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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 21, 2000

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

Prayer by Pastor Dan Bowers of Hope Baptist Church in Manchester.

PASTOR BOWERS: Although I've prayed a number of times in the Senate here and in the House, when I was asked I had a little internal debate, asking myself the question, or God the question, why? Why should I do this? Why should anyone pray for the government. And I thought of the words of the Apostle Paul. He insisted. He said, I insist, that prayers be offered up for all men, particularly for kings and for those who are in authority over us. At the time that he wrote that, the Christians were scattered throughout the Roman Empire and, as you know, many were being persecuted. And yet Paul insisted that they pray for those who were in authority over them. And I thought that's a strange request and insistence. And I thought, why? Why should we pray for those who are in authority over us? Then I thought of the words of King Solomon, renowned for his wisdom. He said this in Proverbs, Chapter 21. He said that King's heart is in the hand of the Lord and He directs it like a water course wherever He pleases. All the man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart. To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. The imagery he uses there is of a farm with irrigation streams and a farmer turns the streams wherever the water is needed and Solomon says God is like that, He is in control even of the King, even of the Governor, even of all who are in authority over us. Like the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Lord works His will through government. The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 13 that all authority is established by God and therefore all government is accountable to God. And that the Lord judges the motives of our heart. And so, this morning, before I pray, and as you begin your deliberations today; I want to remind you, first of all, that faithful Christians all over the State are praying for you. Now, maybe I should say that they should be. But if they are faithful they are praying for you as you exercise your important role and authority in government. Then second, just a reminder that you're responsible to a higher authority, to the God of all creation. With that in mind, join me in prayer, please.

Oh Lord, God. Truly You are sovereign over all the earth. You have declared that there is no authority except from You and I pray for our State Senators today, whom You have placed in their position of authority. Grant that the work that they do today would meet the standard of that which is right and just and acceptable to You, oh God. Particularly guide them as they take up weighty moral issues, such as euthanasia, gay rights, the needs of the poor. Remind them of their accountability to the highest authority, to You, oh God, and forgive us for those times when we have acted out of self-interest, caving in to special

interest, instead of doing what is right in Your sight. Now to Him, whose name is above every name, be glory and honor and power, in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Peggy Pendleton of Cumberland County.

Doctor of the day, Lisa M. Letourneau, M.D., Scarborough.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 16, 2000.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER - relative to recognizing the Westbrook High School Marching Band, of Westbrook
SLS 390

Tabled - January 24, 2000, by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland.

Pending - motion by Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland to **PASS**

(In Senate, January 24, 2000, on motion by Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland, **READ**.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator O'Gara.

Senator **O'GARA:** Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this Sentiment has been on the books for quite a long time, as you have already observed, but we are finally able now to have the band director and representatives of the band here with us. As is the case with each of you in this Chamber, there is a sense of pride in your community about a variety of things. And surely it is not any less in the City of Westbrook, where there is great pride in what goes on in and around our school system. Certainly the student body itself and the faculty and staff, and the many programs that are there in that school are a source of pride. Our academic achievements and our athletic achievements, as is the case in many of your communities, have been and continue to be a source of pride. But certainly that pride was felt, no less, but even stronger, as this band that has such a very rich heritage in the City of Westbrook and in New England and around this country, once again displayed the ability and the talents that Westbrook people have come to expect of them. And so very very briefly, Mr. President and members of the Senate, on behalf of my

colleagues in the other Body, Representative Usher and Representative Duplessie, and on behalf of myself and the citizens of Westbrook, I just want to acknowledge and have you join me in acknowledging the tremendous success as was read by the Secretary of this band. And we want them to know that we are glad that they are finally able to be here. As a matter of fact, I told the director earlier that one of our colleagues in this Body, who isn't here today, sent me a note the other day and wanted to know if the Westbrook band had been disbanded? But, in fact, they have not been and here they are. And so, Mr. President, I ask the Body to join with me in welcoming them and, as you have already indicated, ask that they be introduced and that the director have a chance to speak briefly to the body. Thank you Mr. President.

