

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 14, 2000

Senate called to order by President Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

Prayer by Father Lou Philips of St. Paul's Center in Augusta.

FATHER PHILIPS: Good morning. I'd like to share with you a reflection by Ina Hewes. It's entitled "We Pray For Children".

We pray for children who put chocolate fingers everywhere, like to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants. Who sneak popsicles before supper. Who erase holes in math workbooks. Who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbedwire. Who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers. Who never counted potatoes. Who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead. Who never go to the circus. Who live in an x-rated world.

We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fists full of dandelions. Who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish. Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money. Who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off key. Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink. Who slurp their soup.

We pray for those who never get desert. Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them. Who watch their parents watch them die. Who can't find any bread to steal. Who don't have any rooms to clean up. Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser. Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday and throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food. Who like ghost stories. Who shove dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse out the tub. Who get visits from the toothfairy. Who don't like to be kissed in front of the car pool. Who squirm in church and scream on the phone. Whose tears we sometimes laugh at. Whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime. Who will eat anything. Who have never seen a dentist. Who aren't spoiled by anybody. Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep. Who live and move but have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried and those who must. For those we never give up on and those who never get a second chance. For those we smother and for those who will grab at the hand of anyone kind enough to offer. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Robert E. Murray, Jr. of Penobscot County.

Doctor of the day, Angus Badger, M.D., Rumford.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 9, 2000.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Clarify Repair and Inspection Standards for Punctured Tires" H.P. 1732 L.D. 2438

Majority - **Ought to Pass** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (3 members)

In House, March 3, 2000, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

In Senate, March 7, 2000, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body **INSISTED** and **ASKED FOR A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**.

Senator **PINGREE** of Knox moved the Senate **INSIST** and **JOIN IN A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**.

Senator **HARRIMAN** of Cumberland requested a Division.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, supported by a Division of at least one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **INSIST** and **JOIN IN A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**. (Roll Call Ordered)

Joint Order

The following Joint Order: H.P. 1880

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy report out, to the House, a bill concerning heating oil prices.

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

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 1035

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 9, 2000

Senator Sharon Treat
Representative John Martin
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Treat and Representative Martin:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Katharine C. Littlefield of Belfast for reappointment and Richard E. Wardwell of Orono and Melford J. Pelletier of Soldier Pond for appointment as members of the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38, M.R.S.A. §341-C, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence S/G. Steven Rowe
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 1037

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 10, 2000

Senator Susan Longley
Representative Richard Thompson
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Longley and Representative Thompson:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has withdrawn his nomination of Rick E. Lawrence of Portland for appointment as Maine Administrative Court Judge and is reposting him for Maine District Court Judge (no resident designation). Emergency legislation, Public Law 547, enacted and signed into law on March 9, 2000 eliminates one Administrative Judge position and creates a new District Judge position.

Pursuant to Title 4, M.R.S.A. §1151, this nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence S/G. Steven Rowe
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 540

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE

March 7, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

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

- L.D. 1000 An Act to Provide Insurance Parity for Substance Abuse Treatment
- L.D. 1158 An Act to Ensure Equality in Mental Health Coverage for Children and Adults
- L.D. 2408 Resolve, to Create a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for all Maine Citizens
- L.D. 2424 An Act to Require Health Insurance Policies to Cover School-based Services

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lloyd P. LaFountain III S/Rep. Jane W. Saxl
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 541

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 7, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2468 An Act to Establish the Watercraft Enforcement Fund

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Marge L. Kilkelly S/Rep. Matthew Dunlap
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 542

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 7, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2477 An Act to Amend the Definition of Oil Terminal Facilities

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Sharon Anglin Treat S/Rep. John L. Martin
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 543

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

February 25, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 553 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kennebec Water District

L.D. 1810 An Act to Protect the Drinking Water Supply of the Portland Water District

L.D. 2282 An Act to Clarify the Treatment of Certain Small Consumer-owned Transmission and Distribution Utilities

L.D. 2409 An Act to Amend the Renewable Resources Requirement for Electricity Providers under the Electric Restructuring Laws

L.D. 2411 An Act to Allow Certain Public Utilities to Extend Their Service into Areas Served by Other Public Utilities

