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NEWS REPORTER: The ten o'clock report continues with the latest news of Maine. Republican State Representative Stanley Sproul of Augusta today announced he will be a candidate for governor this year, using legislative conflict of interest as a campaign issue. Mr. Sproul said other announced Republican candidates are talking around the issues and are what he called typical candidates running typical campaigns. Mr. Sproul made headlines last year when he filed a conflict of interest complaint against Senator Joseph Sewall of Old Town, the chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee. Mr. Sewall was cleared of the charges but Senator Sproul had to fight to save his own seat on the Appropriations Committee. In the June gubernatorial primary, Mr. Sproul will now face former Attorney General James Erwin, Senator Harrison Richardson of Cumberland and Senator Wakine Tanous of East Millinocket.

Mainers will be able to buy a \$100,000 dream for 50 cents if the recently appointed State Lottery Commission accepts the recommendations of the lottery directors from New Jersey and Michigan. The directors of those two states have prepared a report for Maine under the auspices of the Council of State Governments. The report will be presented to the Maine Lottery Commission at its first meeting later this month. The Michigan and New Jersey lottery chiefs recommended that Maine have weekly drawings with a first prize of sufficient magnitude to perhaps modify the winners mode of living. They recommended tickets sell for 50 cents. It was recommended Maine award eight prizes each week ranging from five thousand to twenty dollars. All winners would then qualify for a bonus drawing with a recommended first prize of \$100,000. The Maine Lottery Commission will take the framework of recommendations from the Council of State Governments when they begin to set up Maine's system next month.

Figures released by the Maine Petroleum Association indicate the consumption of gasoline by Maine motorist is dropping. The figures released in Augusta showed during December sales were down 7% from December of 1972. Motorists bought more than 41.2 million gallons in December of '72 compared with only 38.2 million gallons this past December. The significant drop, according to the Association, was attributed to the Sunday closing of service stations, voluntary gas conservation efforts, and the lack of snow at the ski resort areas.

Senator Wakine Tanous of East Millinocket says an emergency energy bill before the legislature gives awesome powers to the governor but he hopes it will pass. Mr. Tanous said under the priorities of the

bill expected to report it out of his Judiciary Committee, recreational services will be the last to get fuel supplies; industries, the first. The measure will give a governor the powers to deal specifically with an energy crisis including the power to close all public facilities.

I'll have the weather after this word. Hear the news daily at 7:30 each morning on WLBZ presented Monday through Friday on your information station by Depositors Trust Company of Bangor. The weather forecast is for partly cloudy skies this afternoon, tonight, and tomorrow. High readings today near 30, lows tonight in the teens, and highs tomorrow near 30. Right now outside of our studios we have sunshine and the temperature reading is 21 degrees. And that's the 10 o'clock report. Our next newscast will be headlines following Let's Talk It Over with John Wellington which comes your way next here on Radio 62. And now, here's Johnny.

WELLINGTON: This is John Wellington with an invitation to Let's Talk It Over, your telephone forum of the air on WLBZ. And on Let's Talk It Over we'll discuss just about anything you want to, providing it doesn't violate the standards of good taste, as I see them. Hey, we have a call coming in, the numbers 942-4848 and 942-4849. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 1: ... wanted to get first call in there.

WELLINGTON: Well, you did.

CALLER 1: And I want to get a good one going, too.

WELLINGTON: Go ahead.

CALLER 1: This is Carl [inaudible] from Belfast. And I read, you know, about this University of Maine deal there about these homosexuals, you know? Well, I haven't got no kids I would send over there. I've got four cats, and I don't think I'd even send them there, if I could afford it. Now what the heck is going on, anyway?

WELLINGTON: Well, a lot of people are reacting to this, but I think it was more or less permitted when the university Trustees enacted a freedom of speech and assembly motion.

CALLER 1: No, here's where I'm coming to, look. Somebody, well, I was discussing it with one of my neighbors this morning. Some of them homosexuals graduated as teachers, and how can they teach anybody's kids? Look, I never seen, animals know better than that. I got two tomcats and they don't do that, they fight. I mean, what the hell is going on, anyway?