PASSED.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber, director George Bookataub and Tonya Bowman, drum major; Jenny Gordan, drum major; and Monica Flannery, color guard captain. Will they please rise and receive the greeting of the Senate. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Director Bookataub and Senator O'Gara to the well of the Chamber.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

DIRECTOR BOOKATAUB: It's a great honor and a privilege to be here today and to be recognized by Senator O'Gara and all you members of the Senate. I think the biggest thing for us was that we were able to take our group to Florida as representatives of the State of Maine and be successful, win a national title. I think there are a lot of things about students from Maine that people don't realize. We do so many things very well in this State. And I want to thank you for recognizing us for that and the students. It was an honor to be able to go there and to show that the students in Maine can compete with students from anywhere in the country and be successful. So, on behalf of the members of the Westbrook High School marching band, and the Westbrook School Department and the City of Westbrook and all its citizens and so forth, I want to thank you for this prestigious honor.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent 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)

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, March 14, 2000, Report "**B**", **OUGHT NOT TO PASS READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body **ADHERED**.

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

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 574

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
STATE HOUSE STATION 104
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

March 3, 2000

Joy O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

Please find enclosed a copy of the application and program workplan submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding of the FY 2000 Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program.

The program requires that the application be submitted to the State Legislature or its designated body for review. Unless I receive further instructions, I will consider that the Department of Public Safety has fulfilled its obligation in this area.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Kelly
Commissioner

READ and with accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 572

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

March 15, 2000

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

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe,

We are pleased to submit the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor with respect to our review of the Department of Labor under the Government Evaluation Act. A copy of our report is attached.

By a vote of 9 to 1, the committee found that the department is operating within its statutory authority and is meeting its statutory mandates.

Committee members complimented the department on recent efforts to improve its services, including the creation of one-stop career centers and expansion of training and education programs to improve compliance with safety regulations and other state laws. The committee also urged the department to ensure that job-training dollars are wisely spent to train workers for well-paying jobs for the future and to provide the workforce with skills needed to respond to the needs of employers in the State. The one dissenting committee member felt that the department has not fulfilled its duty to make the application process for unemployment insurance benefits easily accessible to workers in hard-hit areas of the State such as Washington county.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Neria R. Douglass
Senate Chair

S/Representative Pamela Henderson Hatch
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 573

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

March 14, 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 Legal and Veterans Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2503 An Act to Establish a Special Liquor License for Pool Halls and Billiard Rooms

L.D. 2548 An Act to Raise Production Limits for Microbreweries

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Beverly C. Daggett
Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Tuttle, Jr.
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, Authorizing a Land Transaction by the Bureau of Parks and Lands

S.P. 1048 L.D. 2638

Sponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Representative FOSTER of Gray and Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, KILKELLY of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: McKENNEY of Cumberland, PIEH of Bremen.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Sheldon F. Goldthwait, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company. Mr. Goldthwait worked for Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company for 29 years and served as its President since 1996. He was President of the Maine Bankers Association from 1996 to 1997. He was named 1993 Volunteer Banker of the Year by the Maine Bankers Association, was a Paul Harris Fellow in 1997 and was involved in many community activities. We thank him for his dedication to the people of Bar Harbor and wish him the best in his future endeavors; SLS 451

Sponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Goldthwait.

Senator **GOLDTHWAIT:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. It is a pleasure to present this Sentiment today; although in the last five years it has been a rare occasion that Mr. Goldthwait and I have been in the same city at the same time and today is no exception. I think he is the only banker in the State of Maine who is not in the State House. But I did want to make a few comments regarding this Sentiment. When our children were small, his mother's main concern was that any misbehavior on their part would reflect badly on the bank and that sort of sums up the attitude of his family towards banking. His father was President of Bar Harbor Banking and Trust before him and Mr. Goldthwait has worked at the bank for 29 years. He's a man of uncommon dedication to his work. A small thing, perhaps, but a rare one these days. He had an almost 19th Century devotion to the bank and spent many of his waking, if not most of his waking hours there and I'm told a few of his sleeping ones as well. He has seen many, many changes in the industry in the course of those 29 years and has shepherded at least one bank through the shoals of those changes. The bank is in good hands as it goes into the future. It's been in business for over a 100 years now and I'm sure will continue for at least another 100. But I know that the men and women who are here today from the banking industry face a tough road ahead because it has not been easy keeping up with regulatory changes and managing financial institutions in today's current market. When I had the Sentiment prepared, I stipulated that I wanted it to add that he was also an uncommonly good husband. The Revisors office got quite squirmy about that and said well, er um we don't usually do things like that and they said couldn't you just tell them afterwards. So for the record, I want Mr. Goldthwait to know that he is, indeed, an uncommonly good husband and I wish him well in his retirement.