L.D. 2488 An Act to Support E-9-1-1 Database Development and Maintenance and to Lower Fees Charged to Users for Equipment Replacement Costs

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Richard J. Carey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Thomas M. Davidson
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 544

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

March 9, 2000

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

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":

S.P. 709 Joint Order – Relative to Establishing the Task Force to Study the E-911 System

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Richard Carey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Thomas Davidson
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 545

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 3, 2000

Memo To: The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House

From: S/Senator William B. O'Gara, Senate Chair
S/Representative Joseph M. Jabar, House Chair

Re: Government Evaluation Act review of the Department of Transportation

We are pleased to submit the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation with respect to our review of the Department of Transportation pursuant to the Government Evaluation Act, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 35.

A copy of our report is attached. The committee has found that the Department is effectively carrying out its statutory mandate to plan and develop transportation facilities and services designed to contribute to the economic growth of the State and the well-being of the people. We have, however, also found that new challenges are facing the Department and require increased resources as well as some structural changes. Those challenges are outlined in our report. We have also recommended that the Department establish a communication tool and strategy for Legislators and general public on proposed projects to emphasize 6-year plans and the progress being made on those projects.

Thank you.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Fund the Construction of Court Facilities in Maine"
S.P. 1034 L.D. 2619

Sponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden and Senator: MURRAY of Penobscot, Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, DUGAY of Cherryfield, McNEIL of Rockland, PIEH of Bremen, POWERS of Rockport, SAVAGE of Union, SAXL of Bangor.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Terms of Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Family Development Accounts"
S.P. 1041 L.D. 2623

Sponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Allow a Well and Waterline Easement (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 1040 L.D. 2622

Sponsored by Senator BENOIT of Franklin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Extend the Removal Deadline for Certain Repaired Concrete Underground Oil Storage Tanks"
S.P. 1039 L.D. 2621

Sponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield and Senator: MILLS of Somerset, Representatives: GAGNON of Waterville, JABAR of Waterville, NUTTING of Oakland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

On motion by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 1033

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding water treatment plant operator certification.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 1036

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Corporate and Other Entities," H.P. 1664, L.D. 2333, and all its accompanying papers, be recalled from the Engrossing Division to the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator PINGREE of Knox, under unanimous consent on behalf of President LAWRENCE of York (Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford, BENOIT of Franklin, LONGLEY of Waldo, PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: BULL of Freeport, CAMPBELL of Holden, JACOBS of Turner, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, MADORE of Augusta, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MURPHY of Kennebunk, NORBERT of Portland, PLOWMAN of Hampden, SAXL of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, THOMPSON of Naples, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 1038

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ROBERT E. HIRSHON OF PORTLAND FOR HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Portland attorney Robert E. Hirshon has been elected by his peers to the prestigious position of President of the American Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Hirshon has spent his legal career advocating for the legal needs and concerns of low-income citizens; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Hirshon has dedicated his efforts as a member of the American Bar Association to making lawyers more effective in the services they provide and to make the court system more efficient in addressing the legal concerns of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Hirshon's plans to promote pro bono assistance from members of the bar and programs to help low-income residents with their legal problems reflect the ethic of service to the community prevalent in the legal community of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Hirshon is an exemplar of the quality of service and the exceptional caliber of the legal community in Maine, which practices mostly in smaller law firms in smaller communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize Robert E. Hirshon for the fine example he sets for the legal community in the country, to congratulate Mr. Hirshon on his election to the position of President of the American Bar Association, and to extend to him our sincere hopes and best wishes for success in that position; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Robert E. Hirshon.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber Robert E. Hirshon, President of the American Bar Association. Would he please rise and receive the greetings of the Senate.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 267: License Fees to Sell Nursery Stock, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1813 L.D. 2544

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

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

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Availability of Family Foster Homes"

H.P. 1625 L.D. 2272

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

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

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Specify Eligibility for Land Purchases Under the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund"

H.P. 1674 L.D. 2340

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-833)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-833)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-833) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Make a One-time Energy Appropriation to Support Shortfalls in the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1677 L.D. 2343

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-841)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-841)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-841) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for Fiscal Year 2000-01"
H.P. 1687 L.D. 2393