WELLINGTON: Well, as I say, there was quite a strong reaction to it, not only from the people but some of the legislators down in Augusta, that, actually some people say that there are tax dollars involved. I don't think there's any tax dollars involved in it. They may use a university facility, that is sort of a cloudy area because there's a parish house down at Bangor that's going to be the headquarters, so I don't know.

CALLER 1: Hey look, John, we got one guy who wants to run for governor from down at the state prison, Daniel Trask, [inaudible]. Now they got homosexual that gonna be teachers. I mean, I don't know, I mean. I like to have a little comment on it.

WELLINGTON: I bet we'll get some and thanks for your call.

CALLER 1: Well, you better believe it. I am mad.

WELLINGTON: Yeah. Well sir, thank you.

CALLER 1: Well, thank you very much.

WELLINGTON: Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 2: Good morning, John. I don't know, I sometimes wonder if I ought to read the paper in the morning because I hardly could keep my breakfast.

WELLINGTON: Well you know, a psychiatrist once said, he said don't read the paper and don't listen to the late news at night, or you'll never sleep.

CALLER 2: Well, I did all right until I got around of the page over in the middle of paper there on Fred Killfoil, I don't know if that's how you pronounce his name or not.

WELLINGTON: Oh, the young man that went to Canada rather than the serve in the Armed Forces?

CALLER 2: Right.

WELLINGTON: Yeah, that's the second of two articles.

CALLER 2: Well, they even got his picture in there, and you can see in the picture he looks happy and everything, but when I think about the fellows that had faith in our country and some of them, it says, No more Just Wars, for Fred there'll be no more just wars for the fellows that stuck up for him, fought for him, either. I mean, he can go along now through life and enjoy the privileges and protection of any country, even Canada, now there's fellows that died for Canada, too. No matter what country lives in, he's gonna, he couldn't take a free ride. He's gonna live for nothing. Now when it comes time for him to do his share and any [inaudible] now he reneged on it, now he's gonna get the privilege.

WELLINGTON: I think an awful lot of fellas that did, although they, reluctantly, went into the armed services and they had convictions against the Vietnam War, but they felt it was their duty, so they went anyhow.

CALLER 2: Right. A lot of times you don't see eye to eye but democracy, and life, isn't that way. Being a human, one...

WELLINGTON: One of your obligations of citizenship, I think, is to...

CALLER 2: Right, right. He might not even agree the way it was done, but anyone that looks at him now, if they could look at a fellow that didn't get back, they might not think he's such a hero. But you have callers, John, that will call in this morning that will figure he's a hero. The other thing, John, I wanna speak of

WELLINGTON: Uh, we get about 30 seconds

CALLER 2: Alright, but that Gay Club at the University of Maine is gonna filter right down to the high schools. Soon you're gonna see a gay club at Bangor High School and all the way down through.

WELLINGTON: Well, sir, thank you. Bye now. Well, good morning. Let's talk it over.

CALLER 3: Yes. There's a very good letter in the Bangor News today from Judy, uh...

WELLINGTON: I read it, yeah.

CALLER 3: Yeah, it's very good, very good. And there's some other good things on that page. That account for that convicted felon being around White House anytime and the Governor of Pennsylvania couldn't get in to see the President when he went to Washington on business.

WELLINGTON: Yeah, Milton Shapp.

CALLER 3: Yes, Shapp [pronouncing it Shape.]

WELLINGTON: Is that how you pronounce it?

CALLER 3: I don't know, anyway, and then the, oh, two-three things there that people should read. But this homo thing there, it's just one more evil that's creeping into the world. Once they get here, they never stop, but something will have to give soon. It's in the Lord's hands and I think He's got His own plan, He's destroyed other civilizations and I think if things keep on, he'll destroy this one.

