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Legislature***

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Wednesday, March 16, 1977

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Pastor Martin O'Brien of The Bible Speaks, Auburn.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate
Later Today Assigned

The following Joint Order, An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing that: the Hampden Academy Boys' Basketball Team has won the Eastern Class B Championship for the Academic Year 1977. (S. P. 277)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read.

On motion of Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls, tabled pending passage in concurrence and later today assigned.

The following Joint Order, An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing that: Alta Rogers has retired after 27 years of faithful and devoted public service to the Community of Hampden. (S. P. 276)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls, tabled pending passage in concurrence and later today assigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Suspend Certain Municipal Charter Provisions to Fiscal Year Transitions" (Emergency) (S. P. 285) (L. D. 890) (Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 25)

Came from the Senate, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed without reference to a Committee, and ordered printed.

In the House, under suspension of the rules, the Bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

Reports of Committees
Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Education reporting "Leave to Withdraw" on Bill "An Act Relating to School Construction" (Emergency) (S. P. 183) (L. D. 497)

Report of the Committee on Human Resources reporting "Leave to Withdraw" on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Reporting of Child Abuse or Child Neglect" (S. P. 99) (L. D. 228)

Came from the Senate with the reports read and accepted.

In the House, the reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Messages and Documents

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE

Notice to the 108th Legislature of the State of Maine on the seating of Jed Davis of Fayette. to: Honorable Edwin H. Pert, Clerk, State of Maine House of Representatives

Respectfully Represents, Jed Davis of Fayette, County of Kennebec and State of Maine.

Your petitioner hereby respectfully withdraws the petition dated January 5, 1977. Dated: March 11, 1977

Signed:

JED DAVIS

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

The following Communication: (S. P. 286)
STATE OF MAINE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE

March 11, 1977

To the Honorable Members of the House of Representatives and Senate of the 108th Maine Legislature:

I am this date returning without my signature and approval S. P. 4, L. D. 9, "An Act Repealing the Requirement for Wearing Motorcycle Helmets".

I would like to pay particular tribute to the method and manner with which the proponents in the Legislature, especially Representative Harland Goodwin, have cooperated with my office in a mutual effort to convey to each other the facts and reasoning supporting each side of this issue. I appreciate the points made with regard to the individual's freedom of choice and the inconclusive nature of some evidence relative to safety. However, for the following reasons I am compelled to return this bill to the Legislature for further consideration and action.

First, the most recent statistics unfortunately were received by this office and apparently did not become public until after the Legislature voted on the bill. In this regard, at the very least I want to give the Legislature an opportunity to reconsider this bill in light of the statistics.

In the State of New Jersey, the **Motorcycle Safety Helmet Effectiveness Study** conducted by the Division of Motor Vehicles, Office of Highway Safety, reported that the statewide mortality rate for motorcycle accidents decreased from 9.3 fatalities per 10,000 licensed motorcycle drivers to 5.3 per 10,000 after enactment of the law requiring motorcycle helmets.

The New Jersey study also reports, and we have confirmed this with the Rhode Island Highway Safety Committee, that in 1976 there were 19 motorcycle fatalities in Rhode Island, with only one of these deaths occurring during the five month period when a motorcycle helmet law was in effect and the remaining 18 fatalities occurring during the seven month period after the repeal of the helmet law. Parenthetically, I am told there is presently a bill before the Rhode Island Legislature to reinstate the helmet law.

In California, which does not have a helmet law, the University of California at Davis School of Medicine in 1970 reviewed the reports of 626 motorcycle accidents and recorded these findings:

1. Non-helmeted drivers were injured twice as often as helmeted drivers.

2. Serious injury occurred nearly three times as often to non-helmeted drivers.

3. Statistically significant decreases in all head injury rates were detected when helmets were worn.

This study was cited in **A Review of Conflicting Reports Concerning the Safety of Motorcycle Helmets**, prepared for the 1977 Maryland General Assembly by the Office of Highway Safety Programs, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.

There is additional statistical evidence from the State of Maryland and from other states which indicates that helmets do save lives. I realize that statistical data can be constructed in a number of ways to support various arguments. However, in this instance, I believe the benefit of the doubt has to go to the safety of the motorcycle driver and to the protection of human life.