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-842).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-842).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-842) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Adequate Funding of Adult Education" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1778 L.D. 2492

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-848).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-848).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-848) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Provide Equity Between Private and Public Electrical Training Programs"
H.P. 1619 L.D. 2266

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-846).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-846).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-846) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1685 L.D. 2352

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-844).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-844).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-844) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons with Mental Illness to Vote
H.P. 1514 L.D. 2162

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-796).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the RESOLUTION **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-796) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-850)** thereto.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-796) **READ.**

House Amendment "A" (H-850) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-796) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-796) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-850) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, to Recognize Veterans of the Vietnam War in the State House Hall of Flags

H.P. 1765 L.D. 2471

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-837).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-837).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-837) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Provide Special Motor Vehicle Registration Plates for Korean War Veterans" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1652 L.D. 2321

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-845).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-845).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-845) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Restrict Passengers in the Vehicle of a Newly Licensed Driver" H.P. 1744 L.D. 2450

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-847).**

Comes from the House with the Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION.**

On motion by Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT.**

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act Increasing the Authorized Indebtedness of the Veazie Sewer District"

H.P. 1648 L.D. 2317

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-832).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-832) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-866)** thereto.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-832) **READ.**

House Amendment "A" (H-866) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-832) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-832) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-866) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Animal Welfare Laws"

H.P. 1646 L.D. 2306

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-834).**

Signed:

Senators:

NUTTING of Androscoggin
KILKELLY of Lincoln

Representatives:

CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft
GAGNE of Buckfield
WATSON of Farmingdale
PIEH of Bremen
VOLENIK of Brooklin
GOOLEY of Farmington
FOSTER of Gray
CARR of Lincoln
COWGER of Hallowell

MAYO of Bath
JONES of Pittsfield
GLYNN of South Portland
NUTTING of Oakland

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

Signed:

Senator:

KIEFFER of Aroostook

Representative:

GILLIS of Danforth

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-834)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act Regarding Private Long-term Disability Insurance for Mental Illnesses"

H.P. 1062 L.D. 1493

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

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of York
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin
ABROMSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

SAXL of Bangor
O'NEIL of Saco
DUDLEY of Portland
RICHARDSON of Brunswick
SULLIVAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representative:

PERRY of Bangor

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of Maine Game Wardens to Stop Motor Vehicles"

H.P. 1627 L.D. 2274

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-800)**.

Signed:

Senators:

KILKELLY of Lincoln
KIEFFER of Aroostook

Representatives:

CHICK of Lebanon
TRAHAN of Waldoboro
HONEY of Boothbay
DUNLAP of Old Town
TRUE of Fryeburg
CLARK of Millinocket
BRYANT of Dixfield
COTE of Lewiston

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

Signed:

Senator:

RUHLIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

TRACY of Rome
PERKINS of Penobscot

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-800) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" (H-852)** thereto.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study the Hearing Process of the Workers' Compensation Board (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 959 L.D. 1357

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

Signed:

Senators:

DOUGLASS of Androscoggin
LaFOUNTAIN of York
MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:

HATCH of Skowhegan
MUSE of South Portland
MATTHEWS of Winslow
SAMSON of Jay
DAVIS of Falmouth
MacDOUGALL of North Berwick
TREADWELL of Carmel

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-843)**.

Signed:

Representative:

GOODWIN of Pembroke

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator RUHLIN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Resolve, Relating to the State Valuation for the Town of Milo (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 901 L.D. 2353

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-536)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-536) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Allow the Towns of Wells and Ogunquit to Withdraw from Their Community School District" S.P. 602 L.D. 1725

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-531)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BERUBE of Androscoggin
MURRAY of Penobscot

Representatives:

RICHARD of Madison
WATSON of Farmingdale
DESMOND of Mapleton
BRENNAN of Portland
ANDREWS of York
BAKER of Bangor
BELANGER of Caribou
SKOGLUND of St. George

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

Signed:

Senator:

SMALL of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

STEDMAN of Hartland
WESTON of Montville

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Encourage Responsible Employment Practices"
S.P. 292 L.D. 810

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-535)**.

