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ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at 3:00 in the afternoon.

**READ and PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **MARTIN**: Madame President and members of the Senate, I would ask you all to think for a moment during the next week as we move along about the legislation that we have adopted and sent to the Governor enacts legislation. Keep in mind that school funding is included in that. Because it will not take effect until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which will be in three months and roughly after July, cities and towns will need to borrow money in anticipation of state money because there will be no money coming to them. This leaves us now in the position of the following, and I'd like you to think about this. It means, one, we adjourn in March, which I am not a proponent of doing again. It is an option so cities and towns can start getting their money on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The second option, which has been used by the legislature in the past, is that we could pass an emergency enactor enacting the chapter and making that effective as an emergency. Those are our two options. When we come back in the next week, I would ask all of you in this chamber and in the other chamber to think of which approach we ought to take. I prefer the latter but if necessary I will stand here moving to adjourn in March so that cities and towns and school districts would not have to borrow. That's where we are. Those are our two options and I'd ask you, as we leave, to think about them. Thank you, Madame President.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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On motion by Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at 3:00 in the afternoon.