To cite Representative Bachrach's most appropriate reference to the opinion of the United States District Court of Massachusetts on this matter, "the risks do not involve only the motorcycle driver, since the public has an interest in minimizing resources directly involved, in that from moment of injury, society picks the person off the highway, delivers him

to a municipal hospital and municipal doctors, provides him with unemployment compensation if, after recovery, he cannot replace his lost job, and, if injury causes permanent disability, assumes responsibility for his and his family's continued subsistence". I would add to this that I would not want any individual who may be involved in an accident with a motorcycle burdened with the feeling of guilt that a life might have been saved or injury prevented had the motorcyclist been wearing a helmet.

As I stated, I recognize the Legislature's right to disagree and I respect their judgment in this matter as there are well reasoned arguments by proponents of the bill. If the Legislature should choose to enact L. D. 9 over my veto, I would plead with motorcyclists to ride with helmets and to provide themselves with the best possible protection in all motoring circumstances. I would also plead with them and with the industry to improve helmet design and capability, since I understand that there are arguments to be made with regard to hearing difficulties and vision problems. If L. D. 9 should become law, we in the Executive will closely monitor this situation and if there is any evidence of increase in serious injury due to the lack of helmets we will propose legislation to reinstate the helmet requirement.

Very truly yours,

Signed:

JAMES B. LONGLEY
Governor

Came from the Senate, read and ordered placed on file.

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

The accompanying Bill, "An Act Repealing the Requirement for Wearing Motorcycle Helmets." (S. P. 4) (L. D. 9)

In the Senate, March 15, 1977, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with his objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

26 voted in favor and 5 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become a law, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, since two-thirds of the members of the Senate so voted.

Signed:

MAY M. ROSS

Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is, Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limerick, Mr. Carroll.

Mr. CARROLL: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It was my duty as House Chairman to weigh all the factors in regard to the motorcycle helmet law. It was also my duty as a citizen who lives in the State of Maine, who loves this state very much and is concerned for the welfare of all the people, to disagree with my committee. I practically stood alone, one other member stood with me, in disagreeing with the repeal of the motorcycle helmet law.

I felt, from evidence presented to me, that the motorcycle helmet law had saved lives, and the purpose of laws in our state is to protect the public, to protect the individuals concerned. I have great concern that we do have problems with those who feel that the motorcycle helmet law violates their free speech and their free privileges throughout this land, shall I wear or shall I not wear a helmet?

As a motorist who travels down the highway and observes these people on these vehicles, I have great concern for their safety. I have great concern for their judgment many times when I see them perform foolish acts on the highways. But I am also a human being and I perform foolish acts sometimes on the highway, only I am in a four-wheel vehicle, protected by a certain amount of steel around me and have a certain amount of protection within the body of a vehicle for my personal self. But the person on a motorcycle who travels down the highway, he has very little protection and should he even have an animal come out in front of him, he could be thrown from his vehicle and go skidding down the highway on his side, on his back or in any position.

I happen to have in my family a daughter-in-law who is a nurse and works for a doctor and has had a case come into them where this young man was thrown from his motorcycle, went scaling down the highway, and had he not had a helmet on, he would have had a hole worn in his head, but with his helmet, he had protection. It wore a hole in the helmet, but it just took the flesh off the side of his head. She asked me if I wouldn't give a little added incentive to try to retain this law.

When all these young men appeared before us in our committee, I had great concern for them also as individuals. We have the snowmobile public, they travel on their snowmobiles, and we did not mandate that they should wear a helmet; yet, about every snowmobiler in the state wears a helmet, you never see them without one.

Naturally, I have mixed emotions and mixed feelings. Therefore, when this appeared before us prior to this, I declined to rise and speak on the subject, because I felt that I was outnumbered and that I would merely be a voice speaking in the wilderness. But I do, today, hope that you will use your best judgment and realize there was a good and justifiable reason for the helmet law.

There are many people who say that this is not properly manufactured, that it is a hazard, that it has its good points, but it also has many factors outweighing, and they would like to have the prerogative of wearing this helmet or not wearing it.

I would like to point out to you that a person who is injured on a motorcycle could very easily become a charge of the public; he could become a person whose insurance would be all gone, and then he would be turned over to us, the citizens of the state, to support him and to maintain his family. I know of an instance where the State of Maine is paying a substantial amount of money every month to support a family of eight children because the father was riding a motorcycle and was seriously injured.