PASSED.

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, Senators: PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland, AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford; Representatives: SAXL of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, MURPHY of Kennebunk, CAMPBELL of Holden), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 1050

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MAINE BANKERS ASSOCIATION AND THE MAINE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY BANKS

WHEREAS, the members and predecessors of the Maine Bankers Association and the Maine Association of Community Banks have been serving the needs of the People of Maine for 180 years; and

WHEREAS, in just the past year alone, the 10,000 employees of the Maine Bankers Association and the Maine Association of Community Banks have volunteered more than 500,000 hours in nearly 400 communities, positively impacting the lives of thousands of Maine adults and children; and

WHEREAS, the associations' members supported these volunteer opportunities and other community and statewide organizations with corporate contributions in excess of \$6,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the associations have created the Maine Banks of Promise campaign and have supported the Maine Promise and the Communities for Children programs as part of the America's Promise campaign, chaired by Retired General Colin Powell; and

WHEREAS, the America's Promise campaign has been supported by hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours from members' employees, including furthering the campaign's 5 fundamental resources: an ongoing relationship with a caring adult--mentor, tutor or coach; safe places and structured activities during nonschool hours; a healthy start; a marketable skill through effective education; and an opportunity to give back through community service; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the Maine Bankers Association and the Maine Association of Community Banks to the community through participation in the America's Promise campaign and other worthwhile activities have provided Maine youths with opportunity during the crucial time in the youths' lives that America's dreams take shape; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature, now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the Maine Bankers Association and the Maine Association of Community Banks for their commitment and contributions to their community and in strengthening Maine's long tradition of service to others; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Bankers Association and the Maine Association of Community Banks.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Statutes

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Relating to Review of the Department of Conservation Under the State Government Evaluation Act"
H.P. 1891 L.D. 2629

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 **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Domestic Violence Prosecutors"
H.P. 1699 L.D. 2405

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-876).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-876).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-876) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Requiring Compensation for Loss of Property Value Due to State or Local Regulation"

H.P. 354 L.D. 470

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

Signed:

Senators:

LONGLEY of Waldo
TREAT of Kennebec
BENOIT of Franklin

Representatives:

THOMPSON of Naples
BULL of Freeport
NORBERT of Portland
LaVERDIERE of Wilton
JACOBS of Turner
MITCHELL of Vassalboro
MADORE of Augusta

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-872).**

Signed:

Representatives:

PLOWMAN of Hampden
WATERHOUSE of Bridgton
SCHNEIDER of Durham

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

Reports **READ.**

Senator **LONGLEY** of Waldo moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** 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 NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Tax Increment Financing to Encourage Downtown Investment"

H.P. 1739 L.D. 2445

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-869)**.

Signed:

Senator:

RUHLIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

- GAGNON of Waterville
- GREEN of Monmouth
- DAVIDSON of Brunswick
- COLWELL of Gardiner
- STANLEY of Medway
- LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach
- LEMONT of Kittery
- MURPHY of Berwick
- BUCK of Yarmouth
- CIANCHETTE of South Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MILLS of Somerset

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-869)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot 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.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator MICHAUD for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, to Ensure Adequate District Court Facilities for Western York County

S.P. 956 L.D. 2497

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-556)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-556) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator KONTOS for the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Franchise Law"

S.P. 681 L.D. 1931

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-554)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-554) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator KILKELLY for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Allow Children to Fish from the Banks of Rivers Designated as Quality Fishing Rivers" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 113 L.D. 310

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-551)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-551) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator LONGLEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Validate Pierringer Releases and Reform Procedures in Multiparty Lawsuits"

S.P. 630 L.D. 1795

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-558)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-558) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator RUHLIN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Encourage Equity Equivalent Loans or Investments in Community Development Financial Institutions"

S.P. 642 L.D. 1824

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-553)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-553) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator RUHLIN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Promote Historic and Scenic Preservation"

S.P. 983 L.D. 2537

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-557)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-557) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Elections"

