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LEGISLATIVE RECORD
OF THE
One Hundred And Thirteenth Legislature
OF THE
State Of Maine

VOLUME III

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January 6, 1988 to March 24, 1988

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

Representative Paradis of Old Town requested a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call, it must have the expressed desire of more than one-fifth of the members present and voting. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken and more than one-fifth of the members present and voting having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is passage to be enacted. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 184

YEA - Aliberti, Allen, Anthony, Armstrong, Bickford, Bost, Boutilier, Brown, Carroll, Carter, Cashman, Chonko, Clark, H.; Coles, Cote, Crowley, Daggett, Davis, Diamond, Dore, Duffy, Erwin, P.; Gould, R. A.; Gurney, Gwadosky, Hale, Handy, Hichborn, Hickey, Hogle, Holt, Hussey, Jacques, Jalbert, Joseph, Kilkelly, LaPointe, Lisnik, Macomber, Mahany, Manning, Martin, H.; Mayo, McGowan, McHenry, McSweeney, Melendy, Michaud, Mills, Mitchell, Nadeau, G. G.; Nadeau, G. R.; O'Gara, Oliver, Paradis, P.; Parent, Paul, Perry, Pouliot, Priest, Rand, Ridley, Rotondi, Ruhlin, Rydell, Sheltra, Simpson, Smith, Soucy, Strout, D.; Swazey, Tamaro, Telow, Thistle, Tracy, Vose, Walker, The Speaker.

NAY - Anderson, Bailey, Begley, Bott, Callahan, Curran, Dellert, Dexter, Farnum, Farren, Foss, Foster, Garland, Glidden, Greenlaw, Harper, Hepburn, Higgins, Holloway, Jackson, Kimball, Lawrence, Look, Lord, MacBride, Marsano, Matthews, K.; McPherson, Moholland, Murphy, E.; Murphy, T.; Nicholson, Norton, Paradis, E.; Pines, Reed, Rice, Salsbury, Seavey, Sherburne, Small, Stanley, Stevens, A.; Strout, B.; Taylor, Tupper, Webster, M.; Wentworth, Weymouth, Whitcomb, Willey.

ABSENT - Baker, Bragg, Clark, M.; Conley, Dutremble, L.; Hanley, Hillock, Ketover, Lacroix, Lebowitz, Nutting, Paradis, J.; Racine, Reeves, Richard, Rolde, Scarpino, Stevens, P.; Stevenson, Tardy, Warren, Zirnkilton.

Yes, 78; No, 51; Absent, 22; Paired, 0; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 51 in the negative with 22 being absent, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The following item appearing on Supplement No. 11 was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

PASSED TO BE ENACTED
Emergency Measure

An Act to Make Technical Corrections in the Workers' Compensation Act (S.P. 710) (L.D. 1932)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 116 voted in favor of the same and 10 against and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

(Off Record Remarks)

Representative Davis of Monmouth was granted unanimous consent to address the House:

Representative DAVIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to be recorded as nay on Supplement No. 9, L.D. 1919 instead of yea. Thank You.

At this point, the Speaker appointed Representative DIAMOND of Bangor on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House had transacted all business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

Subsequently, Representative DIAMOND reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The Chair appointed the following members on the part of the House to wait upon His Excellency, Governor John R. McKernan, Jr., and inform him that the House had transacted all business before it and was ready to receive any communication that he might be pleased to make.

Representative RYDELL of Brunswick
Representative ERWIN of Rumford
Representative CLARK of Millinocket
Representative SIMPSON of Casco
Representative TARDY of Palmyra
Representative TRACY of Rome
Representative BOTT of Orono
Representative WEBSTER of Cape Elizabeth
Representative CURRAN of Westbrook
Representative GARLAND of Bangor

Subsequently, the Committee reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

At this point, the Governor entered the Hall of the House, amid prolonged applause, the audience rising.

Governor McKernan then addressed the House as follows:

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I appreciate your staying to hear my remarks. You know Jonathan Swift once said, "It was a bold man who first ate an oyster" -- well you can tell how many of you have ever seen an oyster.

It was a bold legislature that was willing to sink its teeth into such an extremely and divisive issue as workers' compensation. Twenty-nine days ago, I know it seems just like yesterday, 29 days ago at the start of this special session, I told you that I was confident that I would be back to commend you for confronting and resolving a very real crisis. Well today, I am here to do that and more. I think this legislature has indeed proved that the system works. To the tremendous credit of the Banking and Insurance and Labor Committees, the process from the start was marked by a desire to do the very best for the people that we serve, even though, frankly, that meant making some very, very difficult decisions and some hard choices.

Robert Frost once observed that the only way around is through. That is rarely, however, the easiest or the most comfortable path. Today, I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you in the House as well as your colleagues in the Senate for having the courage to stick to the high road.

What might have quickly and easily degenerated into a fierce political squabble - didn't. Frankly,