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In Senate Chamber Monday May 19, 2003

Senate called to order by Presi	dent Beverly C. Daggett of Kennebec C	ounty.
Prayer by Senator Karl W. Tu	rner of Cumberland County.	-
you in prayer this morning. I at to reflect on matters large and beautiful day. The sun is shin day it will be summer. The lo So reflecting on things that are American League, tied with N Fenway Park for a 3 game ser more they are the same. Let u Dear God, let Your counter always remember that, while e but to our citizens in this great respectful of those who do not Washington as they do the per women in uniform. Watch ov	I morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Salways appreciate this time in our daily of small in our lives. Today, as you look a sing, the air is clear, the temperature is wang, cold fall, very cold winter, and early e small, in case you are unaware, the Redew York. The dreaded Yankees, or as seles starting tonight. So, in some ways, the spray. In ance shine on the men and women of the elected as Republicans and Democrats, or State of Maine. Grant us the courage to see the wisdom of our positions. Bless apple's business. Bless and protect from he er them, for they are our most precious rest the freest people in the history of the ways.	calendar. It's an opportunity round you, you can see it's a arm, and by the end of the cold spring will be forgotten. I Sox are in first place in the ome say, the Yangees, visit he more things change, the e Maine Senate. Help us ur first loyalty is not to party, to be true to our values while our leaders in Maine and arms way our men and esource. Their sacrifices,
Pledge of Allegiance led by So	enator Stephen S. Stanley of Penobscot C	County.
Doctor of the day, Peter Goth,	M.D. of Bremen.	-
Reading of the Journal of Frid	ay, May 16, 2003.	
-	Off Record Remarks	•
-	PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE	

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Establish the Pine Tree Development Zones Program"

S.P. 456 L.D. 1385 (S "B" S-146 to C "A" S-68)

In Senate, May 14, 2003, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-68) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-146) thereto.

Comes from the House, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-68) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-406) thereto, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Rail Transportation "
S.P. 208 L.D. 599
(C "A" S-136)

In Senate, May 13, 2003, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-136).

Comes from the House, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-136) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-400).

On motion by Senator **HATCH** of Somerset, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Operation of Lowspeed Vehicles on Certain Roads" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 313 L.D. 393

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-357)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-357).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-357) READ.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, Senate Amendment "A" (S-173) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-357) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-357) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-173) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-357) **AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT** "A" (S-173) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Ban Strikebreakers" H.P. 79 L.D. 71

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-92).

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Senators:

EDMONDS of Cumberland STANLEY of Penobscot

Representatives:

SMITH of Van Buren HUTTON of Bowdoinham HATCH of Skowhegan PATRICK of Rumford JACKSON of Fort Kent WATSON of Bath

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

Signed:

Senator:

BLAIS of Kennebec

Representatives:

TREADWELL of Carmel CRESSEY of Baldwin HEIDRICH of Oxford NUTTING of Oakland

Comes from the House with the Reports **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **LABOR**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **EDMONDS** of Cumberland, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **LABOR**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Clarify When Notice is Effective to Terminate a Tenancy at Will"

H.P. 729 L.D. 1008

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

Signed:

Senators:

GAGNON of Kennebec LEMONT of York MAYO of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

CLARK of Millinocket GLYNN of South Portland HOTHAM of Dixfield BROWN of South Berwick MOORE of Standish PATRICK of Rumford BLANCHETTE of Bangor CANAVAN of Waterville JENNINGS of Leeds

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

Signed:

Representative:

LANDRY of Sanford

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Citizen Initiatives and Referenda" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 309 L.D. 389

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-354).

Signed:

Senator:

GILMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth STONE of Berwick KETTERER of Madison CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth BARSTOW of Gorham BOWEN of Rockport SUSLOVIC of Portland

SUKEFORTH of Union

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

Signed:

Senators:

ROTUNDO of Androscoggin LaFOUNTAIN of York

Representatives:

PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush BUNKER of Kossuth Township

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-354)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Encourage Responsible Employment Practices"

H.P. 880 L.D. 1206

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-353).