Therefore, realizing that I may be outvoted here today, but also realizing I have a responsibility to all the people and not to just those who ride motorcycles, I would hope that we would retain our motorcycle helmet law. I trust that you will use your good judgment and your wisdom and that you will render a wise decision here this morning; therefore, I will not sustain this debate one minute longer. I feel this is in the hands of the legislature. You have an opportunity here now to keep the helmet law or to vote it down. I leave this to your good judgment, but I hope that when you vote, you will weigh this very carefully.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Berwick, Mr. Goodwin.

Mr. GOODWIN: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House: It is not often that I get honored in a veto message. I really want to thank the Governor for that.

I would like to point out just a couple of points because, as I stated when we voted on it before,

just about everything has been said that could be said. I would just like to touch on a couple of points that the Governor made in his veto message.

First of all, he mentioned the New Jersey study. I have gone over that and I have had other people who have gone over that, the American Motorcycle Association went over this study, and rather than get into a hassle about statistics, I would just like to point out that when you take a look at the New Jersey fatality rates, based on the number of accidents, it is almost equal from before they had the helmet law and after they had the helmet law.

The Governor also mentions the Rhode Island situation. He mentions that only one of these deaths occurred in the five-month period when the motorcycle helmet law was in effect, and the remaining 18 fatalities occurred in the seven months after repeal. Well, if someone takes a look at the Rhode Island situation, they would realize that the one death before the repeal came during the winter months and the repeal went into effect, I think, in May and it was off during the summer months when everybody was riding.

He also mentions a Maryland study. The only thing I have to say on that is the fact that the Maryland Legislature has just recently passed a repeal of the helmet law.

Rather than get into a prolonged discussion here, I think we have all heard the pros and cons, I could bore you for half an hour with statistics from studies in other states, what has happened in California, which has never had a helmet law, yet contains 25 percent of all the motorcycles registered in the country and the fact that they have lower fatality rates than most of your other states that do have helmet laws. I could tell you my experiences riding on a bike. I have ridden in states that don't have helmet laws. We have got about 14 states right now that don't have them, and there are bills to repeal it in many other states. New Hampshire's is going through the mill, Vermont is going through.

Everything else aside, I think we come right down to the basic question of whether or not an individual who rides a motorcycle should be allowed to make up his own mind on whether or not he wants to wear a helmet. I think it is the same argument as whether or not you want to wear a seatbelt when you are driving a car, and I just think the whole thing comes right down to an individual right situation.

I would hope that you would vote to override the Governor's veto today.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Windham, Mr. Diamond.

Mr. DIAMOND: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Just a quick point to answer a question, or at least a point, made by the previous speaker. If it were as simple as simply having those who are driving a motorcycle to wear the helmets or not wear the helmets, that would be fine, I would certainly vote to override the Governor's veto. There is one other point that should be considered, that point being that today we have fathers and mothers riding motorcycles and behind them you see children, and that is my concern. I am wondering if a father would really spend \$25 to buy his son or daughter a helmet if he didn't have to. I am concerned about that passenger, but I am mainly concerned about the kids. I really am wondering if the children riding behind their parents, or behind an adult, will get their protection. Having that concern and knowing that it is more than just the person driving the motorcycle. I would hope you would not override the Governor's veto.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. McKean.

Mr. MCKEAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I signed the "ought to

pass" report on this bill, and I feel that I was justified in making that decision, and I will tell you why. I wonder where it is going to stop; I wonder how long we are going to insult the intelligence of our constituents. The majority of the people who ride motorcycles are intelligent enough to realize that they need a helmet. Any responsible adult, any responsible parent, is intelligent enough to realize that if he had somebody on the motorcycle with him, they also need a helmet.

I will make it very short. Where do we stop? Heart attacks kill more people than motorcycles. Does that mean next year we are going to come back and say, okay, smoking causes heart attacks, so let's pass a bill and say you can't smoke or you can't eat eggs because they cause heart attacks also. Where does this thing stop? I think it is time to put a stop to it now.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. McBrearty.

Mr. MCBREARTY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Being one of the older motorcycle riders in this House and the victim of a similar veto two years ago, I have to speak on this issue.

In his veto message, the Governor has mentioned many studies that indicate that motorcyclists are safer from head injuries if they wear helmets. What the Governor did not tell us is that if similar studies were made, the same thing would be true on many things we do today. Thousands receive head injuries every year from riding in automobiles, horseback riding, playing baseball, bicycling, walking along the highways, snowmobiling, skiing, skating, and many other activities too numerous to mention.