WELLINGTON: Well ma'am, thank you. Sodom and Gomorrah. 942-4848, 942-4849. There's quite a bit of reaction around and about it and I note with interest that Dr. McNeill said he didn't think that Maine people, you know, what mind about this thing, more or less, would react that way. But there is quite a bit, and also legislative reaction. At a Republican caucus last week in Augusta. Didn't see, or perhaps it got by me, in the paper today, but no mention of today being Lincoln's birthday. I remember when I was a kid in school these days meant something. I mean you had stories about Lincoln in school, we cut out little log cabins, and things like that. And also what... here comes a call. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 4: Good morning, sir, another beautiful day.

WELLINGTON: Oh, this is beautiful.

CALLER 4: Yeah. I'd like to make a comment. A woman that calls up almost every day and has, oh, a retired teacher or something, about a year ago, this is the anniversary of the POWs. And she made a comment that she didn't think it was right to make a collection and to give a card to this one prisoner for

the simple reason that he had only been in this state a year and a half. And every time she calls up, I just think of that logic. Thank you very much.

WELLINGTON: Thank you. Bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 5: Good morning, John. You know, I'm quite grateful that I don't get the Bangor Daily News 'til later in the day, therefore I can't comment on it. And you know, actually John, the only thing I look forward to in the Bangor Daily News now is the comics and the crossword puzzle.

WELLINGTON: Well you know, there are a lot of people with you.

CALLER 5: You really believe that, huh? And you know, speaking of homosexuals, it seems to be the topic of the times. Actually, I don't know if many people know this, but up till a few months ago, the Psychiatric Association of America took them off, the, you know, they claimed at one time they were sick, remember? They were sick people. But two months ago, or three months ago, they had a meeting in America, the entire Psychiatric Association, and stated that they were not sick. They were normal. I think you knew that, didn't you?

WELLINGTON: Well, I did. I think the matter of normalcy is that someone who doesn't do something that you don't like, or does something you don't like, is probably abnormal in your eyes, but to one of his peers, he's normal.

CALLER 5: True. What do you think of the gold price going up? \$147 an ounce.

WELLINGTON: That's the highest it's ever been, isn't it?

CALLER 5: Of course, and of course, it will go higher. I don't have too any problems. The only gold I have is in my wedding ring.

WELLINGTON: How about your teeth?

CALLER 5: John, John. Don't even mention that. Incidentally, to go back to the homosexuals. As far as their personal sexual life is concerned, it doesn't bother me any at all, but I do, it does bother me that they want to hold a statewide conference. That does bother me, more than anything else. Whatever they are, whatever they do in their own personal life, that's their problem. But I don't think they should make an statewide event for the whole world, for the whole country to laugh at. Okay, John ... oh, John, save your gold, huh?

WELLINGTON: Okay, thank you, bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 6: Morning, John. How are you?

WELLINGTON: Fine, thank you.

CALLER 6: John, I'd like to say that in my readings, I have heard and read that there's a lot of opinion among psychiatrists that people who are the most vehement in denouncing homosexuality are those who are actually in the greatest fear of latent homosexual tendencies on their own part.

WELLINGTON: Or perhaps a closet

CALLER 6: Or perhaps what?

WELLINGTON: A closet homosexual.

CALLER 6: Or perhaps a closet Queen, you mean?

WELLINGTON: Yeah.

CALLER 6: Yeah, right. You know, they might actually be actually striking out against something which is not really directed so much at other people who are homosexuals, but it's something that they have their own problem with, which they'd like to get rid of. It's kind of a displacement phenomenon. Now, in regard to this article or two articles there on that draft dodger, I think that people should remember that there were a number of different motives for guys dodging the draft. You know, can't lump them all into one category. Some of them dodged the draft simply for reasons of real cowardice, that is being afraid of combat and that's it. Someone had a distaste personally wise for military life. They didn't want to get regimented and so on. But others, like this Fred Kilfoil, evidently did it for reasons of ideals and conviction. And I think that somebody that goes through the hassle and bother which he did for that particular reason, which he did, why, he should be considered a hero because he stood true to something that he believed in...

