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vens Academy which represented and won the State of Maine Championship representing all sizes of schools and represented them and won honors at Vermont for the same class.

(Off Record Remarks)

Which was Passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senator Hichens was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate, On the Record.

Senator HICHENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I do not plan to be here tomorrow. As has been said by the Majority Leader, the rest of the calendar will be postponed until tomorrow. I would like to make a few statements as to something that just occurred out in the halls, in the rotunda.

As a youngster about 8 or 9 years old approached me, a little girl with a big sticker on her dress, which said Choice! As she approached me she said, are you a Member of the House? I said no. I'm a Senator. She said well, that's all right, and she started to walk away. I said is there something I can help you with? She said, yes. She says, I'm promoting the Adoption Bill. I said do you mean the Abortion Bill? She said, yes. I think that when I get to be 18 years old, I should have a choice, as to what I want to do.

I said I hope that when you get to be 18 years old, that you'll never have to make a choice, such as we're voting on in the House and in the Senate. But I also hope that if you do, that you'll have enough confidence in your parents that you will confide in them, and not go to someone else.

It appalls me ladies and gentlemen to think that we have to go to the extremes of using youngsters 8 and 9 years old to campaign on such issues as this, whether it be for or against the issue. I think when mothers in our State, and I was told by one of the lobbyists, that the mother was not too far away, uses their youngsters to try to influence Legislators on issues like this, that we have come to a sad state of affairs.

Out of Order and Under Suspension of the Rules, the Senate voted to consider the following:

**Paper from the House
House Paper**

An Act to Require County Charters and to Transfer Approval for County Budgets from the Legislature to the Counties." (H. P. 1412) (L. D. 1618)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Local and County Government and Ordered Printed.

On motion by Senator Katz of Kennebec, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending reference.

On Motion by Senator Katz of Kennebec, there being no objections, all items previously acted upon were sent forthwith.

On Motion by Senator Pierce of Kennebec, adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.