Signed:

Senators:
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin
LaFOUNTAIN of York
MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:
HATCH of Skowhegan
GOODWIN of Pembroke
FRECHETTE of Biddeford
MATTHEWS of Winslow
SAMSON of Jay

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

Signed:

Representatives:
TREADWELL of Carmel
MUSE of South Portland
DAVIS of Falmouth
MacDOUGALL of North Berwick
MACK of Standish

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage in Maine"
S.P. 425 L.D. 1262

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-534)**.

Signed:

Senators:
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin

LaFOUNTAIN of York
MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:
HATCH of Skowhegan
GOODWIN of Pembroke
MATTHEWS of Winslow
SAMSON of Jay

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

Signed:

Representatives:
TREADWELL of Carmel
DAVIS of Falmouth
MacDOUGALL of North Berwick
MACK of Standish

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Provide Equity for Unemployment Compensation"
S.P. 745 L.D. 2104

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

Signed:

Senators:
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin
LaFOUNTAIN of York
MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:
HATCH of Skowhegan
FRECHETTE of Biddeford
MATTHEWS of Winslow
SAMSON of Jay
DAVIS of Falmouth
MacDOUGALL of North Berwick
MACK of Standish
TREADWELL of Carmel
MUSE of South Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-537)**.

Signed:

Off Record Remarks

Representative:
GOODWIN of Pembroke

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Transportation Laws" S.P. 918 L.D. 2370

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-532)**.

Signed:

Senators:
O'GARA of Cumberland
PARADIS of Aroostook
CASSIDY of Washington

Representatives:
FISHER of Brewer
SANBORN of Alton
CAMERON of Rumford
WHEELER of Eliot
JABAR of Waterville
LINDAHL of Northport
SAVAGE of Union
WHEELER of Bridgewater
COLLINS of Wells

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

Signed:

Representative:
BOUFFARD of Lewiston

Reports **READ**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-532) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1819 L.D. 2553

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources Relating to the Review of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning Under the State Government Evaluation Act" H.P. 1849 L.D. 2587

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Make Organizational Changes in the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council" H.P. 1640 L.D. 2291 (C "A" H-825)

Bill "An Act to Delay the Start-up Date for Implementing Electric Metering and Billing Competition" H.P. 1697 L.D. 2403 (C "A" H-831)

Bill "An Act to Change the Aquaculture Lease Process" H.P. 1758 L.D. 2464 (C "A" H-827)

Bill "An Act to Enhance Maine's Historic Districts by Efficiently Installing Underground Delivery Systems During Road Construction" H.P. 1769 L.D. 2482 (C "A" H-830)

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

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Promote Sharing of Information Between Schools and Criminal Justice Agencies" S.P. 687 L.D. 1933 (C "A" S-522)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation"
S.P. 869 L.D. 2279
(C "A" S-526)

Bill "An Act to Promote Competition in the Natural Gas Industry"
S.P. 879 L.D. 2294
(C "A" S-528)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Gray Market Cigarette Sales"
S.P. 897 L.D. 2316
(C "A" S-524)

Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Archaic and Unenforced Laws Related to the Duties of the Secretary of State"
S.P. 903 L.D. 2355
(C "A" S-529)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Maine Board of Optometry" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 907 L.D. 2359
(C "A" S-527)

Bill "An Act to Promote the Use of an Advocate Staff"
S.P. 943 L.D. 2473
(C "A" S-530)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Clarify Laws Governing Simulcasting
H.P. 1147 L.D. 1644
(C "A" H-807)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 29 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Acts

An Act Concerning State Government Competition with Private Enterprise
S.P. 179 L.D. 533
(H "A" H-824 to C "A" S-478)

An Act to Allow Three Hunters to Hunt Deer Together
H.P. 704 L.D. 971
(C "A" H-799)

An Act to License Certain Aquaculture Activities
S.P. 567 L.D. 1634
(C "A" S-508)

An Act to Amend the Low-emission Vehicle Program
S.P. 868 L.D. 2278
(H "A" H-839 to C "A" S-486)

An Act to Amend Maine's Probate Code
H.P. 1633 L.D. 2285
(C "A" H-817)

An Act to Direct the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to Pursue Partnerships to Enhance Lottery Revenues
S.P. 877 L.D. 2292
(C "A" S-506)