WELLINGTON: Well, I think a lot of...

CALLER 6: ... fighting for something...

WELLINGTON: Didn't a lot of those people who stood up for what they believed, though they said they'd go to jail and they didn't leave the country, they did serve a prison term for their beliefs. That, I think, takes courage, is doing that. Standing up for your beliefs to the point that you will be taken to jail, not running away from the consequences.

CALLER 6: Well, that's one of the alternatives you can choose. You can choose to go to jail for your beliefs, or you can also choose to go through the trouble and the bother of going to a different country. I don't think that one is necessarily better than the other. But in regard to condemning them all as cowards, I think that that's a fallacy. You can't stick them all into this one ...

WELLINGTON: Oh, no.

CALLER 6: And if more people had been like Fred Kilfoil why then the United States couldn't have got into the Indochina war and all those 45,000 plus GIs that got killed in action would still be alive today.

WELLINGTON: Well, thank you

CALLER 6: Okay, John.

WELLINGTON: 942-4848, 942-4849. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 7: Good morning. I just would like to, in regards to this homosexual at the campus, at the Orono. I'm just wondering if any other people have heard about them sending invitations to the other students to come to their meetings.

WELLINGTON: I hadn't heard about that.

CALLER 7: Well, I heard a friend of mine say that her son received one.

WELLINGTON: I have heard that they they did issue an open invitation. I didn't know they sent individual invitations.

CALLER 7: Well, I heard that and I was just wondering if were so.

WELLINGTON: I would have no idea, ma'am.

CALLER 7: Uh, huh, and then of course it tells in Romans 1 all about this business, and especially 25 to 32. Thank you very much.

WELLINGTON: Well, thank you ma'am. Bye. Good morning, let's talk it over. [Dial tone] Must have dropped the phone, or something. But, anyhow, thought we had a call coming in. A lot of people are the opinion of the person's sexual life is his own personal business just so long as he doesn't try to intrude on yours, or any sort of belief try to assert himself, assert herself, the views of the particular views they hold on other people. Just keep it at themselves, fine. Here comes a call. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 8: Good morning, John. I think that one thing that people do forget sometimes about some of these homosexuals they do recruit, to keep up their numbers. And so they're sending out invitations to people. I don't feel that the young people that we send a college to get an education should be subjected to organized perversion. And what else can you call it?

WELLINGTON: There's an interesting tape from the University yesterday, George Riley on this Student Action Committee, and they're doing some fine things there, working for people, with people, and too bad that this kind of activity is overshadowed by the more sensational student demonstrations, gay conferences, and so forth.

CALLER 8: That's true. And I wish this would be one thing, if the students themselves would band together and sort of picket this place...

WELLINGTON: Well maybe, maybe not even picket it, just ignore it. I mean, that's, I think, the drawing attention to it. We've seen many cases that a demonstration is fizzled out because just nobody came and booed.

CALLER 8: Yes, well I still think that it should not be held on the Maine campus.

WELLINGTON: I don't know whether it is. I don't know that it is going to be held there. I know that the Parish House down opposite the Bangor House, is going to be a headquarter, but I don't know if there's going to be any activity as such on the on the campus. I don't know.

CALLER 8: Well, this is what the story I heard before, and evidently...

WELLINGTON: Well, perhaps if one of their representatives is listening, could call in and, you know, because you don't have to give your names, it would be, not subject to any harassment, possible harassment.

CALLER 8: Well anyway, I still don't feel that taxpayers' money, and if this is to be held on the campus, I don't feel that taxpayers money should go into sanctioning

WELLINGTON: Of course, the uh, I have no strong for or against feelings on this, but the matter of taxpayers, I think in all fairness, homosexuals also pay taxes which go to the university. And I could say, well, I being Protestant, would say well I don't want like taxable University because there are young Catholics up there.

CALLER 8: I know, yes, John, but in government does not the majority rule? We, we may not...

WELLINGTON: Yeah, I see your point there...

