

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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were, "Live your life, do your work and take your hat." I think that is exactly what my Uncle Dick did and when we adjourn today, Mr. President, I request that we do so in memory of Dick Dutremble. Thank you.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

An Act to Protect Reproductive Privacy in Maine (Governor's Bill)

S.P. 117 L.D. 318

on motion by Senator **DUTREMBLE** of York, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Dutremble.

Senator **DUTREMBLE:** Thank you Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Last time this issue was before us I spoke very clearly about what I thought about this Bill and my feelings really haven't changed. I will be voting for this Bill on Enactment so that there can be no misunderstanding at all anywhere that I have changed my mind and that I have changed my position on this issue. I still don't think that this Bill should be before us. I don't really know if it did anything but create a lot of hardships amongst the two groups again. I think when that can be avoided on this particular issue it should be. I received a lot of calls of this both ways after my vote last time. Those people who called to tell me they were disappointed that I had voted for the Bill, once I explained it to them they were pretty understanding on the fact of why I was where I was and the fact that I was voting against the other two Bills sort of reinforced the idea that I feel that decision should be left up to the individual. I had more difficulty explaining to the people who actually supported the pro-life position when they called and said we thank you for your vote and we thank you that you are still holding to your position, but actually I have not held to my position. I made it clear to the newspapers before I ran for my last election that I had changed my mind and that the decision should be left up to a woman. I want to make it very clear that that is where I am and that's what my position is. Again I want to express the fact that my own personal philosophy on that is no different than many of you who believe that abortion should not be performed, however that is my personal decision and I doubt very much if I'll ever be in a position to get an abortion. I do want you to know that I came to those values by, again, the teachings of my church and the teaching of my family, not by State law and I think if someone is to have those positions it should be by the same method, by the teachings of their particular church, by their own conscience, and by their family and not by State law. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The pending question before the Senate is **ENACTMENT**.

A vote of Yes will be in favor of **ENACTMENT**.

A vote of No will be opposed.

Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers will secure the Chamber.

The Secretary will call the Roll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Senators AMERO, BEGLEY, BRANNIGAN, BUSTIN, BUTLAND, CAHILL, CARPENTER, CLEVELAND, CONLEY, DUTREMBLE, ESTY, FOSTER, HANDY, HARRIMAN, LAWRENCE, LUDWIG, MARDEN, MCCORMICK, O'DEA, PARADIS, PINGREE, SUMMERS, TITCOMB, VOSE, PRESIDENT PRO TEM - JOHN E. BALDACCI

NAYS: Senators BERUBE, CAREY, GOULD, HALL, HANLEY, KIEFFER, LUTHER, PEARSON, WEBSTER

ABSENT: Senators CIANCHETTE

25 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I just wanted to mark a thirtieth anniversary today but before I do I want to reaffirm the words of the Senator from York, Senator Dutremble. One of my first experiences in politics was in the sixth grade when I went down to the Danstar Market in Kittery and there was a man there campaigning for sheriff who gave me a pin in the shape of a sheriff's star and he took the time to talk to me about politics and that was Richard Dutremble. He really was a legend in York County and York County politics and he will be sorely missed.

The thirtieth anniversary of which I stand up to speak on today is it was thirty years ago today the U.S.S. Thresher left the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery and disappeared off the coast of Massachusetts about five miles out to sea. You know the Thresher has never been discovered and it carried with it 129 people, 11 of them employees of the Kittery Shipyard. It was perhaps the worst peacetime disaster in Naval history and I recently read a Science and Technology report that said for the first time they believe they have discovered parts of the Thresher scattered over about seven miles of sealand out off Massachusetts, off the edge of the Continental Shelf. I ask this weekend when you go to your churches and you pray on this Easter weekend