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H.P. 1331 L.D. 1816
Comes from the House, with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill in NEW DRAFT PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Which Report was READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, the Bill in NEW DRAFT READ TWICE and the NEW DRAFT PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the State Retirement Laws" (S.P. 617 L.D. 1818)

Tabled - June 11, 1987, by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Pending - PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED

(In Senate, June 11, 1987, RECONSIDERED PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED.)

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Tabled until Later in Today's Session, pending PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Turnpike Authority Act"

H.P. 1323 L.D. 1806
Tabled - June 11, 1987, by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Pending - PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED

(In Senate, June 11, 1987, READ A SECOND TIME.)

(In House, June 10, 1987, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.)

On motion by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED.

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

Bill "An Act to Make Corrections of Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine" (Emergency)

S.P. 576 L.D. 1717
Tabled - June 11, 1987, by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

Pending - ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-147) AS AMENDED

(In Senate, June 11, 1987, RECONSIDERED ADOPTION of Committee Amendment "A" (S-147). Senate Amendments "A" (S-152) and "C" (S-155) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-147) READ and ADOPTED.)

On motion by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "D" (S-164) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-147) READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes that same Senator.

Senator BRANNIGAN: Thank you, Mr. President, men and women of the Senate. Continuing with three more amendments for the Errors Bill. This takes one item in the Aroostook County budget, three thousand dollars and moves it from capital expenditures, which was three thousand for contractual services, adding three thousand dollars by unanimous approval of the Aroostook County delegation.

On motion by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "D" (S-164) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-147) ADOPTED.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "E" (S-167) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-147) READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes that same Senator.

Senator BRANNIGAN: Thank you, Mr. President. This is Senate Amendment "A" (S-167). When there was a re-organization of the Department of Finance and the Department of Administration was set up, the Commissioner of Personnel was downgraded from range 91 to range 89. It was assumed that beginning in January, a new Commissioner of Personnel would be assigned. The Commissioner stayed on until this month. It was decided and he was told that he would be paid. The current administration said everything would be all right if he were paid at the range of 91. Now there needs to be an adjustment so he does not have to pay back the eight hundred dollars difference between range 89 and range 91. Everyone seems in total agreement that he should not have to do that.

On motion by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "E" (S-167) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-147) ADOPTED.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "F" (S-168) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-147) READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes that same Senator.

Senator BRANNIGAN: Thank you, Mr. President. We're going to have, as you know, the new plates coming out July 1. There has been an inconsistency here.

Many of our towns and cities offer us the convenience of getting our plates or our sticker when we register our vehicle at town halls and city halls. They get one dollar for that. If there is a new registration, they get two dollars because there is much more paper work. It has been judged that the new plate, although it will take as much paper work as a new registration, they would only receive under present law, one dollar. Some of them find that very difficult and some probably will not continue that service unless we allow them two dollars for this first time issue of the new plate. This would allow that to happen.

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

Senator GILL: Mr. President. I would like to pose a question through the Chair. It appears to me that we're talking about raising some additional money for the municipalities and it also occurs to me that a Bill which we passed on the license plates also included additional revenue that each of us will have to pay in order to get a license plate. I would like to have some one explain the difference to me.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Gill has posed a question through the Chair to any Senator who may care to respond.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Dow.

Senator DOW: Mr. President and members of the Senate. We took up this amendment today in our Committee hearing. It passed the Transportation Committee where it should be offered. She is correct in that the new plate issue, as far as the State is concerned, is one dollar for each plate, for this one issue. This first time, it will be twenty two dollars. If this amendment goes on, it will be twenty four dollars for the new registration. Two dollars going to the town and two to the State to pay for the plates. A total of twenty four dollars.

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

Senator BRANNIGAN: Mr. President. May I just clarify that. From my understanding, from the Municipal Association, from which this came, that the