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We had our AG meeting this Wednesday evening at the Civic Center here in Augusta. Associated Grocers, which I am a member of, 371 stores, used to be 458 but for some reason, they are going down, some of those stores are closing. I can't exactly put my finger on why but there is probably a reason. We were told by our general manager there, don't worry about milk, whatever happens with this thing, whether the Governor vetoes it and they don't sustain the veto, we are going to get you all the milk you want from H.P. Hood and he told us the two prices for the gallon and for the quart, whether you want an AG label on it or you don't want any label at all. So one little guy in the front, a little guy like me in the front said, well where does this milk come from? What kind of milk is it going to be? He said, I am not sure about that but you will get all the milk you want. So some of these Maine storeowners were a little concerned that we wouldn't be buying Maine milk. That bothered me a little bit because it seems to me like this guy, Mr. Joyce, who is a representative of Associated Grocers of Maine, was telling me, forget about the small guy like I have in my town, and go buy milk from H. P. Hood, some of that might be from out of state. I don't mind my dollar staying in the state of Maine but I object to it going out of the state, I really do.

What I am going to do is, I am going to vote to override this veto and I hope the Governor forgives me but I think I am right and I think he is wrong. I might be wrong and I hope I am wrong, if we don't override, because I want to see the people in this state get the best they can get for the least amount of money.

Right now, gasoline is cheaper and it is cheaper for one reason, because there is plenty of it. We had a gentleman in Waterville, Maine, at a seminar, Mr. Fitzgerald can tell you, from Texaco who told us that — he said supply and demand. We have plenty of supply right now, gentlemen, so the price is going to be cheap, but he said when the supply gets down and it is going to go down because we are stopping making gasoline right now, he said the price is going to go back up. It will probably go back up higher than what it is now; and that is my concern. That is one thing that nobody has been able to tell me.

I have been wrong before and I will be wrong a lot of times before I die, but I don't believe I am wrong this time. When there are just four places to buy milk from, I don't care how you add it up, you are going to pay more money for your milk, plain and simple.

For no other reason than that, I care about my 6500 people just as much as anybody in this place, that is why I am going to vote.

When 1982 comes along, if I am here or if I am at 111½ Western Avenue, that is up to them, but I am not running for the hills. I have no disillusion about what is going to happen today because I have gotten into a few battles with the Governor before and I have gotten a licking every time because he is a lot stronger than I am and he has a lot more help, but I am going to give it my best shot anyway because I think I am right.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is, shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? According to the Constitution, the vote will be taken by roll call. This requires a two-thirds vote of all those present and voting. All those in favor of this bill becoming law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Alopis, Armstrong, Austin, Baker, Bell, Berube, Boisvert, Bordeaux, Boyce, Brodeur, Brown, A.; Brown, D.; Brown, K. L.; Cahill, Callahan, Carrier, Carroll, Chonko, Conary, Connors, Cox, Crowley, Cunningham, Curtis, Damren, Davis, Day, Dexter, Diamond, G. W.; Diamond, J. N.; Dillenback, Drinkwater, Dudley, Fitzgerald, Foster,

Gavett, Gillis, Gowen, Gwadosky, Hanson, Hayden, Hickey, Higgins, L. M.; Holloway, Huber, Hunter, Hutchings, Ingraham, Jackson, Jacques, Jalbert, Jordan, Kany, Kiesman, Kilcoyne, Lancaster, LaPlante, Lewis, Lisnik, Livesay, Locke, Lund, MacBride, Mahany, Masterman, Masterton, Matthews, McCollister, McKean, McPherson, Michael, Michaud, Mitchell, E. H.; Nadeau, Nelson, A.; Paradis, E.; Pearson, Peterson, Randall, Reeves, P.; Richard, Ridley, Salsbury, Sherburne, Small, Smith, C. B.; Smith, C. W.; Stevenson, Strout, Studley, Tarbell, Telow, Treadwell, Twitchell, Vose, Walker, Webster, Wentworth, Weymouth.

NAY — Beaulieu, Benoit, Brannigan, Brennerman, Clark, Connolly, Davies, Erwin, Fowlie, Hall, Higgins, H. C.; Hobbins, Joyce, Kane, Kelleher, Ketover, Laverriere, MacEachern, Macomber, Manning, Martin, A.; McGowan, McHenry, McSweeney, Mitchell, J.; Moholland, Murphy, Nelson, M.; Norton, O'Rourke, Paradis, P.; Paul, Perry, Post, Pouliot, Prescott, Racine, Roberts, Soulas, Soule, Stover, Swazey, Theriault, Thompson, Tuttle, The Speaker.

