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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

One Hundred And Seventeenth Legislature

OF THE

State Of Maine

VOLUME IV

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

Senate

May 2, 1995 to June 16, 1995

Committee Amendment "A" (H-175) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

House Amendment "A" (H-238) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

The Bill, as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

indefinitely postponed on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine State Retirement System Laws to Authorize the Buy-back of Time Served in the Peace Corps or VISTA Programs" (S.P. 260) (L.D. 696)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S.C. 203

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

Which was READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Protect Traditional Uses in the North Woods"

H.P. 1104 L.D. 1551

Reference to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY suggested and ORDERED PRINTED.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY and ORDERED PRINTED.

Which was referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the second Tabled and Later Today Assigned (May 24, 1995) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS from the Committee on TAXATION on Bill "An Act to Decrease the State's Share of Real Estate Transfer Taxes"

H.P. 821 L.D. 1152

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (10 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-265) (3 members)

Tabled - earlier in the day by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.

(In House, May 23, 1995, the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.)

(In Senate, May 24, 1995, Reports READ.)

On motion by Senator AMERO of Cumberland, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending ACCEPTANCE of Either Report.

COMMUNICATION

The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA 04333-0002

May 25, 1995

Honorable May M. Ross
Secretary of the Senate
117th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Madam Secretary:

The House voted today to adhere to its former action whereby the Bill and accompanying papers were

The Chair laid before the Senate the third Tabled and Later Today Assigned (May 24, 1995) matter:

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law"

S.P. 64 L.D. 93
(C "A" S-153)

Tabled - May 24, 1995, by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.

Pending - ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-176) TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-153).

(In Senate, May 24, 1995, **RECONSIDERED ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-153). SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-176) TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-153) READ.**)

On motion by Senator **LORD** of York, Senate Amendment "A" (S-176) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-153) **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

On further motion by the same Senator, Senate Amendment "B" (S-185) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-153) **READ.**

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Lord.

Senator **LORD:** Thank you Mr. President, my Learned Colleagues. All this does is it adds landowner under the definition of who can make a plan. It changes nothing else. The landowner can present his plan, have it reviewed by a registered forester, and have it approved. It spells out that a landowner can do this. The other language was very vague. Thank you.

On further motion by the same Senator, Senate Amendment "B" (S-185) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-153) **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-153) as Amended by Senate Amendment "B" (S-185), thereto, **ADOPTED.**

Which was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, As Amended.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the first Tabled and Today Assigned matter:

SENATE REPORTS from the Committee on **HUMAN RESOURCES** on Resolve, Requiring the State to Fulfill Its Commitment to Provide Adequate Mental Health Services for Senior Citizens in the Eastern Maine Area (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 35 L.D. 65

Report A - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-165)** (6 members)

Report B - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

Tabled - May 23, 1995, by Senator **KIEFFER** of Aroostook.

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

(In Senate, May 23, 1995, **REPORTS READ.**)

On motion by Senator **AMERO** of Cumberland, Tabled 1 Legislative Day, pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report.

The Chair laid before the Senate the second Tabled and Today Assigned matter:

Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Penobscot County for the Year 1995 (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1098 L.D. 1542

Tabled - May 24, 1995, by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York.

Pending - **ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-174).**

(In House, May 23, 1995, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**)

(In Senate, May 24, 1995, **SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-174) READ.**)

Senator **RUHLIN** of Penobscot moved the **INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT** of Senate Amendment "A" (S-174).

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Hall.

Senator **HALL:** Thank you Mr. President. I would hate to see my amendment die so quickly, because it is such a good amendment. Here we go, county budgets. Out of sixteen counties we now have just four counties remaining where the legislators have the final approval. I have the pleasure of serving on two of those, this being one of them. After attending many meetings, looking over many volumes of paperwork and figures, and so on and so forth, I put great stock in the County Commissioners, after all they are elected officials, like ourselves. They're actually even closer related to the voter because they are easier to get at. We're kind of sheltered a little bit, a long ways from home, they are not. But, I really appreciate the citizens of the county who spent their nights, especially, serving on a budget committee. If any of you, and I'm sure some of you have been on those committees, or know people who have, it is very intense, very involved, every item is gone over with careful scrutiny. Then it comes time for the legislators to review all of this work that has been done, compromised out, decided what the taxes are going to be for the county taxpayers, and so on and so forth. Usually it is not a big process. We generally review it, okay it, after all all of these people have done this work before. But, occasionally, someone has a little pet project, or whatever, that they feel is perfectly okay to skip all of the prior process and bring it in front of the Commissioners. The Commissioners say no, bring it up next year, it's not fair, it hasn't passed a true public hearing. Here we are, that's