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

Prayer by Father Michael Gendreau, St. Mary of the Assumption, Augusta.
Colors presented by the Franco-American War Veterans Post 31 of Lewiston.
National Anthem by Melanie Dorice Saucier, Fort Kent Elementary School.
Pledge of Allegiance.
The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: Bonjour mes amis! Bienvenue à le siège de l'assemblée législative de l'État du Maine. Aujourd'hui c'est la journée Franco-Américaine. Alors notre processus aujourd'hui va être en français et en anglais pour honorer l'héritage de plusieurs de nos membres. Amusez-vous bien aujourd'hui mes amis!

Hello my friends! Welcome to the State House of Maine.

Today is Franco-American Day. Today our proceedings will be in French and English in honor of the French Heritage of many of our members. Enjoy yourselves today my friends.

**SENATE PAPERS**

Pursuant to Joint Order
Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Order 2001, S.P. 770 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Change the Standard for Requesting an Adjustment to State Valuation Because of a Sudden and Severe Disruption of Valuation" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 799) (L.D. 2154)

Be REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

 Came from the Senate, Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION in concurrence.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (S.P. 797)

STATE OF MAINE

March 4, 2002

Hon. Kenneth F. Lemont
Senator Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Hon. David G. Lemoine
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

120th Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Lemont and Representative Lemoine:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Harold N. Larrabee of Knox for appointment as a member of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact. Pursuant to Title 7, M.R.S.A. §2953-A, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Richard A. Bennett
President of the Senate

S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

Come from the Senate, READ and REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY.


come from the Senate, READ and REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act Regarding the Requirements for Documenting Pretest and Post-test Counseling for HIV Tests" (H.P. 1651) (L.D. 2157)

Sponsored by Representative MADORE of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, MARRACHE of Waterville.

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

Committee on HEATH AND HUMAN SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.

On motion of Representative KANE of Saco, the Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

National Anthem by Melanie Dorice Saucier, Fort Kent Elementary School.
Pursuant to Joint Order  
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources  
Representative COWGER for the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1606 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Pertaining to Environmental Fines" (H.P. 1648) (L.D. 2155)  
Be REFERRED to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.  
Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill REFERRED to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.  
Sent for concurrence.  
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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.  
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Representative NORBERT of Portland assumed the Chair.  
The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.  

ORDERS  
On motion of Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1649) (Cosponsored by Representative: COLLINS of Wells) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214)  
JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO RESTORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDING TO STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES  
WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the Second Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States as follows:  
WHEREAS, states and municipalities depend heavily upon federal money to supplement transportation projects; and  
WHEREAS, Maine’s highway fund is already facing a $40,000,000 structural gap; and  
WHEREAS, Maine is a rural state and depends heavily on its roads, bridges and highways for transporting consumer goods to the marketplace; and  
WHEREAS, states and municipalities are set to lose 11% of anticipated transportation funding; and  
WHEREAS, maintaining vital state and national infrastructure should take priority over alternative pet projects; now, therefore, be it  
RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to restore the federal highway funding commitment to states and municipalities and to pursue equitable and fair distribution of federal dollars for transportation ventures; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.  
READ.  
The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cumberland, Representative McKenney,  
Representative McKENNEY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I realize that these Joint Resolutions are largely symbolic, but it is one of the few ways that we have of communicating with our administration, President and Congress. I want to thank all of you that signed the letter that went to our Joint Resolution regarding our highway funds. That is a devastating loss for the State of Maine with 22,000 miles of rural roads. I urge each and every one of you to contact individually your Senator and your House of Representative member to make your views known. Thank you.  
ADOPTED.  
Sent for concurrence.  
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On motion of Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1653) (Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, COTE of Lewiston, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MADORE of Augusta, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, NORBERT of Portland, SMITH of Van Buren, Senator: LONGLEY of Waldo)  
RÉSOLUTION CONJOINTE HONORANT LES FRANÇO-AMÉRICAINS  
Considérant que, l’état du Maine est nommé après la province du Maine en France et que les villages de Calais et Paris dans l’état du Maine portent les noms de la capitale de France et du port français de Calais, respectivement; et  
Considérant que, plus d’un tiers de la population du Maine est de descendance française ou canadienne; et  
Considérant que, les franco-américains du Maine ont contribué beaucoup à la beauté et la qualité de cet état; et  
Considérant que, le français est la première langue de milliers de citoyens du Maine; et  
Considérant que, il y a eu une augmentation de l’utilisation de la langue française et une appréciation croissante de l’héritage franco-américain à travers l’état; et  
Considérant que, des clubs et des associations pour promouvoir la culture et la langue française sont nés à travers l’état, y inclus le caucus francophone à la capitale; et  
Considérant que, les gens qui parlent couramment le français et l'anglais sont une ressource économique et culturelle pour l’état du Maine; et  
Considérant que, le tourisme culturel sera accru par les véritables centres franco-américains à travers l’état; et  
Considérant que, la grande présence de franco-américains dans le Maine peut renforcer davantage nos relations avec le Canada, la France, et les autres pays francophones; maintenant, alors, qu’il soit  
Résolu, que nous, les membres de la Cent-Vingtième Législature, assemblés dans la deuxième session régulière, au nom des gens que nous représentons, proclamons que le premier Jour Franco-Américain soit célébré mercredi, 6 mars, 2002, à la Capitale de l’Etat; et qu’il soit aussi  
Résolu, que nous suggérons que le Jour Franco-Américain soit célébré chaque année au mois de mars pour commémorer la riche histoire du peuple français dans l’Etat du Maine et aux États-Unis d’Amérique.
JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FRANCO-AMERICAN DAY

