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REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Income Tax"

H.P. 1499 L.D. 2143

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Allow Authorized Emergency Vehicles to Display a Blue Light on the Rear of the Vehicle"

H.P. 1495 L.D. 2139

Bill "An Act to Exempt from Registration Agricultural Motor Vehicles"

H.P. 1502 L.D. 2146

Bill "An Act to Amend Motor Vehicle Title Laws"

H.P. 1506 L.D. 2149

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Economic Security of Low-income Households with Respect to Utility Service"

H.P. 1496 L.D. 2140

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Order

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1501

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services report out to the House legislation implementing the recommendations of the Commission on Eating Disorders established pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 118.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President Pro Tem
CHELLIE PINGREE of Knox County

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/2/99) Assigned matter:

Resolve, to Transfer the Functions and Responsibilities of the Maine Turnpike Authority to the Department of Transportation
S.P. 538 L.D. 1600

Tabled - March 2, 1999, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.)

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you Madam President. I move the Indefinite Postponement of this Bill and wish to speak briefly to my motion. Men and women of the Senate, this Bill is L.D. 1600 which I'm the prime Sponsor on. There's a couple of other members of this Body who have Cosponsored this Bill. What this Bill would do essentially would be to have the State Department of Transportation work over the next year to look at ways to integrate costs effectively with the Maine Turnpike Authority essentially merging their principal functions. I'm now moving that this Bill be killed notwithstanding my support for the idea of finding additional cost synergy between these two authorities. The DOT regulates about 8,300 miles of road in this state, the MTA regulates about 100 miles of road. I think there is some obvious synergy which could be realized but I'm happy to report today that the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of Transportation have signed an agreement to look over the balance of this year at ways that they can achieve some cost

synergy and begin to address the questions of redundancy and duplication between the two bodies. I think this is a step in the right direction. I'm happy to see it being done and for that reason, I today am happy to indefinitely Postpone this Bill. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, Resolve and Accompanying Papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/18/99) Assigned matter:

JOINT RESOLUTION - relative to Recognizing Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

S.P. 685

Tabled - March 18, 1999, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - motion by President **LAWRENCE** of York to **ADOPT**

(In Senate, March 18, 1999, on motion by President **LAWRENCE** of York, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/31/99) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Enhance Competition and Public Health"
H.P. 1479 L.D. 2119

Tabled - March 31, 1999, by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, March 30, 1999, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Licensure of Dental Hygienists"
H.P. 1490 L.D. 2128

Tabled - April 5, 1999, by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, March 31, 1999, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.)

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

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

Senator **GOLDTHWAIT** of Hancock was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, until Wednesday, April 7, 1999, at 10:00 in the morning.