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OF THE

## **State Of Maine**

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#### **HOUSE AND SENATE LEGISLATIVE SENTIMENTS**

December 5, 1990 to December 1, 1992

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Tabled until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator BOST of Penobscot to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report (Roll Call Ordered).

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE  
Non-concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Implement the Jobs Creation Bond Package" (Emergency)

H.P. 1708 L.D. 2389  
(S "C" S-595)

In House, March 3, 1992, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

In Senate, March 9, 1992, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "C" (S-595) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" (H-1280) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

On motion by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec, the Senate RECEDED and CONCURRED.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE  
House Papers**

Bill "An Act Regarding Electronic Banking Terminals"

H.P. 1765 L.D. 2448

Committee on BANKING & INSURANCE suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House, under suspension of the Rules, READ TWICE and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, without reference to a Committee.

Which was, under suspension of the Rules, READ ONCE, without reference to a Committee.

The Bill LATER ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act Concerning the Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency"

S.P. 969 L.D. 2449

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of York (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York Committee on UTILITIES suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was, under suspension of the Rules, READ TWICE and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, without reference to a Committee.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
House**

**Ought to Pass As Amended**

The Committee on HUMAN RESOURCES on Bill "An Act to Legalize Marijuana for Medicinal Purposes"

H.P. 1729 L.D. 2420

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1281).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1281).

Which Report was READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Gould.

Senator GOULD: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I know this is a unanimous report out of the committee. I am not really rising to oppose the Bill. I am rising because Section 3 of the Bill says "a person is authorized to possess a usable amount of marijuana if the person possesses the marijuana for the sole purpose of providing the marijuana without compensation to a person described in section 1 or 2. In section 1 or 2, it is a person who has glaucoma or a person with side effects from chemotherapy or radiation therapy. By that section of the law is it going to be an enforcement nightmare for police officers trying to enforce possession of marijuana being illegal? If you had a relative that had glaucoma, you could possess a usable amount of marijuana and it would not be illegal. I am sure there will be a lot of people out there that will have relatives or friends that have one of these diseases, therefore, that possession would go undetected. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley.

Senator CONLEY: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This section is being looked at by the Attorney General and I believe the Governor's Office is also looking at it. I would ask if someone might table it until later today? Thank you.

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Tabled until Later in Today's Session, pending ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**ENACTORS**

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

An Act to Amend the Date for Compliance with the State's River Color Standards

H.P. 1721 L.D. 2407  
(C "A" H-1162)

Which was PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE  
Non-concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act Concerning the Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement" (Emergency)

H.P. 1629 L.D. 2292  
(H "A" H-1186 to C "A" H-1106)

In House, March 25, 1992, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.