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is named after the Province of Maine in France and the Maine towns of Paris and Calais owe their names to the capital city of France and the French port city of Calais, respectively; and

WHEREAS, more than 1/3 of the population of Maine is of French and Canadian descent. Franco-Americans in Maine have contributed much to the beauty and quality of this State; and

WHEREAS, French is the primary language of thousands of Mainers and there has been a resurgence in the use of the French language and a heightened appreciation of the Franco-American heritage throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, clubs and organizations to promote French culture and language have sprung up throughout the State, including the Francophone Caucus at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, fluent French-English bilingual people are a cultural and economic resource to the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, cultural tourism can be greatly enhanced by the genuine Franco-American centers throughout the State and the large Franco-American presence in Maine can further strengthen our relationships with Canada, France and the rest of the francophone world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature, now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, proclaim that the first Franco-American Day be celebrated on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at the State Capitol; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We suggest that Franco-American Day be celebrated annually in March to commemorate the rich history of the French people in the State of Maine and the United States of America.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

Recognizing:

the Town of Minot, on the special occasion of the 200th Anniversary of the town's incorporation, February 18, 2002. The town was incorporated as the 129th town in the State. The town, once a part of Poland, was named in honor of Judge Minot. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Minot on the occasion of its bicentennial celebration;

(HLS 995)

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland. Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.

On OBJECTION of Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, was REMOVED from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Poland, Representative Snowe-Mello.

Representative SNOWE-MELLO: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Before Maine became a state, Minot was a flourishing town. The Town of Minot was incorporated as a town in 1802 and at one time was known as Bakersville. It is believed that the name Minot was derived from Judge George Richards Minot who was instrumental in acquiring the act of incorporation in 1801 and approved in 1802. Since that time, many parts of the original land grant were cut off and became parts of the surrounding towns, such as Auburn, Danville, Mechanic Falls and Poland. Minot's first settlers were extremely rugged individuals and carved this beautiful town of its rugged scenic hills. The Town of Minot is divided into three sections, known as Minot, Center Minot and West Minot. Minot is nestled in the foothills. It lies in the picture perfect postcard section of Minot known as West Minot. Through West Minot's roads of stream, which is well known as Bog Brook. Anybody who is anybody in that area knows of Bog Brook.

Minot's history has had some really interesting characters like Jackass Annie, which a road in Minot was named after. Jackass Annie was a courageous woman who along with her beloved horse and dog took off on a trek across country where she settled out west. All along her journey this woman would fend for herself. Jackass Annie would sleep in barns. She worked on jobs to be able to feed herself. She met along the way and she touched the lives of many a good person on her trip across country. The present day inhabitants of Minot still show that same strong and courageous will. Today Minot is one of the fastest growing towns in Maine.

