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them in jail, or opening up the standards, or relaxing the standards, is not the only solution, nor is it a solution for the problems cited about the northern counties and transferring juveniles, et cetera. There are some good things in this bill, which is why I will not be asking for a division. I am not asking for that. I am merely making the point. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Benoit.

Senator **BENOIT:** Thank you, Mr. President. May it please the Senate. I will be very brief. I didn't complete the story about going to school and having a big case load and, finally, after six years, a clerk saying, on a Wednesday, "Judge, we don't have any more juvenile cases pending. The docket is clear." I didn't tell you what happened after that. I said, "Good. I'm going fishing." And, I did.

Which was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, As Amended**, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Reform Campaign Finance"  
I.B. 5 L.D. 1823  
(C "A" H-836)

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME.**

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator McCormick.

Senator **McCORMICK:** Thank you, Mr. President, Men and Women of the Senate. I just wanted to thank the members of this body for their overwhelming vote yesterday, in favor of this important piece of legislation. Some of you are new to this body; but some of the rest of us have been working on campaign finance reform forever, it seems like, years at least, in this particular body. As you all know, this is a citizen initiated petition. I hope that our vote was truly from the heart and that we will be true to the hearts and minds of the citizens who signed this, over 50,000 citizens, and keep it whole. Thank you.

Which was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, As Amended**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Senate As Amended**

Bill "An Act to Encourage Enterprises Engaged in Agriculture and Aquaculture in Maine"  
S.P. 734 L.D. 1843  
(C "A" S-542)

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, As Amended.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine" (Emergency)  
S.P. 711 L.D. 1811  
(C "A" S-541)

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME.**

On motion by Senator **MILLS** of Somerset, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-541).

On further motion by the same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-555) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-541) **READ.**

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Mills.

Senator **MILLS:** Mr. President, Men and Women of

the Senate. You know it is late in the session when we begin correcting errors in the errors bill. We understand, from our analytical assistants, that the paragraphs that are being deleted by this amendment contain substance that has already been dealt with by the committee of jurisdiction. Thus, they are surplusage and should be eliminated from the errors bill. Thank you.

On further motion by the same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-555) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-541) **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-541), as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-555), thereto, **ADOPTED.**

The Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, As Amended.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Provide for Assisted Living Services"

S.P. 731 L.D. 1835  
(C "A" S-544)

Which was **READ A SECOND TIME.**

On motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of York, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-544).

On further motion by the same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-552) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-544) **READ.**

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Carpenter.

Senator **CARPENTER:** Thank you, Mr. President. This is a very minor, technical amendment. When we proofread the bill we noticed that there were quotation marks within quotation marks and it should have been just quotation marks. Thank you.

On further motion by the same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-552) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-544) **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-544), as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-552), thereto, **ADOPTED.**

The Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, As Amended.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Out of order, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Today Assigned matter:

**SENATE REPORTS** from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Initiate Education Reform in Maine"

S.P. 701 L.D. 1791

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-549) (11 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-550) (2 members)

Tabled - March 29, 1996, by Senator **AMERO** of Cumberland.

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc moved that the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-549)** Report.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Small.

Senator **SMALL:** Thank you, Mr. President, Men and Women of the Maine Senate. L.D. 1791, Committee Amendment "A", is the end result of many hours of work by the Education Committee to take the legitimate concerns heard at the public hearing and incorporate those changes into the Learning Results Bill. I will attempt to outline what the bill now