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HOUSE

Friday, February 6, 1970

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. William Dunstan of Gardiner.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: In the interest of time is there any objection to taking up Reports of Committees and first reading of Bills and Resolves out of order? The Chair hears none.

House Report of Committee Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment Tabled Later in the Day

Mr. Berman from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws" (H. P. 1412) (L. D. 1779) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice. Committee Amendment "A", being L. D. 1846, was read by the Clerk and adopted. Under suspension of the rules the Bill was read the third time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, before this bill is passed to be engrossed I would inquire of the House Chairman of the Judiciary Committee as to whether or not there are any substantive changes in the law as opposed to merely corrective changes, are there any substantive changes in the law proposed by the Omnibus Bill, and if there are I would appreciate his advising the members of the House as to what these changes might be.

This is sort of a biennial exchange of information between myself and the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Berman. He shares I know my concern that we should not effect substantive changes in the law without public hearing and certainly without full knowledge on

the part of the House as to what it is doing.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson, poses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Berman, who may answer if he chooses.

Mr. BERMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would be glad to answer the gentleman's question. As a matter of fact I called it to his attention before we went into session this morning and I am sorry to have to take up a few minutes of your time now to put it on the record.

As I understand it there is one substantive change, not in the committee amendment which is appearing today under L. D. 1846 I believe, but in the bill itself which I was asked to sponsor by the Director of Legislative Research.

Apparently during the regular session we passed a bill in the interest of health that would allow physicians to give youngsters treatment for — well what this morning I suppose I would call a social disease. At that time inadvertently we left out — or the Legislature left out including — we left out the inclusion of osteopathic physicians. So this time when the Omnibus Bill came in we included osteopathic physicians. If there are any other questions I would be glad to try to answer them.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson, moves that this be tabled until later in today's session pending passage to be engrossed.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Communication:

THE SENATE OF MAINE
AUGUSTA

February 5, 1970

Honorable Bertha W. Johnson
Clerk of the House of Representatives

104th Legislature

Dear Madam Clerk:

The Senate today voted to Adhere to its action whereby it Indefinitely Postponed, Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Funds for