What really impresses me about the people are that they are truly civic minded. Attend their yearly town meeting and you will see a room full of enthusiastic town people who are actively debating and voting up and down items on the town warrant. As a matter a fact this year because it is their 200th anniversary, many of the ladies and gentlemen dress in their turn of the century barb. Each year the town's folk get together and put on a country picnic at Blackies Farm to raise funds for a local historical church. Everyone who is anyone makes sure to attend this gathering. By the way, I always make sure that this is part of my summer plans. Minot will soon celebrate its 200th year birthday with many functions. The three churches will have a service on May 19, 2002, a parade on June 22, 2002 and a culture day on July 6, 2002. Minot issues each and every one of you and welcomes all interested Maine people to join and help celebrate their 200th birthday. God bless the town and people of Minot and may I, as their proud Representative, wish Minot a very happy birthday. Thank you.

PASSED and sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

Recognizing:

Jean Pedneault, of Edmundston, New Brunswick, reporter and editor for Le Madawaska, the French-language newspaper based in Edmundston, New Brunswick, and serving the St. John Valley in northern New Brunswick and Northern Maine. Mr. Pedneault has worked for the newspaper for the past 31 years and is one of the founders of the International Press Association of the Madawaska Republic. An eloquent writer, he has always been an inquisitive and thorough investigative reporter of events of interest to the francophone population on both sides of the international border as well as a champion of worthwhile causes in his weekly editorials. In 1985, he received the Quebecair Award of the Association of Canadian Weekly Newspapers for the best journalistic reporting of the year. He received an award from Pope John Paul II for service to the Church. In 1989, he was named Knight of the Order of the Pleiade of the International Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians. Mr. Pedneault holds the rare distinction of Doctor of Journalism, granted to him by the University of Moncton in May 2001. He generously donates his time to many civic and community organizations in the area. Mr. Pedneault is a truly remarkable man and an exceptional journalist;

Don Levesque -- porte-parole irrépressible pour les francophones et les gens de bonne volonté.

Don Levesque, of Edmundston, New Brunswick, general manager and managing editor of the St. John Valley Times, the award-winning newspaper of northern Aroostook County. Mr. Levesque has been a member of the International Press Association of the Madawaska Republic since 1988 and served as its president in 1992. He served in Vietnam and is active in veterans activities. He is a strong advocate of the French language and culture as well as a tireless proponent of bilingualism in the St. John Valley. Although well known as an accomplished journalist, he is probably better known as the writer of the bilingual column, Mon Cinq Cents (My Five Cents Worth). He has published a popular book on local French words and expressions. He is an irrepressible spokesman for francophones;

Recognizing:


Beurmond Banville -- excellent journaliste et membre estimé de la communauté.

Beurmond Banville, of Frenchville, who is the northern and central Aroostook reporter for the Bangor Daily News and chief of its Madawaska bureau. Mr. Banville has worked for the newspaper for the past 30 years. He has spent most of his working life reporting on events of interest in Aroostook County. In addition to being a first-rate reporter, he is an accomplished photographer. He is one of the founders of the International Press Association of the Madawaska Republic. He was named Frenchville's Citizen of the Year in 1994 and generously donates his time to many civic and community organizations in the area. In 1995, he was one of 4 adult Scouters of Katahdin Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, to receive the Silver Beaver Award, the council's highest recognition for distinguished service to youth and the community. He has been awarded the Heroism Award for Life Saving. Mr. Banville is an excellent journalist and valuable community member;

(HLS 1002)

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville. Copresented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook, Representative MICHAUD of Fort Kent, Representative SMITH of Van Buren.

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Statute

Representative KANE from 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 Land for Maine's Future Board Under the Government Evaluation Act" (H.P. 1650) (L.D. 2156)

Reporting Ought to Pass pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4. Report was READ and ACCEPTED. The Bill was READ ONCE.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED and sent for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Joint Order

Representative KANE from the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Resolve, to Name the New Psychiatric Treatment Center Located in Augusta (H.P. 1652) (L.D. 2158)

Reporting Ought to Pass pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1604. Report was READ and ACCEPTED. The Resolve was READ ONCE.

Under suspension of the rules the Resolve was given its SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day: (S.P. 539)  (L.D. 1670) Bill "An Act Regarding Child Abandonment" Committee on JUDICIARY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-447)

(S.P. 664)  (L.D. 1855) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Regulatory Authority of the Maine Forest Service Regarding Forestry-related Quarantines" Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-446)
Amendment "A" (S-449)  
Second Day.

