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of the Committee. As many Senators as are in favor of reconsideration will please say "Yes"; those opposed "No".

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

The President laid before the Senate the eighth tabled and specially assigned matter:

"An Act Reconstituting and More Effectively Coordinating the Maine Commission on Drug Abuse and the Division of Alcoholism and Providing an Alternative Sentencing for Violators of Drug Laws. (S. P. 635) (L. D. 2008)

Tabled — June 18, 1973 by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

Pending — Enactment.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed.

The same Senator then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-245, was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brennan.

Mr. BRENNAN: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I don't see Senate Amendment "A", so would the good Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers, explain what it does?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers.

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This particular amendment would remove the law enforcement function, or make it clear to the law enforcement function of drug prevention would not be included in the new Office of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism Services. It was done at the request of the Attorney General's Office. When they were reading down through the bill and realized the broad powers given to the Office of Drug Abuse, the proposed new office of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism Services, there was some concern that the new office would have some sort of veto power over the law enforcement functions of the Attorney General's Office. This amendment is

designed to make it clear that the Attorney General's Office will have the sole duties and responsibilities for the law enforcement of drug abuse.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to adopt Senate Amendment "A"?

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the ninth tabled and specially assigned matter:

An Act to Reform the Methods of Computing Benefit Payments under Workmen's Compensation Act. (S. P. 427) (L. D. 1287)

Tabled — June 18, 1973 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Enactment.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, retabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Enactment.

The President laid before the Senate the tenth tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act to Protect the Rights of Injured Persons under the Workmen's Compensation Law." (H. P. 1584) (L. D. 2011)

Tabled — June 18, 1973 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. TANOUS of Penobscot then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-243, was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator has the floor.

Mr. TANOUS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: The amendment was prepared by Asa Richardson of the Department of Transportation, and substantially rewrites the bill in its present form. But he felt the amended version, I guess, would be a better version of the bill, so he submitted that to me to present for our consideration.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to adopt Senate Amendment "A"?

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted and the Bill, as