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Bill, "An Act to Amend the Land Use Regulation Commission Law." (H. P. 627) (L. D. 851)

ask leave to report: that the House recede and concur with the Senate and Pass the Bill to be Engrossed, as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-471) and Senate Amendment "C" (S-239).

On the part of the Senate:

SCHULTEN of Sagadahoc
CUMMINGS of Penobscot
MARCOTTE of York

On the part of the House:

HERRICK of Harmony
WHEELER of Portland

Which report was Read and Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the following unassigned matter:

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

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Minkowsky of Androscoggin then presented Senate Amendment "C" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "C", Filing No. S-264, was Read and Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the following tabled and unassigned matter:

Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws." (S. P. 678) (L. D. 2044)

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

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

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This is the wrap-up bill from the Judiciary Committee and obviously, looking at that document in your hand, it takes a great deal of time to be able to read through this document to see exactly what the

contents are. I would just like to pose a question to the Chairman of the Judiciary, that, if this is indeed a bill to correct errors and inconsistencies within the present law, if he could please explain to me and to other members of the Senate, on page 42 of this document, Section 2302, under jurisdiction, I would like to know what the errors and the inconsistencies are relative to the general law at this time?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Conley, has posed a question through the Chair which the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Tanous, may answer if he so desires.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Tanous.

Mr. TANOUS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: As perhaps those of you who served in the legislature before realize, that my sub-chairman of Judiciary, Sam Slosberg, prepares many of these amendments. If you refer to page 6 of the explanations on every one of these sections, at the bottom you will notice that Section 192 — it is difficult to read because the printing isn't clear — but according to the explanations on this particular section, according to Mr. Slosberg, this corrects an inconsistency, as the district court fund was repealed by Public Law 1967 Chapter 449. We have repealed this, and this corrects the language in that particular section.

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

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: As I read supposedly the correction here, it is just a further erosion of the district court fund. I know that there are many of you who know that once the district court fund is sent back to the communities it helps to lower the property tax rate within those communities. I have always taken a strong position against having the court being run on a cash register basis, and that is why the general fund was set up at that time that the good Senator from Penobscot, Senator Tanous, makes reference to. But I think in looking at this correction

here, it is just further erosion of the district court fund, and it is only going to be loss of revenue to the municipalities.

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

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, tabled, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Penobscot,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.