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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 10, 1998

Senate called to order by President Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

Prayer by Senator I. Joel Abromson of Cumberland County.

SENATOR I. JOEL ABROMSON: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. The last time I was privileged to offer the opening prayer in this chamber was on May 9th, 1997. My prayer at that time was taken from the Reverend Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the United States Senate in the 1950's. He said at that time, "God, give us the vision to know where to stand and what to stand for. Because if we don't stand for something, we'll fall for anything." Later that day we were all privileged to witness the Senate President Pro Tem, the Honorable Susan W. Longley of Waldo, sign the amendment to the Human Rights Act, which banned discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Maine Senate had taken its stand. One week later the Chief Executive of Maine took his stand and signed L.D. 1116 into law.

Now join me as we offer our prayer to the One we, each in our own way and belief, consider to be the Supreme Being. We pray that today the people of Maine will go to the poles to vote what their conscience tells them to do is the right thing. We ask that You guide their hands and hearts as they too, avoid falling for anything while standing for something, individual dignity and human rights. We pray that when we wake up tomorrow morning, it will be in a state where all our citizens are treated equally. Amen.

Doctor of the Day, Erik Steele, D.O., Bangor.

Reading of the Journal of Monday, February 9, 1998.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator PINGREE of Knox, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 26

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Joint Convention of both Branches to be held in the Hall of the House at 9:30 in the morning for the purpose of extending an invitation to the Honorable Daniel E. Wathen, Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary to attend the Convention and deliver such communication as pleases him.

READ and PASSED.

The President appointed the Senator from Knox, Senator PINGREE to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted the Senator to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Knox, Senator PINGREE, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance Relating to the Review of the Bureau of Insurance, the Bureau of Banking and the Securities Division within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation under the State Government Evaluation Act" H.P. 1564 L.D. 2197

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations Relating to the Review of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation's Office of the Commissioner, Office of Consumer Credit Regulation and Office of Licensing and Registration under the State Government Evaluation Act" H.P. 1565 L.D. 2198

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Responsibilities of Certain Divisions in the Department of Labor" H.P. 1567 L.D. 2201

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Veterans' Benefits" H.P. 1569 L.D. 2202

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.