CALLER 8: may not like the decisions that are made, but the majority rule. You know, and some little minority group shouldn't be able to take over the controls of something like the university campus and so forth, control the people that are making the policies for the majority of decent people.

WELLINGTON: I think, though, got about a few seconds here, that if the Trustees said absolutely no, had turned down this freedom of speech right of free assembly motion that the Maine Civil Liberties Union would hae started waving its arms and beating its breast and hollering, you're discriminating.

CALLER 8: No doubt. But Supreme Court decisions have been reversed and I think that maybe this could be, too. And I think it would be in the in the best interest of people and the young people who are going to college.

WELLINGTON: Well, thank you.

CALLER 8: OK, bye.

WELLINGTON: It just occurred to me on a lighter note, here, I was talking with somebody this morning about the pronunciation of Mount Desert Island or Mount Desert. And it was named by Champlain, I believe, as L'Isle des Monts-déserts, and perhaps desert is an Anglosizing of deserts, but I've always said Mount Desert and some people do, and some say Mount Deserts, so there you go, one of those little things. And getting back to this Lincoln's birthday, I don't see, didn't notice anything in the paper about it today, and Monday the 18th is Washington's birthday, but actually, we used to celebrate in the halcyon days, on the 22nd, and here comes a call. Good morning.

CALLER 9: I like that lady who talks about the majority rule. I wonder if she's ever seen a lynching. That's a majority rule. And actually, when you com to think of it, you know, no majority ever starting anything, good or bad. It's always one, two, or three individuals, like the Christian religion, or something like that. Or the American Revolution. Which historians say, at the time, that a third, or less than a third, of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth, were for revolution, about a third were neutral and didn't give a hoot, and about a third were loyalists, or supported the King.

WELLINGTON: I read some, well, figures on that, very interesting. The number of people that actually did support the Crown to the point of forming their own regiments are going in the British regiments.

CALLER 9: Yes, and at the end of the war, something like 42,000 people went out of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and so on into Canada and elsewhere. Even as far away as Barbados and places like that. So it's not a question of majority rule or majority deciding, because sometimes very frequently the majority makes terrible mistakes. And every good thing as I said that's come along, really has started with one or two or three or a small number of people, and if the majority had overcome them, and had not in the end perhaps accepted some of our ideas, where would we be today?

WELLINGTON: That's good logic, thank you, sir.

CALLER 9: I hope.

WELLINGTON: Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 10: Morning, John. Lovely day, huh?

WELLINGTON: Yeah, beautiful.

CALLER 10: I think John, that we should all realize the truth that the hippies, the hoppers, the homos and the weirdos, like the sick, the lame, and the lazy, will always be with us. That's my thought for the day. Thank you, John.

WELLINGTON: Well, thank you, sir. Bye. Getting back to this Washington's birthday, I believe sometimes that they're calling it President's Day. As I say, when I was a youngster in school, all these different days really meant something. Here comes a call. Good morning, let' talk it over.

CALLER 11: Yes, I'm interested in what the young man was saying about the idea that homosexuals have been taken off the list as psychosis, or whatever, by the psychiatrists. I'm sure there are many opinions on that, even now, and this is probably not a general opinion. I would not classify them as psychotic, myself. I would say that I would agree with the people who have said that they are probably suffering from obsessional neurosis. If people want to argue today on any point of moral issue, I don't believe that religion is going to be what influences the decisions. I think money, who is your boss, and who pays you, and whatnot, will influence you and what kind of belief you're going to express. I think that the idea of people who have been successfully married or happily married wish the same for their children.

They don't wish their children to be exposed to things that would be detrimental. It seems that this neurosis, or this attachment, homosexuality, probably in the teen years or at some time, becomes an arrested development. And generally society would wish for their own what they had, if it proved to be good for them. This is my idea. And the same is that, you know, you generalize about so many things, we all do. But I've heard many comments on this about, in concerning this program. Some people would never listen to it and they'll say, oh, it's only a certain kind of nut that talks, and it's only a certain kind of nut that listens. And it's only a certain type of obsession that would cause people to want to discuss.

