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OF THE

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Under suspension of the Rules, all matters previously acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook, the Senate removed from the Tabled and Later Today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of the University of Maine"

H.P. 1694 L.D. 2385

Tabled - April 12, 1986, by Senator VIOLETTE of Aroostook.

Pending - PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED

(In Senate, April 12, 1986, READ A SECOND TIME.)

(In House, April 11, 1986, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bustin.

Senator BUSTIN: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I had an amendment prepared for this bill. I am not going to offer it because the work that I have been doing this morning tells me it is not germane. The same amendment is being prepared by a Member of the House and it will go on to the \$15 million dollar funding package, if the House is able to present that.

I also had that prepared for the \$15,000 package, or L. D. 2315, but I have to apologize to the Body, because I will have to leave this Chamber in 5 minutes, and I do not know how long I will be absent. Otherwise I would be defending my own motion. If I can prevail upon the Members to listen to me for just a moment, to give me a chance to say something about my concern for the University of Maine.

It is in relationship to this bill, only that the University of Maine at Orono name change, is a status change. It is to make the University at Orono look more like the flagship university that it, in fact, is. I have no objection to this bill. That is fine. The objection that I have, and what I am asking for, is that the University of Maine in Augusta is a Regional Baccalaureate Institution, offering 2 and 4 year programs. We do not have that status now. The Trustees haven't felt it incumbent upon them to make that change in our mission, and so I am asking that it be changed statutorily. If that amendment comes from the House, I would appreciate the support of it. It is important. This campus has been in existence for 20 years. We're still looked at as the stepchild of the system. You have baccalaureate degree granting institutions in

Machias, Fort Kent, Presque Isle, Farmington. The University of Maine at Augusta is the only campus that does not have that. Please understand that I am not asking for any Bachelors Degree programs, additionally to put in here.

We, in fact, do what this bill says we do. We simply do not have the 120 hour course, we only have the 102 hour course. So, I would appreciate the support of that amendment, if and when it does come down. Thank you.

Which was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease

Senate called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Ratify the Vote Converting Caswell Plantation to a Town"
H.P. 1698 L.D. 2391

Committee on LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House, under suspension of the Rules, READ TWICE and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, without reference to a Committee.

Which was, under suspension of the Rules, READ TWICE and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, without reference to a Committee, and ORDERED PRINTED in concurrence.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters previously acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.