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Committee Amendment "A" (H-859) reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-449)

(H.P. 1434)  (L.D. 1931) Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Seeds of Peace International Camp Scholarships and Property Tax Payment" Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-859)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR  
Second Day

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

(H.P. 1401)  (L.D. 1840) Bill "An Act to Amend the Uniform Commercial Code, Article 9-A" (C. "A" H-857)

(H.P. 1507)  (L.D. 2010) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Background Checks on Prospective Adoptive Parents" (C. "A" H-856)

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

(H.P. 1515)  (L.D. 2019) Bill "An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking" (C. "A" H-855)

On motion of Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, was REMOVED from the Second Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was READ and ACCEPTED. The Bill was READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-855) was READ by the Clerk and ADOPTED.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

The same Representative PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-866), which was READ by the Clerk and ADOPTED.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-855) and House Amendment "A" (H-866) and sent for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS  
Emergency Measure


Reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 108 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was PASSED TO BE ENACTED, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts


Reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, PASSED TO BE ENACTED, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act Concerning Confidentiality of Investigations by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (S.P. 688) (L.D. 1890)

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

On motion of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, was SET ASIDE.

On further motion of the same Representative, TABLED pending PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED and later today assigned.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act to Create the Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy" (H.P. 1505) (L.D. 2008)

- In House, Minority (5) OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-791) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-809) thereto on February 26, 2002.

- In Senate, Reports READ and Bill and accompanying papers COMMITTED to the Committee on BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT in NON-CONCURRENCE.

TABLED - March 4, 2002 (Till Later Today) by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

PENDING – FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

On motion of Representative MCDONOUGH of Portland, the House voted to ADHERE.

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

An Act to Create the Adult Education Outreach Grant Program (H.P. 1530) (L.D. 2033) (C. "A" H-774)

TABLED - February 19, 2002 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Livermore.

PENDING – PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED.

Subsequently, the Bill was PASSED TO BE ENACTED, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.
HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (12) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment “A” (H-827) - Minority (1) Ought Not to Pass - Committee on BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act to Require Continuing Education in the Cosmetology, Manicuring, Aesthetics and Barbering Fields" (H.P. 1107) (L.D. 1476)

Tabled - February 26, 2002 (Till Later Today) by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

PENDING – Motion of same Representative to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report.

On motion of Representative MCHAUD of Fort Kent, the Bill and all accompanying papers were COMMITTED to the Committee on BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and sent for concurrence.

An Act Directing the Department of Human Services to Annually Adjust Dental Reimbursement Rates Under the Medicaid Program (H.P. 375) (L.D. 477) (C. “B” H-783)

Tabled - February 26, 2002 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Livermore.

PENDING – PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED.

Subsequently, the Bill was PASSED TO BE ENACTED, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (6) Ought Not to Pass - Minority (5) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-442) - Committee on TAXATION on Bill "An Act Regarding Cigarette Tax Stamps" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 692) (L.D. 1894)

- In Senate, Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Tabled - March 5, 2002 (Till Later Today) by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report.

Subsequently, the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report was ACCEPTED in concurrence.

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

An Act to Extend the Period During Which the Passamaquoddy Tribe May Acquire Land in the City of Calais (H.P. 1479) (L.D. 1980)

TABLED - March 5, 2002 (Till Later Today) by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.

PENDING – RECONSIDERATION. (Returned by the Governor without his approval)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Passamaquoddy Nation, Representative Soctomah.

Representative SOCTOMAH: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This bill was brought forward as an extension bill. The Governor vetoed it. I am not opposing this bill. I want to make that statement for the record. I am not going to oppose this veto. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot Nation, Representative Loring.

Representative LORING: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The Penobscot Nation does not wish to oppose the Governor's veto.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is shall this bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 495V


ABSENT - Bagley, Baker, Boffard, Bunker, Jodrey, Marrache, Mendros, Paradis, Pinkham, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, 47; No, 94; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

47 having voted in the affirmative and 94 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was Sustained.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code to Address Terrorism" (S.P. 801) (L.D. 2160)

Came from the Senate, REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Corinna Water District to Allow for the Appointment of Trustees" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 800) (L.D. 2159)

Came from the Senate, REFERRED to the Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.
On motion of Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, the House adjourned at 11:42 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2002 in honor and lasting tribute to Archie Ross, of Chebeague Island and Adrien "Butch" Boucher, of Westbrook.