One of my town's greatest losses was when former Congressman Clifford McIntyre died from head injuries he received when he slipped on a ladder and fell in a seven foot cellar hole. I am sure that if it had been mandatory to wear a helmet to climb a ladder, Clifford would be alive today.

If the Governor is really concerned for our safety, why doesn't he send the helmet bill back and request that it be amended to protect all the people of the State of Maine?

I am sure those of you who were here in the regular session of the 107th must remember L. D. 1030. L. D. 1030 was my snowmobile bill that the Governor vetoed because he read something that told him many snowmobilers would be killed if he did not veto the bill.

I am very pleased to report today that in the two years since we overrode the Governor's veto and L. D. 1030 became law, the fatality rate for snowmobilers has been slightly more than half of the fatality rate for the two years prior to passage of L. D. 1030.

Studies can be conducted in such a way that many times we get the answers we want. I am sure it would be wrong, but possible, to say a study of snowmobilers the last two years indicates that our override of Governor Longley's veto of L. D. 1030 prevented him from being guilty of the death of several snowmobilers.

Governor Longley states in his veto message to us, "If the Legislature should choose to enact L. D. 9 over my veto, I would plead with motorcyclists to ride with helmets and to provide themselves with the best possible protection in all motoring circumstances." I feel sure that if we override this veto, motorcycle riders and the motorcycle industry will do just that.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I was here when this helmet law was enacted. At that time, I was in opposition to Mr. Goodwin, but I believe something should be told to the House here that hasn't been brought out, and that is the fact that before the helmet bill was enacted, Congress had made certain decisions down there, and

they also had passed this requisition. Here in the State of Maine it was whispered that we wouldn't get federal money if we didn't enact this bill. That was the big whisper behind it. Whether that is so or not, I can't prove, but right now, with Congress turning around and reversing themselves on this helmet bill and revoking it down there, I don't think we should keep it any longer. I think you are now being mandatory on our citizens. I think they should have the right of their own free judgment. I will vote to override the veto.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Yarmouth, Mr. Jackson.

Mr. JACKSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I welcome this as a coming trend. I welcome the fact that we will soon be able to get rid of seatbelts and the buzzers, we will have fireworks back, and those darn little medicine bottles that you can't open, you will be able to get them open again.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is, shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays are ordered. If you are in favor of this Bill becoming law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, you will vote yes; if you are opposed you will vote no.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Aloupis, Ault, Bagley, Bennett, Benoit, Berry, Berube, Biron, Birt, Blodgett, Brennerman, Brown, K. L.; Brown, K. C.; Bunker, Burns, Byers, Carey, Carter, D.; Carter, F.; Chonko, Churchill, Conners, Connolly, Cote, Cunningham, Curran, Devoe, Dow, Drinkwater, Dudley, Durgin, Dutremble, Elias, Fenlason, Fowlie, Garsoe, Gill, Gillis, Goodwin, H.; Goodwin, K.; Gould, Green, Greenlaw, Hall, Henderson, Hickey, Hobbins, Howe, Huber, Hughes, Hutchings, Immonen, Jacques, Jalbert, Jensen, Kane, Kany, Kelleher, Kerry, Kilcoyne, Laffin, LaPlante, LeBlanc, Lewis, Locke, Lougee, Lunt, Lynch, MacEachern, Mackel, Marshall, Masterman, Maxwell, McBairty, McHenry, McKean, McMahon, McPherson, Mills, Mitchell, Moody, Morton, Nadeau, Najarian, Nelson, M.; Nelson, N.; Peltier, Perkins, Peterson, Post, Prescott, Raymond, Rideout, Shute, Silsby, Smith, Spencer, Sprowl, Stubbs, Tarbell, Teague, Theriault, Torrey, Tozier, Trafton, Truman, Tyndale, Valentine, Whittemore, Wilfong, Wood, The Speaker.

NAY — Austin, Bachrach, Beaulieu, Boudreau, A.; Boudreau, P.; Bustin, Carrier, Carroll, Clark, Cox, Dexter, Diamond, Flanagan, Gauthier, Gray, Higgins, Hunter, Jackson, Joyce, Martin, A.; Masterton, Pearson, Quinn, Rollins, Stover, Talbot, Tarr, Tierney, Wyman.