An Act to Amend Truck Weights
H.P. 1643 L.D. 2303
(C "A" H-804)

An Act to Repeal the Nondiscrimination in Pharmaceuticals Pricing Law
H.P. 1678 L.D. 2344

An Act Concerning the Possession of Marine Organisms by Aquaculturists Outside of the Harvest Season
H.P. 1684 L.D. 2351
(C "A" H-809)

An Act to Amend the Qualifying Examination for Initial Teacher Certification
S.P. 937 L.D. 2387

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy Arising from its State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Public Utilities Commission
H.P. 1820 L.D. 2554
(H "A" H-838)

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

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to State Earned Income Credit
H.P. 90 L.D. 103
(C "B" H-812)

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

An Act to Amend the Felony-operating-under-the-influence Laws
H.P. 1700 L.D. 2406
(C "A" H-810)

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator **PARADIS** for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of Hospital Administrative District No. 4"

S.P. 997 L.D. 2559

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

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/22/00) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to License an Agency Liquor Store in the City of Caribou

H.P. 1413 L.D. 2020

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-777)** (12 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (1 member)

Tabled - February 22, 2000, by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec.

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, February 18, 2000, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-777)**.)

(In Senate, February 22, 2000, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/7/00) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Base the Rate of Tax Imposed on Married Couples Solely on Income Earned in this State"

H.P. 1482 L.D. 2122

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-803)** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (3 members)

Tabled - March 7, 2000, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, March 3, 2000, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.)

(In Senate, March 7, 2000, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in concurrence.

Senator **PINGREE** of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$17,250,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities, to Close and Clean Up Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, to Make Drinking Water System Improvements and to Construct New or Retrofit Existing Pollution Control Structures on Maine Farms to Protect the Environment"

H.P. 1881 L.D. 2616

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Modify Adjustments in Property Valuation" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1887 L.D. 2626

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Review the Opportunities to Avoid the Need to Widen I-295 (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1882 L.D. 2617

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Habitual Motor Vehicle Offender Law"

H.P. 1886 L.D. 2625

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Farmington Falls Standard Water District"

H.P. 1884 L.D. 2620

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

Bill "An Act to Increase Choice in the Designation of Public Safety Answering Points in the E-9-1-1 System"

H.P. 1885 L.D. 2624

ORDERS

Joint Order

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, the following Joint Order: S.P. 1044

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding temporary campgrounds.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

**Pursuant to Statutes
Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources**, pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources Relating to the Review of the Maine Sardine Council Under the State Government Evaluation Act" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1883 L.D. 2618

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/25/00) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Increase Health Insurance Benefits for Retired Educators"

S.P. 607 L.D. 1730
(C "B" S-480)

Tabled - February 25, 2000, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, February 15, 2000, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-480).**)

(In House, February 22, 2000, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-480) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-794)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**)

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/25/00) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Promote Stability in Labor Management Relations in the Public Sector"

H.P. 960 L.D. 1358

Report "**A**" - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)** (6 members)

Report "**B**" - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **RECESSED** until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

Tabled - February 25, 2000, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, February 22, 2000, Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-433).**)

(In Senate, February 25, 2000, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, Report "**B**", **OUGHT NOT TO PASS ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/9/00) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Provide Safety for Forest Rangers and the Public"

H.P. 1686 L.D. 2392

Report "**A**" - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-836)** (6 members)

Report "**B**" - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

Tabled - March 9, 2000, by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin.

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, March 7, 2000, Report "**B**", **OUGHT NOT TO PASS READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

(In Senate, March 9, 2000, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin, Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-836) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/9/00) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Process for a County Bond Referendum Election"

H.P. 1706 L.D. 2412

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-805)** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass** (3 members)

Tabled - March 9, 2000, by Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland.

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, March 7, 2000, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.)

(In Senate, March 9, 2000, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-805) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/25/00) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Matching Funds for the Study of Nondefense Uses of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard"
S.P. 1020 L.D. 2589

Tabled - February 25, 2000, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

Senator **PINGREE** of Knox moved the Bill and accompanying papers be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and accompanying papers.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **ADJOURNED**, until Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at 9:00 in the morning.