Signed:

Senators:

ROTUNDO of Androscoggin LaFOUNTAIN of York

Representatives:

McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth KETTERER of Madison BARSTOW of Gorham SUSLOVIC of Portland BUNKER of Kossuth Township

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

Signed:

Senator:

GILMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush STONE of Berwick CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth BOWEN of Rockport SUKEFORTH of Union

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-353)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **ROTUNDO** 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 the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Increase the Ground Lease Term at the Long Creek Youth Development Center from 50 to 90 Years

H.P. 1034 L.D. 1412

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-387).

Signed:

Senators:

ROTUNDO of Androscoggin LaFOUNTAIN of York GILMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth KETTERER of Madison CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth BARSTOW of Gorham BOWEN of Rockport BUNKER of Kossuth Township

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

Signed:

Representatives:

PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush STONE of Berwick SUKEFORTH of Union

(Rep. SUSLOVIC of Portland, abstained.)

Comes from the House with 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-387).

Reports **READ**.

Senator **ROTUNDO** 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 the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator BRENNAN for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Delay the Repeal of Laws Governing the State's Response to an Extreme Public Health Emergency"

S.P. 497 L.D. 1491

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

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-172).

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

Sent down for concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-172) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Senator STANLEY for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Resolve, Directing the State Tax Assessor to Adjust the State Valuation for the Town of Ashland (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 61 L.D. 138

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-170).

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-170) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator NASS for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws"

S.P. 530 L.D. 1571

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment** "A" (S-175).

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-175) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator HATCH for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide Incentives for Development and To Amend Traffic Movement Permit Standards"

S.P. 484 L.D. 1452

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-169).

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-169) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules,	READ A	SECOND	TIME	and PASSED	TO BE	ENGR	OSSED
AS AMENDED.							

Sent down for concurrence.
Divided Report
The Majority of the Committee on LABOR on Bill "An Act To Require a Toll-free Telephone Number To Be Maintained by the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 39 L.D. 116
Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-168).
Signed:
Senators: EDMONDS of Cumberland STANLEY of Penobscot
Representatives: SMITH of Van Buren CRESSEY of Baldwin HUTTON of Bowdoinham HATCH of Skowhegan PATRICK of Rumford JACKSON of Fort Kent WATSON of Bath
The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought Not To

Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

BLAIS of Kennebec

Representatives:

TREADWELL of Carmel **HEIDRICH** of Oxford **NUTTING** of Oakland

Reports **READ**.

Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland 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 the motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Ensure Proper Funding of the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate H.P. 759 L.D. 1042 (C "A" H-319)

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 Authorize Certain Former Members of the Maine State Retirement System To Rejoin the Maine State Retirement System

S.P. 514 L.D. 1535 (C "A" S-152)

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 Regarding Eligibility under the Municipal Investment Trust Fund

S.P. 523 L.D. 1554 (C "A" S-149)

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 Resolve

Resolve, To Authorize the Issue of Additional Securities for Projects Relating to the Judicial Branch S.P. 229 L.D. 665 (C "A" S-140)

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study Compliance with Maine's Freedom of Access Laws H.P. 797 L.D. 1079 (C "A" H-326)

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, placed on the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE**, pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

Acts

An Act To Protect Conservation Trust Funds

S.P. 284 L.D. 805 (C "A" S-133)

An Act To Simplify the Requirements for Tagging, Registering and Transporting Harvested Animals

S.P. 285 L.D. 806 (C "A" S-142)

An Act To Promote Alternatives in Group Self-insurance

H.P. 629 L.D. 852 (C "A" H-338)

An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Concerning the Types of Transportation Vehicle Used To Transport Children

H.P. 739 L.D. 1018 (C "A" H-333)

An Act To Authorize Water and Wastewater Districts To Lease Their Assets

H.P. 926 L.D. 1252 (C "A" H-316)

An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Attorney General To Seek Restitution and To Require the Superintendent of Insurance To Investigate Certain Insurance Practices

S.P. 438 L.D. 1347 (C "A" S-155)

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

H.P. 1027 L.D. 1400 (C "A" H-339)

An Act To Refine the Maine Rural Development Statutes

S.P. 464 L.D. 1408 (C "A" S-148)

An Act To Clarify Maine Law Relating to Viatical Settlements

H.P. 1035 L.D. 1413 (C "A" H-347)

An Act Relating to the Award of Attorneys' Fees and Damages under the Maine Human Rights Act

H.P. 1043 L.D. 1424 (C "A" H-332)

