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In Senate Chamber Tuesday March 23, 1999

Senate called to order by President Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

Prayer by Father Frank Murray of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bangor.

FATHER MURRAY: Let us pray. God of Heaven and earth, we honor You and praise You this day. Open us not only to Your will but to Your grace. It is Your abiding presence when recognized in our lives that truly helps us accomplish Your purposes. May the work of this Senate and our Legislature today honor the dignity of our brothers and sisters, Your children. May our efforts this day show our appreciation for the wonderful natural resources You have given our beautiful state. Finally, may our accomplishments today reflect a greater openness to our dependence on You. Truly we trust in You and we make this prayer in Your name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Jill Goldthwait of Hancock County.

Doctor of the day, Mark Bolduc, M.D., of Waterville.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 18, 1999.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Today Assigned matter:

Emergency Mandate

An Act to Extend the Management Plan Requirement for Forest Owners under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law

> H.P. 647 L.D. 897 (C "A" H-61)

Tabled - March 18, 1999, by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot.

Pending - ENACTMENT

(In Senate, March 18, 1999, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-61), in concurrence.)

(In House, March 18, 1999, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate RECONSIDERED whereby the Bill was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-61), in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-61), in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-26) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-61) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Michaud.

Senator **MICHAUD**: Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, what this Senate Amendment does is require the Department to absorb the financial costs. We did run this by the Chairs of the Taxation Committee and they agreed. It was voted unanimously in the Appropriations Committee to Accept the Amendment and to make sure that it is exempt from the Appropriations Table. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, Senate Amendment "A" (S-26) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-61) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-61) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-26) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks