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President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

#### Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, An Act to Restrict Armed Forces Preferences in State Employment to Veterans Who Were Not Career Officers or Career Enlisted Personnel and to Remove a Barrier to Affirmative Action Programs. (H. P. 1491) (L. D. 1739)

Tabled — May 20, 1975 by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

Pending — Enactment.  
(In the House — Indefinitely Postponed.)

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, retabled and Specially Assigned for May 27, 1975, pending Enactment.

The President laid before the Senate the second tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Tenants Serving on State and Local Housing Authorities." (S. P. 439) (L. D. 1455)

Tabled — May 20, 1975 by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.  
The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Clifford.

Mr. CLIFFORD: Mr. President, there have been a lot of tabling motions today, and I just want to explain that this bill mandates that tenants serve on local housing authorities as well as the state housing authority because the local housing authority statutes are state statutes, and there are attempts being made to reach an agreement that will be agreeable to the municipalities which are involved and to the other people who have an interest. There are several amendments which are pending in still further attempts to work out a satisfactory solution to this problem, therefore, I would appreciate it if someone could table this until Wednesday next.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Danton.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Danton of York tabled and Specially Assigned for May 28, 1975, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the third tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

House Report — from the Committee on State Government — Bill, "An Act to Create a Full-time Board of Environmental Protection." (H. P. 931) (L. D. 1175) Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-365).

Tabled — May 22, 1975 by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.  
(In the House — Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto (H-421).)

Thereupon, the Ought to Pass as Amended Report of the Committee was Accepted in concurrence and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read. House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted in concurrence and Committee Amendment "A", as Amended by House Amendment "A" thereto, was Adopted in concurrence and the Bill, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

The President laid before the Senate the fourth tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Delegation by the Board of Environmental Protection of Certain Actions to the Department of Environmental Protection." (H. P. 958) (L. D. 1206)

Tabled — May 22, 1975 by Senator Johnston of Aroostook.

Pending — Motion of Senator O'Leary of Oxford to Indefinitely Postpone Senate Amendment "A" (S-185) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-398).

(In the House — Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".)

Mr. O'Leary of Oxford then withdrew his motion to Indefinitely Postpone Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A".

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was Adopted and Committee Amendment "A", as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" Thereto, was Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the fifth tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Weekly Compensation Paid under the Workmen's Compensation Law." (S. P. 226) (L. D. 758)

Tabled — May 22, 1975 by Senator Roberts of York.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.  
(In the Senate — Committee Amendment "A" (S-118), Adopted.)

Mr. McNally of Hancock then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-191, was Read and Adopted.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled until later in today's session, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the sixth tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Senate Reports — from the Committee on Natural Resources — Bill, "An Act to Establish a Public Preserve in the Bigelow Mountain Area." (I.B. 1) (L. D. 1619) Majority Report Ought Not to Pass; Minority Report Ought to Pass.

Tabled — May 22, 1975 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Motion of Senator Trotzky of Penobscot to Accept the Minority Report.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary.

Mr. O'LEARY: Mr. President, I would request a division on that motion and ask that the Senate defeat it. This is an initiated bill and it has no price tag on it whatsoever. In the bill it says "The Department of Conservation, including the several bureaus and agencies therein, and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game are hereby authorized and directed to acquire approximately 40,000 acres of land on and around Bigelow Mountain." Now, there is a price tag that goes with this. It will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of 10 to 12 million dollars. So I think there should be some way for the people who are going to vote on this to know just what it is going to cost them, and I see no way under this initiated bill as it was presented to us to amend it so that the people will be informed as to what their costs are going to be.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky.

Mr. TROTZKY: Mr. President, I have requested some financial information from the Department of Conservation but I could not get it today, so I hope someone will table this until Wednesday next.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled and Specially Assigned for May 28, 1975, pending the motion by Mr. Trotzky of Penobscot to Accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

The President laid before the Senate the seventh tabled and Specially Assigned matter:

Bill, An Act Relating to Playing Card Games for Prizes. (H. P. 573) (L. D. 708) (Emergency)

Tabled — May 22, 1975 by Senator Corson of Somerset.

Pending Enactment.  
(In the House — Passed to be Enacted.)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Corson.

Mr. CORSON: Mr. President, I would inquire if the calendar is correct. I believe that L. D. 708 is not an emergency.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise the Senator in the affirmative, the bill is not an emergency.

Mr. CORSON: Mr. President, I move the pending question.

Thereupon, the bill was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table the following matter:

Bill, "An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Election Laws" (H. P. 27) (L. D. 35)

Tabled earlier in today's session by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot, pending Consideration.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is: Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

According to the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the "Yeas" and "Nays". A vote of "Yes" will be in favor of the Bill; a vote of "No" will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reeves.

Mr. REEVES: Mr. President, is it in order to ask for further information about this bill?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise in the affirmative.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Corson.

Mr. CORSON: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: To answer the question of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reeves, I would like to briefly explain once again what this bill does entail.

I think the veto message of the Governor is somewhat misleading on this. Possibly that office didn't entirely understand the bill. What it does is really bring into line the law dealing with waiting periods. It says — and I am reading from the bill, "On receipt of the application, the register shall remove the party designation" — this is someone removing their enrollment or resigning their enrollment in a party