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Senate called to order by President Michael H. Michaud of Penobscot County.

Prayer by Senator Mary E. Small of Sagadahoc County.

SENATOR SMALL: Good afternoon. For the afternoon's prayer I'd like to do a prayer that I first heard in the 117th Session by a former member of the body.

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 can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers. 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 dessert. 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. Who 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 or temple 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 for those who must. For those we never give up on and for 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 it. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 29, 2001.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order: H.P. 1292

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs report out, to the House, a bill authorizing the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to accept land for a veterans' memorial cemetery in southern Maine.

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

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Enhance Governance of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway"

S.P. 585 L.D. 1761

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township and Senator: KNEELAND of Aroostook, Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, DUNLAP of Old Town, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, MICHAUD of Fort Kent.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, the following Joint Order: S.P. 586

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding the High-pollution Vehicle Retirement Pilot Program established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 14.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Excuse Animal Control Officers from Attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy"

H.P. 726 L.D. 946

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Change the Deadline for the Reporting of a Pilot Project Regarding Ambulance Drivers" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 522 L.D. 677

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-53)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-53)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-53) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Require Background Checks for Adoptions"

H.P. 815 L.D. 1070

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-54)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-54)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-54) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Reduce Noise Pollution"

S.P. 153 L.D. 497

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-33)**.

Signed:

Senators:

- SAVAGE of Knox
- O'GARA of Cumberland
- GAGNON of Kennebec

Representatives:

- MARLEY of Portland
- McNEIL of Rockland
- COLLINS of Wells
- WHEELER of Bridgewater
- WHEELER of Eliot
- FISHER of Brewer
- BOUFFARD of Lewiston
- McKENNEY of Cumberland
- BUNKER of Kossuth Township

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

Signed:

Representative:

- PARADIS of Frenchville

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **SAVAGE** of Knox, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-33) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act to Encourage Smoke-free Hospitals in Maine"
H.P. 293 L.D. 371

Bill "An Act to Clarify Mutual Aid Agreements Between Law Enforcement Agencies"
H.P. 632 L.D. 832

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-income Households" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 29 L.D. 29
(C "A" H-48)

Bill "An Act to Extend Workers' Compensation Twenty-four-hour Pilot Projects" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 152 L.D. 163
(C "A" H-41)

Bill "An Act to Protect Animals and Ensure the Public Has Notice Regarding Veterinary Fees and Care"
H.P. 228 L.D. 265
(C "A" H-46)

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of the Bureau of Banking in Order to Accurately Reflect the Scope and Variety of Entities Regulated by the Bureau"
H.P. 339 L.D. 429
(C "A" H-50)

Bill "An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation Examinations"
H.P. 757 L.D. 976
(C "A" H-51)

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

President Pro Tem **BENNETT** of Oxford was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **WOODCOCK** of Franklin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **CARPENTER** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner informing the Senate that the House had suspended the Joint Rules for the purpose of appointing five members to the Committee of Conference on Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 256 L.D. 300)

On motion by President Pro Tem **BENNETT** of Oxford, pursuant to Senate Rule 523, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the status of the budget.

President **MICHAUD** of Penobscot appointed the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **SMALL**, as Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **SMALL** to the rostrum where she assumed the duties as Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Senate was called to order by President **MICHAUD** of Penobscot.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by President Pro Tem **BENNETT** of Oxford,
ADJOURNED to Saturday, March 31, 2001, at 4:00 in the
afternoon.