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Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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 (5/5/03) Assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER - Relative to Authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services To Report Out a Bill Regarding Individual and Group Health Insurance Laws
S.P. 550

Tabled - May 5, 2003, by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of York to **PASS**

(In Senate, May 5, 2003, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of York, **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (6/4/03) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Simplify Calculation of Legal Interest"
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 835 L.D. 1132

Tabled - June 4, 2003, by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-393)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In Senate, May 27, 2003, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, in concurrence.)

(**RECALLED** from Governor's Desk pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 582), in concurrence.)

(In Senate, June 4, 2003, on motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, **RULES SUSPENDED** and **RECONSIDERED ENACTMENT**, in concurrence. On further motion by same Senator, **RULES SUSPENDED** and **RECONSIDERED PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-393) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-488)** thereto. On further motion

by same Senator, **RULES SUSPENDED** and **RECONSIDERED ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-393) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-488)** thereto. On further motion by same Senator, **RULES SUSPENDED** and **RECONSIDERED ADOPTION OF HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-488) TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-393)** and **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** same, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, Committee Amendment "A" (H-393) **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, Senate Amendment "A" (S-261) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Douglass.

Senator **DOUGLASS:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. Some time ago, we merged the jurisdiction of the Superior Courts with that of the District Courts. That led to some confusion over what interest rates apply, because we have different statutes for District Court than Superior Court. We also, in an earlier version of this bill, had clarified that through the Judiciary Committee, but there was no start date or clear designation of what happens to pending cases. This amendment to the bill clarifies that. Up until July 1st, the old laws apply for post-judgment interests. Beginning July 1, 2003, the new interest rate will apply, which is the Treasury bill plus 3%. I urge you to vote in support.

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, Senate Amendment "A" (S-261) **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-261), in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (6/9/03) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Improve Conditions for Inmates with Mental Illness"

H.P. 367 L.D. 475

Tabled - June 9, 2003, by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland

Pending - **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-548)**, in concurrence

(In House, June 9, 2003, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-548)**.)