shields, Smith N, Snowe-Mello, Stone, Sukeforth, Sullivan, Sykes, Thompson, Tobin D, Tobin J, Trahan, Vaughan, Watson, Woodbury, Wotton, Young, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Ash, Barstow, Bierman, Blanchette, Bliss, Breault, Bull, Bunker, Canavan, Clark, Craven, Dudley, Eder, Faircloth, Gagne-Friel, Grose, Hutton, Jackson, Ketterer, Lemoine, Lessard, Makas, Marley, Marraché, McKee, Norton, O'Brien L, Paradis, Percy, Perry A, Perry J, Pingree, Piotti, Simpson, Smith W, Suslovic, Thomas, Twomey, Walcott, Wheeler.

ABSENT - Bennett, Bowen, Bryant-Deschenes, Churchill E, Clough, Cowger, Duprey G, Gerzofsky, Glynn, Goodwin, Heidrich, Kaelin, Maietta, McGlocklin, McKenney, Moore, Sampson, Tardy, Treadwell, Usher.

Yes, 90; No, 41; Absent, 20; Excused, 0.

90 having voted in the affirmative and 41 voted in the negative, with 20 being absent, and accordingly Report "C" **Ought Not to Pass** was **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-751)** on Bill "An Act to Establish Instant Run-off Voting"

(H.P. 171) (L.D. 212)

Signed:

Senators:

GAGNON of Kennebec

MAYO of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

CLARK of Millinocket

PATRICK of Rumford

BLANCHETTE of Bangor

CANAVAN of Waterville

JENNINGS of Leeds

LANDRY of Sanford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

LEMONT of York

Representatives:

GLYNN of South Portland

HOTHAM of Dixfield

BROWN of South Berwick

MOORE of Standish

READ.

On motion of Representative CLARK of Millinocket, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-751)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, March 11, 2004.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

Resolve, To Promote Recruitment and Retention of Direct-care Workers in Long-term Care in Maine

(S.P. 362) (L.D. 1090)

(C. "A" S-402)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook pending **FINAL PASSAGE**.

On motion of Representative KANE of Saco, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (S-402)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-743)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-402)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Kane.

Representative KANE: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This is a technical change in the bill that clarifies that the Joint Standing Committee of Health and Human Services has

authority to report legislation to the First Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature. It just adds that to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-743) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-402) was ADOPTED.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-402) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-743) thereto was ADOPTED.

The Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** as Amended by **Committee Amendment "A" (S-402) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-743)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford, the House adjourned at 12:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 11, 2004.