WELLINGTON: Well, I think if an anybody that shuts out any ideas contrary to their own, is sort of, well, silly.

CALLER 11: You mean to say, you really mean to say, that you, I mean, I am gathering from what you are saying, your comments, that this does not disturb you too much. That this is being proliferated as much as it is. This does not cause you any disturbance?

WELLINGTON: Well, as I said earlier, or perhaps you didn't hear me, that a person's sexual conduct, to me, is his own business just so long as he doesn't try to push it on me or mine.

CALLER 11: Well let's go on, about some other... say there there is some forms of bestiality and everything. Suppose they start forming clubs and and started to have you, or want you to, I don't know. I almost believe, myself, that this is just a means of getting attention and of promoting anarchy.

WELLINGTON: Well I, as I told the other lady who called, we've got a few seconds here, that perhaps the best thing to do would be just ignore it. No publicity, no picketing, nothing. Just, just ignore it.

CALLER 11: Ignore it... if it doesn't influence your children

WELLINGTON: Yeah that's what I said

CALLER 11: Or if it doesn't influence a weak person. Now you take anybody who belongs to a homosexual group or whatever, gay, whatever they are, they can perform their lives and everything as anyone else, but if they trans... if they jump off the line, and having been reinforced, it is going to hurt someone else. It's the same, we're trying to teach people not to steal not even to steal from rich people, in stores, you know. It's the same thing, to me. Thank you.

WELLINGTON: Thank you. 942-4848, 942-4849. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 12: Hi John. Listen, I wanted to call up and tell you there are a couple of real misconceptions about this group at Orono and this whole thing. You know, one thing, first of all, the American Psychiatric Associations changed the classification of homosexuality from a deviant behavior to one where there's a disorientation and sexual object. In other words, they're not saying this is perfectly all right, now. They're not saying that. That's one of the things that's wrong. We also know that there are probably, oh, five percent of all the males are probably basically homosexual, perhaps three percent of all the females. So that would put about, oh, 300 people at the University of Maine that would probably

be homosexual. Now, they're not all active homosexuals, that's not true. I mean you find this in any population. You find this in the city of Bangor, or Brewer, or Orono, or any place you go. Now up at Maine where they have this group, they are probably, oh maybe twenty five people, in a group like that. So, you've got these people all worked up about, you know it's a minuscule number of people. And it's a percentage of the population that always occurs. And it's getting all upset about a few people who are sort of just stating their opinions about things and you know, they want to have a conference and state their opinion on things. Well, they've got a right to state their opinion. You know, people don't have to agree with it.

WELLINGTON: Well, it was like, they had an anti-war demonstration up there and I forget how many students were involved, maybe two or three hundred, but what a small percentage of the... I mean people condemn the entire student body, when it was just a small one or two percent of the entire population of the University of Maine Orono that was taking part in it.

CALLER 12: Yeah. They've had others, too. I remember others when only a very few people showed up. Real failures. There are a couple of other things I'd like to point out, too. Some woman mentions about recruitment. Well, the psycho-sexual development of a person is pretty complete by the age of eighteen and they're not gonna be ... recruitment, even if they wanted to recruit

WELLINGTON: Of course, somebody made the point that there may be teachers that would go out and teach the quite young

CALLER 12: Well, that's assuming they would be interested in the quite young

WELLINGTON: Well, there are aberrations that way

CALLER 12: There are people like that. There are some people that are heterosexual... that are teaching the young, too. Now we'll worry about them. You know. I don't know who you're gonna get to teach. There's something that also, I remember reading a couple years ago in one of the alumni magazines where about 1900, you see, this guy came up through the University of Maine, he came into Bangor, a boat from Portland. And then they starting having hazing of all the freshmen. They got them all out there, all in the nude, see. Well, today if you did that, you'd all end up in jail. But a lot of these things have gone on. So I think that people are getting awfully worked up about some very minor thing that really is, maybe better just sort of ignored.