S.P. 878 L.D. 2293

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-552)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CAREY of Kennebec
FERGUSON of Oxford

Representatives:

MAYO of Bath
TUTTLE of Sanford
O'BRIEN of Lewiston
HEIDRICH of Oxford
McKENNEY of Cumberland
GAGNE of Buckfield
FISHER of Brewer

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

Signed:

Senator:

DAGGETT of Kennebec

Representatives:

LABRECQUE of Gorham
CHIZMAR of Lisbon
PERKINS of Penobscot

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Regarding Retainage on Major State and School Construction Projects" S.P. 173 L.D. 529

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

Signed:

Representatives:

AHEARNE of Madawaska
BAGLEY of Machias
RINES of Wiscasset
McDONOUGH of Portland
TWOMEY of Biddeford
JODREY of Bethel
RICHARDSON of Greenville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-555)**.

Signed:

Senators:

PENDLETON of Cumberland
GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock
DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

BUMPS of China
KASPRZAK of Newport
GERRY of Auburn

Reports **READ**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-555) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Off Record Remarks

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act Concerning the Date by Which Land Must be Acquired by the Penobscot Nation" H.P. 1782 L.D. 2499

Bill "An Act to Enhance Competition Among Elevator Inspectors" H.P. 1834 L.D. 2570

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Remove Certain Barriers for Low-income Working Parents" H.P. 1709 L.D. 2415 (C "A" H-868)

Bill "An Act Concerning Offensive Names" H.P. 1712 L.D. 2418 (C "A" H-873)

Bill "An Act to Require the State Sealer to Conduct Spot Checks at Timber Mills" H.P. 1751 L.D. 2457 (C "A" H-835)

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

Bill "An Act to Promote Maine's Dairy Industry"
H.P. 1696 L.D. 2402
(C "A" H-858)

READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Restrict Passengers in the Vehicle of a Newly Licensed Driver"
H.P. 1744 L.D. 2450
(C "A" H-847)

READ A SECOND TIME.

At the request of Senator **HARRIMAN** of Cumberland a Division was had. 22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Improve Elver Fishery Management"
S.P. 304 L.D. 906
(C "A" S-543)

Resolve, to Promote Natural Resource-based Industries
S.P. 585 L.D. 1665
(C "A" S-549)

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Match a Federal Department of Energy Research and Development Award"
S.P. 882 L.D. 2297
(C "A" S-547)

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Transfer or Acquire Property or Interests in Property at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Oak Grove Coburn School in Vassalboro and at Other State- owned Property
S.P. 890 L.D. 2309
(C "A" S-550)

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Sea Cucumber Fishery" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 921 L.D. 2372
(C "A" S-542)

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Need for an Agricultural Vitality Zone Program"
S.P. 982 L.D. 2532
(C "A" S-548)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation
H.P. 1819 L.D. 2553

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Acts

An Act to Establish Standards and Conditions for Designation of Ecological Reserves on Lands Managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands
S.P. 157 L.D. 477
(S "A" S-510 to C "A" S-500)

An Act Regarding Electric Metering and Billing Competition
H.P. 1697 L.D. 2403
(C "A" H-831)

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

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

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

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

An Act to Increase Health Insurance Benefits for Retired
Educators
S.P. 607 L.D. 1730
(H "A" H-794 to C "B" S-480)

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

An Act to Help Support the Medical Ride Volunteer Service
S.P. 933 L.D. 2383
(C "A" S-517)

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

Resolve

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Establishment of
an Environmental Leadership Program
S.P. 529 L.D. 1562
(C "A" S-516)

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator CAREY for the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**
on Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Implementation of the E-9-1-1
System" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 939 L.D. 2389

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by**
Committee Amendment "A" (S-560).

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-560) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Pursuant to Public Law
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

The **Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources**
pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 505, Part B, section 8
asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Relating
to the Cleanup of the Wells Waste Oil Disposal Site"
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1898 L.D. 2639

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

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

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/16/00) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in the Maine State Prison in Thomaston

H.P. 1650 L.D. 2319

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-862)** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (2 members)

Tabled - March 16, 2000, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, March 15, 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-862).**)

(In Senate, March 16, 2000, Reports **READ**.)