ABSENT — Davies, Littlefield, Lizotte, Mahany, Norris, Palmer, Peakes, Strout, Twitchell.

Yes, 112; No, 29; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1.

The SPEAKER: One hundred and twelve having voted in the affirmative and twenty-nine in the negative, with nine being absent, and one hundred twelve being more than two thirds, the Governor's veto is not sustained and the Bill becomes law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.
Recessed until the sound of the gong.

**After Recess
11:30 a.m.**

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves
Requiring Reference**

The following Bills and Resolve were received and referred to the following Committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Concerning the State Revenue Sharing Funds" (H. P. 855) (Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville)

RESOLVE, Appropriating \$255,665.36 for Unpaid Liability of State of Maine to Eleanor Turner, as Administratrix of the Estate of Durwood G. Turner, Durwood G. Turner Jr., David G. Turner, Ellen S. Turner, and Francis Fitzmaurice (Emergency) (H. P. 856) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington)

Bill "An Act to Allocate Money from Federal Antirecession Fiscal Assistance Funds for the Expenditure of Municipal Government" (Emergency) (H. P. 857) (Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act to Eliminate an Exception to the Statutory Requirement that Financial Institutions have Deposit Insurance" (H. P. 858) (Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act to Require all Commercial Banks in the State to be Members of the Federal Reserve System" (H. P. 859) (Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Age Limit for Directors of Mutual Institutions" (H. P. 860) (Presented by Mr. Perkins of Blue Hill)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act Relating to the Computation of per Pupil Cost by School Administrative Units Operating New Physical Plants" (H. P. 861) (Presented by Mr. Bagley of Winthrop)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Election Laws

Bill "An Act to Restrict Election Day Political Activities Near Voter Registration Offices" (H. P. 862) (Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to require Nomination Petitions for State and County Officials to be Approved by the Board of Registration" (H. P. 863) (Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Reporting on Disputed Elections and to Regulate the Issuance of Election Certificates" (H. P. 864) (Presented by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Expedite Court Handling of Fish and Wildlife Violations of a Misdemeanor Nature by a System of Convenient Payment" (H. P. 865) (Presented by Mr. Churchill of Orland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Payments for Care of Children" (H. P. 866) (Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Provide Dental Care to Developmentally Disabled Boarding and Nursing Home Clients and to other Persons" (H. P. 867) (Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick)

Bill "An Act to Authorize a School Nursing Health Consultant to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services" (H. P. 868) (Presented by Mrs. Trafton of Auburn)

Bill "An Act Concerning Licenses for Camping Areas and Eating Establishments" (H. P. 869) (Presented by Mr. Perkins of Blue Hill)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Human Resources

Bill "An Act to Provide for 4-Year Terms of Office for Representatives, Governors and Lieutenant Governors of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians" (H. P. 870) (Presented by Mr. Fenlason of Danforth)

Bill "An Act to Establish a 6 Month Residency Requirement for Eligibility to Vote in Tribal Elections on the Indian Township Reservation of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians" (H. P. 871) (Presented by Mr. Fenlason of Danforth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Prison Furloughs for Persons Convicted of Certain Serious Crimes" (H. P. 872) (Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act to Improve the Seasonality Provision of the Employment Security Law" (H. P. 873) (Presented by Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act Relating to Workmen's Compensation for State Law Enforcement and Institutional Personnel" (H. P. 874) (Presented by Mr. Flanagan of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act Relating to Music, Dancing or Entertainment" (H. P. 875) (Presented by Mrs. Hutchings of Lincolnville)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Local and County Government

Bill "An Act Concerning County Contingent Funds and the Rate of Interest Which May be Charged for Delinquent County Taxes" (H. P. 877) (Presented by Mr. Higgins of Scarborough)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Transfer \$10,000 from the Boat Fund to the Lobster Fund" (H. P. 878) (Presented by Mrs. Post of Owl's Head)

(Cosponsor: Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Provide for Consideration of the Economic Impact of Decisions made by the Board of Environmental Protection" (H. P. 879) (Presented by Mr. Masterman of Milo)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount Allocated to Research and Development from the Maine Coastal Protection Fund" (H. P. 880) (Presented by Mr. Valentine of York)

Committee on Natural Resources was suggested.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Marine Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Telephone Companies From Charging More Than \$17.50 for the Installation of a New Telephone in a Residence" (H. P. 881) (Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act to Require the Public Utilities Commission to Conduct a Study of Telephone