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HOUSE AND SENATE LEGISLATIVE SENTIMENTS

December 5, 1990 to December 1, 1992

An Act to Restructure State Government

S.P. 929 L.D. 2384
(S "C" S-704; S "H"
S-723; H "A" H-1297 to
C "A" S-680; H "A"
H-1317)

On motion by Senator **BRANNIGAN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**.

An Act to Establish Economic Recovery Tax Credits

S.P. 960 L.D. 2430
(H "A" H-1299)

On motion by Senator **BRANNIGAN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**.

Emergency

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Responsibilities of Code Enforcement Officers to Approve Plans or Technical Submissions by Architects

S.P. 798 L.D. 1997
(C "A" S-601)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 25 Members of the Senate, with No Senators having voted in the negative, and 25 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec, the Senate removed from the Later Today Assigned Table the following:

An Act Concerning the Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement

H.P. 1629 L.D. 2292
(H"A" H-1186; S"A"
S-739; to C"A"
H-1106; H"A"
H-1282)

Tabled - March 29, 1992, by Senator **BUSTIN** of Kennebec.

Pending - **ENACTMENT**

(In Senate, March 29, 1992, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.)

(In House, March 29, 1992, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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

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 Legalize Marijuana for Medicinal Purposes

H.P. 1729 L.D. 2420
(H "A" H-1312 to C "A"
H-1281)

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of Aroostook, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **CONLEY:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This Bill was discussed in the senate a couple of days ago and I want to assure this body this was discussed carefully by the Committee on Human Resources. It is a unanimous report. It was reviewed by the Judiciary Committee and the Attorney General has reviewed this language and as you can see there are a number of amendments that have been placed on here. I can understand that there are some people who under no circumstances, whatsoever, would want to avoid any person a defense. That's all that this Bill does in a court of law for possession of marijuana. As I indicated to the body previously, the people that this law is designed to help are people who are suffering from cancer or glaucoma and in fact are getting radiation treatments and therefore, in need of marijuana as a very last resort. Again, it does not technically make marijuana legal. It only gives somebody a defense in a court of law. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **BRANNIGAN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT** (Roll Call Ordered).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Concerning Fuel Oil and Coal Used in Manufacturing Processes"

H.P. 1755 L.D. 2441

Tabled - March 29, 1992, by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.)

(In House, March 29, 1992, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.)

On motion by Senator **BOST** of Penobscot, Tabled until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Resolve, to Transfer Certain State Lands to the Maine Veterans' Home

S.P. 973 L.D. 2459

Tabled - March 29, 1992, by Senator **CLARK** of Cumberland.

Pending - Motion by Senator **WEBSTER** of Franklin to **REFER** to the Committee on **ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES**

(Committee on **ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and **ORDERED PRINTED**.)

Senator **WEBSTER** of Franklin requested and received Leave of the Senate to withdraw his motion to **REFER** to the Committee on **ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Senator **VOSE** of Washington moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The same Senator further moved to Table 1 Legislative Day, pending the motion by same Senator to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senator **VOSE** of Washington requested and received Leave of the Senate to withdraw his motion to **TABLE 1 LEGISLATIVE DAY**.