An Act To Require Disclosure of Benefit Offsets under Disability Insurance Policies

S.P. 476 L.D. 1438 (C "A" S-154)

An Act To Amend the Maine Banking Laws

S.P. 512 L.D. 1534 (C "A" S-141)

An Act To Modify the Exemption for Compost under the Nutrient Management Law and the Nutrient Management Review Board's Authority To Hear Appeals

S.P. 517 L.D. 1543

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 Allow Hunters to Exchange Assigned Hunting Areas or Zones with Other Hunters S.P. 46 L.D. 123 (C "A" S-143)

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

An Act To Reimburse Philip Wolley for Litigation Expenses Incurred in Connection with His Termination and Reinstatement as a State Employee

S.P. 94 L.D. 260 (C "A" S-116)

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

Resolve

Resolve, To Encourage Use of Alternative Energy Sources

S.P. 388 L.D. 1184 (C "A" S-132)

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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 (5/12/03) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Include Androscoggin County in the Law Governing the Use of County Surplus Funds"

H.P. 607 L.D. 830

Report - Ought to Pass

Tabled - May 12, 2003, by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT, in concurrence

(In House, May 9, 2003, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.)

(In Senate, May 12, 2003, Report **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

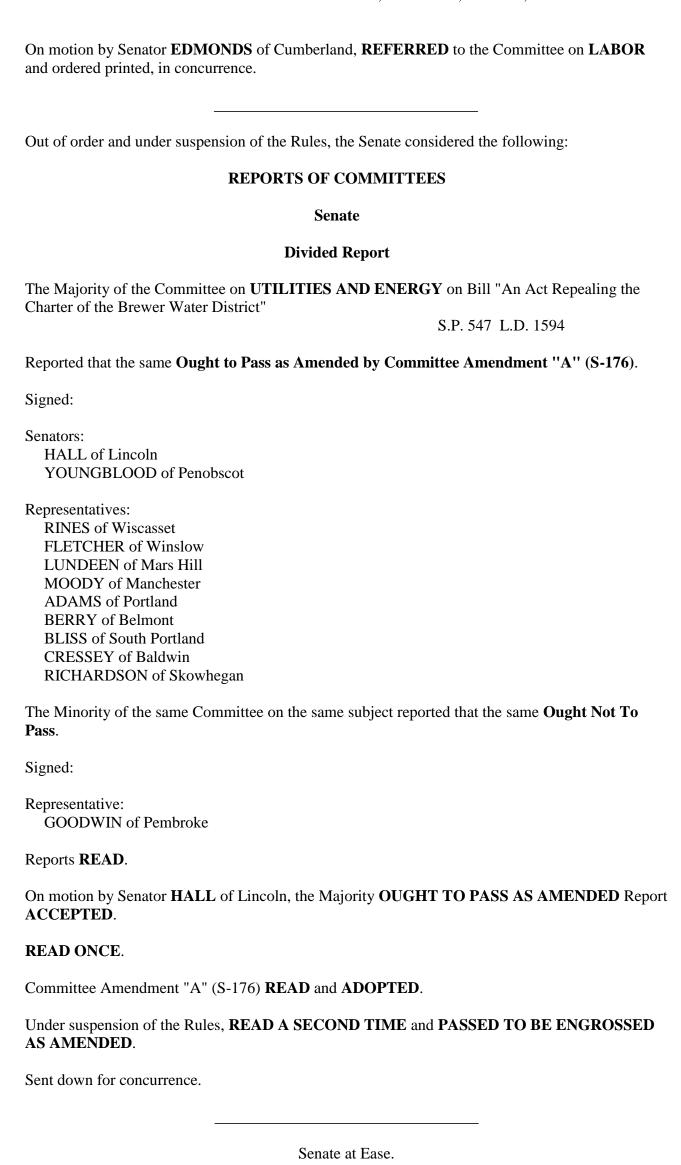
PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Employment Status of Court Reporters, Stenographers and Videographers"

H.P. 1197 L.D. 1618

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



Senate called to order by the President.

Senator TREAT of Kennebec	was granted unanimous consent to add	ress the Senate off the Record.
On motion by Senator TREA ' the morning.	Γ of Kennebec, ADJOURNED to Tues	day, May 20, 2003, at 10:00 in