ABSENT — Carter, Martin, H. C.; Perkins, Reeves, J.; Rolde.

Yes, 99; No, 46; Absent, 5; Vacant, 1.

The SPEAKER: Ninety-nine having voted in the affirmative and forty-six in the negative, with five being absent, the Governor's veto is not sustained.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

Joint Order (H. P. 1699) relative to Bill "An Act to Continue the Maine Turnpike Authority," Senate Paper 650, Legislative Document 1676, being recalled from the Governor's desk to the House, which was tabled and later today assigned pending passage.

Thereupon, the Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

On motion of Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro, the following matter was removed from the Unassigned Table:

An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,800,000 for Highway and Bridge Improvements (Bond Issue) (H. P. 336) (L. D. 375)

Tabled—May 18 by Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro.

Pending—Passage to be Enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will excuse the gentleman from Mechanic Falls, Mr. Callahan, from voting on this issue.

The pending question is on passage to be enacted. This being a bond issue, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of those present and voting is necessary. All those in favor of this bond issue being passed to be enacted will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. A vote of the House was taken.

123 having voted in the affirmative and 5 having voted in the negative, the Bond Issue was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The following papers were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

Special Sentiment Calendar

The following items:

Recognizing

That the personnel of Reprographics Division of the Bureau of Purchases have provided the professional expertise, dedication and enthusiasm to make this session a success; (S. P. 701)

John Hanson of Hampden for receiving the National University and Continuing Education Association Award for his outstanding work in

the area of labor education; (H. P. 1701) by Representative Prescott of Hampden. (Co-sponsors: Senator Pray of Penobscot, Representatives Beaulieu of Portland and Davies of Orono)

Kenneth E. Wormell of Bangor, Former President of the Greater Bangor Labor Council, upon his retirement as Business Agent for Local 621, C.J.A.; after 15 years of service; (H. P. 1702) by Representative Diamond of Bangor.

Lucille Audet, Executive Secretary of the Lawrence Alumni Association who has provided years of service and has unselfishly given of herself in the spirit of Lawrence High School; (H. P. 1703) by Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield. (Cosponsor: Senator Teague of Somerset)

Leslie G. Merrill of Stetson, member of the 88th, 94th and 101st Maine Legislatures, who celebrated his 94th birthday on June 4, 1981; (S. P. 703)

Lila G. Lincoln, who is retiring after 40 years of dedicated service to the Town of Wayne; including service as town clerk and tax collector; (S. P. 704)

Wendy B. Brown, of Brunswick, Miss Teen Maine for 1981; (S. P. 705)

Rev. John F. Crozier, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Orono, for his devoted service to parishioners and townspeople of Orono; (S. P. 706)

Robert J. Shinnors of Millinocket, Vice President of Operations, Great Northern Paper Company, an outstanding leader in industry and the community; (S. P. 707)

There being no objections, the above items were considered passed in concurrence or passed and sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to make note of the fact that on the roll call dealing with the Governor's Veto, the gentleman from Newport, Mr. Reeves, is not recorded. If the gentleman from Newport had been recorded, he would have been voting to override, or yea. It appears that something is wrong with the switch.

Also, the Chair would like to make note of the fact that on L. D. 1691, the Highway Fund Allocation Act, there was a confusion, from the messages that were left, and the Chair would just like to make note of the fact because they appear as being absent through error, the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, and the gentlewoman from Rumford, Mrs. Erwin, the gentlewoman from Waterville, Mrs. Kany, the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Ketover, the gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. MacEachern, the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Swazey, the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Vose were to be recorded yea, and the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Twitchell, nay, and also the gentlewoman from Van Buren, Mrs. Martin, yea.

(Off Record Remarks)

The following papers were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

Special Sentiment Calendar

The following items:

Recognizing:

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Haslam of Eastbrook, who are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary, (S. P. 708)

Merrilee Monks-Paine, Brunswick Police Department youth aid officer, who was honored by the Kiwanis Club as "Police Officer of the Year" for the year 1981; (S. P. 709)

Ann Sutherland Riley of Brunswick who received the Brunswick Kiwanis Club's "Citizen of the Year" award for the year 1981; (S. P. 710)

The birth of Amanda Grace Wood, on June 17, 1981 at 3 p.m.; weighing 7 lbs., 3 oz., daughter of State Senator Frank P. Wood and Assistant Clerk of the House Deborah Bedard Wood;