WELLINGTON: Well, sir, thank you.

CALLER 12: Okay, sure.

WELLINGTON: Bye. 942-4848, 942-4849. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 13: Hi John. Hey, a little note of humor on this little convention. And maybe a little for, you know if the wife swappers got together, they'd have to meet at the Bangor Auditorium. But I don't think they would. That's my comment.

WELLINGTON: [Both laughing] Thank you, bye. Good morning, let's talk it over. Hello.

CALLER 14: Yes, is that you? Gracious me. You know, times have change since Hannah died and not knowing the rules about who or what group may or may not attend or use the state university or the results for any group to be refused before the federal court, I would hardly feel qualified to make snap judgments or to condemn. The taxpayers are very generous with the great generosity and funding University of Maine salaries at thirty eight and forty thousand per, but do they reserve the right to condemn others who don't conform with their beliefs until they are fully informed? Now man is, of course, we have two kingdoms, the animal and the plant. And the man is at the top of the animal kingdom. He has clothed himself. He has set up his own standards of living, morals manners and so forth. But like any animal he doesn't always come out of the same mold. I believe England was among the first to recognize the position of the homosexual in society. I mean while the University of Maine isn't any different from any school except its far healthier to have a co-educational set up, with the male, you know, with the male-female relationship, than isolating one sex at a college or a boarding school. Now the homosexual may be a valued teacher. I've known many capable teachers who were acceptable, maybe had the tendencies. Ministers, in fact, anybody around you. Now from my observations with acquaintances we've had quite a number. The homo's life pattern is far from gay. Too often, it's quite frustrating.

WELLINGTON: And also harassment.

CALLER 14: Yes. And I think it's very much up to the home and to the school to do the necessary groundwork to keep the borderline teenagers away from the contacts, of the to be deplored. Yes, I do deplore the aged, and I do say I don't care who says it, recruiting homosexual. We have to admit that. Now modern society no longer abides by the outmoded beliefs. And there's a very simple way to express freedom in this our America of the free. To a six year old I always said freedom is doing what you want to do as long as you do not bother or harm anybody else.

WELLINGTON: Well, that's very well said and thank you.

CALLER 14: Hm-hmm.

WELLINGTON: Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 15: What's all this bit about these guys already? Hey, why don't they let these guys alone, and start going a little bit on the lesies. This town is full of them.

WELLINGTON: O...kay

CALLER 15: Yeah.

WELLINGTON: Okay, thank you, bye. Yeah, it's uh, well, people regard something as abnormal which is not normal to them. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 16: Yes, I was wondering if anybody realizes that today's the day in Augusta the legislature, you know, debates their \$4000 pay raise.

WELLINGTON: Is it today, or tomorrow?

CALLER 16: According to the TV last night, it's today

WELLINGTON: It's today. And that's, uh...

CALLER 16: And they're also throwing in a \$25 a day living allowance which, I think, you know, pretty [inaudible] think for them to do, you know, it's

WELLINGTON: Well this is, this is a hundred percent pay raise, I believe. It goes up to seventy seven thousand five hundred, something like that.

CALLER 16: I believe so, yes.

WELLINGTON: And there are there at 35, 3,500 now.

CALLER 16: That, in and of itself must be more than 85% of the people in Maine are making, you know, as a living.

WELLINGTON: Well this, of course is for the biennium, not for the year.

CALLER 16: Well, yes, well it's the same thing, you know. And about these homosexuals, it's all you seem to be talking about there, and I think that the people are calling up doing more advertising for 'em than the homosexuals are doing for themselves.

WELLINGTON: Yeah it's the same thing as a, well, they had when Jesus Christ Superstar was here and we had a quite a flap about it, and I said if you don't want to see it, you don't have to go. I said every call you make is the best, well, having it banned in Boston is the best publicity it can get.

CALLER 16: That's true, too. Okay, thank you.

WELLINGTON: Thank you. Bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 17: Yes, good morning, John. People aren't taking your advice.