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-862) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, to Study Outdated, Contradictory and Unenforced Laws

H.P. 612 L.D. 852

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-855)** (5 members)

In House, March 15, 2000, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-855).**

In Senate, March 16, 2000, the Majority **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.**

On motion by Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland, the Senate **ADHERED.**

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Improve the Lives of People with Disabilities"
H.P. 1728 L.D. 2434

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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 25: Leashed Tracking Dog License Rules, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1867 L.D. 2603

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

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

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

READ ONCE.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements Under the Used Car Information Laws" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1689 L.D. 2395

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-880)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-880)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-880) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Provide Flexibility in the Distribution of Funds by the Department of Economic and Community Development"

H.P. 1735 L.D. 2441

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-884)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-884)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-884) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law on Ownership of Certified Public Accounting Firms and to Establish an Approved Practice Monitoring Program"

H.P. 1738 L.D. 2444

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-879)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-879)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-879) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Relieve all Counties from Expense and Responsibility of Transporting Clients"

H.P. 1733 L.D. 2439

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-881)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-881)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-881) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Extend the Time Period for Municipalities to Make Recommendations Concerning Great Pond Surface Use Restrictions" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1680 L.D. 2346

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-883)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-883)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-883) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Revise the Funding of the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund" H.P. 1731 L.D. 2437

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-877)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-877)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-877) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

Pursuant to Joint Order

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Improve the Accountability of the Child Development Services System"

H.P. 1896 L.D. 2636

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1836.

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.

Pursuant to Statutes

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Relating to Review of the Maine Seed Potato Board Under the State Government Evaluation Act"

H.P. 1892 L.D. 2633

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.

Pursuant to Statutes

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Relating to Review of the State Board of Pesticides Control Under the State Government Evaluation Act"

H.P. 1893 L.D. 2634

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.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator MICHAUD for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, to Ensure Adequate Funding for the Lewiston District Court
S.P. 1029 L.D. 2609

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-561)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-561) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 1051

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 21, 2000

Senator John M. Nutting
Representative Wendy Pieh
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
119th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Nutting and Representative Pieh:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Jacquelyn L. Webber of Stockholm for appointment as a member of the Land Use Regulation Commission.

Pursuant to Title 12, M.R.S.A. §683, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

ENACTORS

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

Constitutional Amendment

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons with Mental Illness to Vote
H.P. 1514 L.D. 2162
(H "A" H-850 to C "A" H-796)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act Increasing the Authorized Indebtedness of the Veazie Sewer District
H.P. 1648 L.D. 2317
(H "A" H-866 to C "A" H-832)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide Recognition for Korean Conflict Veterans on Special Veterans Registration Plates
H.P. 1652 L.D. 2321
(C "A" H-845)

On motion by Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001

H.P. 1685 L.D. 2352
(C "A" H-844)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency Measure

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Appropriate Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for Fiscal Year 1999-00
H.P. 1687 L.D. 2393
(C "A" H-842)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Ensure Adequate Funding of Adult Education
H.P. 1778 L.D. 2492
(C "A" H-848)

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

Emergency Resolve

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
H.P. 1813 L.D. 2544

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Acts

An Act to Promote Sharing of Information Between Schools and Criminal Justice Agencies

S.P. 687 L.D. 1933
(C "A" S-522)

An Act to Provide Equity Between Private and Public Electrical Training Programs

H.P. 1619 L.D. 2266
(C "A" H-846)

An Act to Increase the Availability of Family Foster Homes
H.P. 1625 L.D. 2272

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation

S.P. 869 L.D. 2279
(C "A" S-526)

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

An Act to Specify Eligibility for Land Purchases Under the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund
H.P. 1674 L.D. 2340
(C "A" H-833)

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)

An Act to Ensure Fuel Deliveries by Allowing Fuel Delivery Vehicles to Travel on Posted Roads

S.P. 931 L.D. 2381
(C "A" S-518)

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

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

An Act to Increase the Rate of Pay for Forest Fire Wardens
S.P. 894 L.D. 2313
(C "A" S-520)

On motion by Senator Cathcart 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

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Provide Consumer Safety Certification for Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles"

H.P. 1873 L.D. 2610

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

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

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

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **ADJOURNED**, until Wednesday, March 22, 2000, at 9:00 in the morning.