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On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Resolve, Requiring the Department of Human Services to Establish a Maximum Contaminant Level for MTBE
H.P. 487 L.D. 658
(C "A" H-386)

Tabled - May 15, 1997, by Senator **CLEVELAND** of Androscoggin.

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**

(In Senate, May 9, 1997, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-386)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, May 14, 1997, **FINALLY PASSED.**)

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

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Apply for a Waiver to Enable People with Disabilities to Purchase Medicaid Health Insurance
H.P. 1098 L.D. 1541
(C "A" H-583)

Tabled - May 23, 1997, by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot.

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**

(In Senate, May 21, 1997, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-583)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, May 23, 1997, **FINALLY PASSED.**)

Which was **FINALLY PASSED** 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 were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senator **PINGREE** of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **AMERO** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **RECESSED** until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator **PARADIS** for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Welfare Reform" (Emergency) S.P. 671 L.D. 1896

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 661).

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **LONGLEY** for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine" (Emergency) S.P. 12 L.D. 10

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-411)**.

Which Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-411) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MACKINNON** of York, Senate Amendment "A" (S-418) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-411) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator MacKinnon.

Senator **MACKINNON:** Thank you Mr. President, women and men of the Senate. I just wish to bring this to your attention. One

of the things we have just passed is the Learning Standards and one of the things we had was the editing part of the English section, and I consider this a group edit process that as an educator, as a person who we try to model various things, I find that the "Ride safe" is a wrong terminology. "Ride safely", I believe, is correct. I bring this before you to see if we can move to correct the English language at this particular time as that plate will go throughout the state and throughout the country, and I'd much rather have us be recognized as a state which goes forward with the English language as opposed to backward. Thank you.

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

Senator **LONGLEY:** Thank you Mr. President and colleagues of the Senate. The Judiciary Committee does the errors and omissions and I just want everyone to know, I ain't got no problem with this one.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Cassidy.

Senator **CASSIDY:** Thank you Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. First of all, I would request a division when we vote on this, but I'd like to speak on the issue just quickly. We did discuss this during our transportation deliberations on this particular bill. This bill was presented, I think, originally by the Maine Bikers and that was discussed, you know, "Ride safe." "Ride safely" is the correct grammar and all that sort of thing, but they felt that it was a simple message. The other thing that clinched it for us was the fact that we didn't have room for all the characters on the plate because the motorcycle plate, as you know, is a very tiny plate and we felt that "Ride safe," if somebody picked up on that, it may be just a real good discussion to make them really ride safely, so we decided as a Committee, 13 to 0, that we could live with that and I hope that you defeat this amendment.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator O'Gara.

Senator **O'GARA:** Thank you Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. Just briefly as well, we all reacted to the very same thing that the Senator from York is commenting on, but to follow up to what Senator Cassidy has said, "Ride safe" is their slogan, it's not our slogan. It's theirs and it's nationwide, not Maine-wide, so if motorcycles are going out of state, other people out of state are going to see the very same thing as well. So I'm sorry I didn't get up sooner, I just wasn't quite in tune with what was being discussed at the time, and I would urge the Senate to defeat the motion. Thank you.

At the request of Senator **CASSIDY** of Washington a Division was had. 18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **MACKINNON** of York to **ADOPT** Senate Amendment "A" (S-418) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-411), **PREVAILED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-411) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-418) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, the Bill as Amended, **READ A SECOND TIME**.

Which was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, As Amended**.

Sent down 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 to Create the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority" S.P. 589 L.D. 1759
(C "A" S-297; S "A" S-336)

In Senate, May 27, 1997, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-297) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-336)**.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-297); SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-336) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-737) IN NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

ENACTORS

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

Resolve

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Study and Make Recommendations on the Establishment of a Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program to Meet the Requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act H.P. 1174 L.D. 1651
(C "A" H-391)

At the request of Senator **HARRIMAN** of Cumberland a Division was had. 29 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED** 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:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-concurrent Matter