WELLINGTON: Pardon?

CALLER 17: People are not taking your advice.

WELLINGTON: On what?

CALLER 17: In not giving the homosexual so much publicity.

WELLINGTON: Oh, yeah.

CALLER 17: Everybody's calling in there this morning giving them all kinds of publicity. I think more people should take your advice and not discuss it publicly.

WELLINGTON: Well, look at we have, look at some of the movies we have that uh, and a lot of other things that are going on.

CALLER 17: I think they should just, just not do it. Thank you.

WELLINGTON: Yeah. Well, ma'am, thank you. Bye. Good morning, let's talk it over. [Inaudible] legislative pay here. They get 3,500 for the regular session and for the special session they get \$25 per day, one round trip a week and regular pay after a certain period, then per diem for the days they are there. They want to go for a pay raise. Of course, this is, as I pointed out, for the biennium. Here comes a call. Good morning. Let's talk it over. Want to turn down that radio?

CALLER 18: I turned that radio down. Yes, the gentlemen that called in that said let the homosexuals alone, there are just as many lesbians. Well, homosexual includes lesbians. This group at the University of Maine

WELLINGTON: I believe its an all-embracing term.

CALLER 18: Yeah, they're both men and women in the Wilde Stein Club, named after Oscar Wilde and Gertrude Stein, who were homosexuals, both men and women, they have a woman speaker coming from New York

WELLINGTON: And I also understand that there are some members who are heterosexuals.

CALLER 18: Literally?

WELLINGTON: Yeah.

CALLER 18: Oh, dear. Well, my son goes to the University of Maine, and I sent word down by his father to ask if he's received a written invitation. I wouldn't be surprised if they had because of course, they do recruit [inaudible]. I agree with you and I agree with some of the people that what a person does sexually concerning adults and their sexual ways,

WELLINGTON: Just so long as it does not...

CALLER 18: But this isn't the way it is. With homosexuals. Now, I know, because I've talked to many of them. I talked with lesbians and I talked to men and when this comes out in the paper that [nursery facilities?] are provided, this really threw me, because they are completely repelled by the opposite sex. Now I know, I've talked to lesbians and they are completely turned off. They wouldn't have anything... it just like Christian science and medicine the two don't go together. Do you know what I mean?

WELLINGTON: Well there are, I'd like to point out that there are many people who are homosexuals who are also heterosexual, or many that are married and have children.

CALLER 18: Well, that's not the true homosexual, though, because they're completely turned off by the opposite sex. Would have no

WELLINGTON: Well, I'm not a psychiatrist, so I couldn't

CALLER 18: Well, I know a lot about this. I have studies a lot about this and I have known a lot. I do know that percentage wise, there are more recruited than are born. There are 80% that are recruited, and they do pick on youngsters. It's a dirty business, really.

WELLINGTON: Well, thank you very much, ma'am. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 19: Good morning, John. I know that subject is probably wearing you to a frazzle about the homos. But, you know I'm terribly concerned about America and its youth. My concern is, which way are they going? What about all that good ones?

WELLINGTON: That's uh, I've said that so many times it's probably ad nauseam, but it's the house that burned down that gets the attention, it is not the 10,000 houses it didn't burn down that make the newspaper.

CALLER 19: How right you are. But these good kids, these young youth that are in there pitching, the honorable ones, the respectable ones, the young marrieds that come back to see me, bring their little ones that they take excellent care of. The ones that are in there pitching in to pay their bills, to pay their taxes, they aren't out asking, I want it handed to me. They're the ones that are in there pitching, this is my country, too. I honor it. I respect it. So the few though that want to destroy everything that is America, what's wrong with their head? They don't like America, I have always preached, get out of it. There's plenty of things I can say about my country. But I love it. I wouldn't trade it for any other country in this world, so God bless America.

WELLINGTON: An awful lot of people are with you, ma'am. Me included. Thank you. Well, that's about does it for this morning, but don't forget. Have a good day today.

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