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SENATE

Thursday, February 7, 1963

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Brig. William G. Wilbur, S. A., Augusta

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Order Out of Order

On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook,

Out of order and under suspension of the rules,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 12th at ten o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 442)

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: Members of the Senate: I would like to ask you to pause for a few moments in our deliberations today to join me in paying respect to a very worthy group of Maine citizens. Today is the beginning of National Boy Scout Week. From now until February 13th, throughout the State, Scouts and Leaders — from eight to eighty — will be taking part in various activities which will highlight the importance of the Boy Scouts of America. Tomorrow, February 8th, is the 53rd Anniversary of the founding of this great American institution.

For these reasons, I would like to present to you now an Augusta man who is himself 29 years a Scouter. Would Mr. Stanley McCurdy and his three Scout friends please come forward.

Scoutmaster Stanley McCurdy and three Boy Scouts then came to the rostrum amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

The PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. McCurdy.

Mr. STANLEY McCURDY: Thank you, Mr. President. Distinguished Senators: I would like to have you take note of a little card which has been passed to you. You will find printed here a copy of the official "Scout Oath". I will now ask my Scout friends here to join me in repeating it for you.

(The Scout Oath was then repeated by Scoutmaster McCurdy and the boy scouts)

It might be of interest for you to know that this young man representing the Scout program is Tommy Bennett of Pack 172, Gardiner. His den mother, Mrs. Bennett, is in the back of the hall. The next young man is an Eagle Scout, indeed a Flying Eagle, having just made his first parachute jump about two months ago — Mr. Paul Gagnon of Troop 167, Augusta. And this boy is the holder of Star rank, Donald White, an Explorer Scout of Post 411, Augusta. (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. McCurdy.

House Papers**Bills for reference**

Bill, "An Act Providing for 'Breath-Test-Meters.'" (S. P. 564) (L. D. 1045)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Reimbursement of Towns for Medical Expenses of Indigent Persons." (H. P. 717) (L. D. 1046)

Bill, "An Act Providing for Working Capital for Bureau of Purchases." (H. P. 718) (L. D. 1047)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Discrimination Among Licensed Optometrists." (H. P. 719) (L. D. 1048)

Bill, "An Act to Reduce the Cost of Renewal Fees for Cinematograph Operators' Licenses." (H. P. 720) (L. D. 1049)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Interest Rate for Licensed Small Loan Agencies." (H. P. 721) (L. D. 1050)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

Communication

Mr. Campbell of Augusta presented the following Joint Resolution:

STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-three

JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Colby College is observing this year the one hundred

fiftieth anniversary of the granting of its charter; and

WHEREAS, Colby College has, in the past century and a half, through the thousands of its graduates who have entered the field of education, religion, law, medicine, business, industry and all walks of life, equipped with a preparation in the best liberal arts tradition, made a contribution in human resources of inestimable value to the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Colby College, by opening its doors to the general public for adult education classes, televised courses, public lectures, art exhibits and musical programs, and by offering its facilities to a large number of institutes, seminars and conferences, has thereby further greatly contributed to the cultural and educational life of the State; and

WHEREAS, Colby College enters upon the second half of its second century with the high distinction of being selected by one of the nation's great Foundations for a "Center of Excellence", thus envisaging even greater services and achievements in the coming years, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Maine hereby extends to Colby College its congratulations on the occasion of this sesqui-centennial observance, and its best wishes for the future upon which the college enters with such great promise of enlarged opportunity for qualified Maine youth, and of further enhancement of the good name of our State; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an engrossed copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the President and Trustees of Colby College, to be filed with the records of the college. (S. P. 441)

Which was read and adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Papers

Agriculture

Mr. Pike of Oxford presented Bill, "An Act to Create the Economic Poisons Board." (S. P. 410)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Unlicensed Dogs." (S. P. 411)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Lists of Dogs in Tax Assessor's Inventories." (S. P. 412)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Creating the Uniform Hazardous Substances Labeling Act." (S. P. 413)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Fee for Disposal of Dogs and Damages Done by Dogs." (S. P. 414)

Mr. Ferguson of Oxford presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Dog Licenses and Fees Therefor." (S. P. 415)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Education

Mr. Brooks of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act to Pay School Subsidies on the Basis of Uniform Local Effort." (S. P. 416)

Mr. Cram of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Suspension of Schools During Teachers County Conventions." (S. P. 417)

Which were referred to the Committee on Education and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Mr. Campbell of Kennebec presented Bill, "An Act Revising Laws Relating to Pineland Hospital and Training Center." (S. P. 418)

Mr. Hinds of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Apothecaries and the Sale of Poisons." (S. P. 419)

Which were referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Highways

Mr. Cram of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Fixing the Boundaries of Highways and Town Ways." (S. P. 420)

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Noyes of Franklin presented Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Planting

Fish in Great Ponds Inaccessible to Public." (S. P. 421)

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Campbell of Kennebec presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Default Under Trustee Process." (S. P. 422)

Mr. Stitham of Somerset presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Appeals by the State Upon Questions of Law in Criminal Cases." (S. P. 423)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Authority of Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries to Search Buildings and Vehicles." (S. P. 424)

Mr. Pike of Oxford presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Restraint of Vicious Dogs." (S. P. 425)

Mr. Whittaker of Penobscot presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Discrimination in Rental Housing." (S. P. 426)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Brooks of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act Transferring Probation of Juveniles in Cumberland County to State Probation Administration." (S. P. 427)

Mr. Pike of Oxford presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Dogs Brought to Veterinarian." (S. P. 428)

Mr. Boardman of Washington presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees in Disclosure Proceedings." (S. P. 429)

Mr. Kimball of Hancock presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Enforcement of Laws Relating to Litter." (S. P. 430)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Mr. Ferguson of Oxford presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Identification of Authorized Carrier Vehicles." (S. P. 431)

Mr. Campbell of Kennebec presented Bill, "An Act to Clarify Granting of Water Pipe Location Permits." (S. P. 432)

Which were referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Taxation

Mr. Philbrick of Penobscot presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles Paid by Members of Penobscot Tribe of Indians." (S. P. 433)

Mr. Cram of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Taxpayers Furnishing List of Property to Assessors." (S. P. 434)

Which were referred to the Committee on Taxation and ordered printed.

Towns and Counties

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Adjusting Salary for the Supreme Judicial Court Messenger in Cumberland County." (S. P. 435)

Mr. Stitham of Somerset presented Bill, "An Act Increasing Salaries of the County Attorneys and the Assistant County Attorneys." (S. P. 436)

Which were referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Transportation

Mr. Stilphen of Knox presented Bill, "An Act Clarifying Months Covered by Fee for Operation of Certain Trucks." (S. P. 437)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Safety Requirements for Operation of Certain Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 438)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Lights on Snow Removal or Sanding Equipment." (S. P. 439)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Temporary Registration Permits for Certain Motor Vehicles and Special Permits for Other Vehicles." (S. P. 440)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Transportation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send flowers to Regis T. Strout with best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The order was read and passed.

Committee Reports

House — Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Number of Catch of Fish in Certain Waters in Aroostock County." (H. P. 36) (L. D. 59) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Providing Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans." (H. P. 41) (L. D. 64) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill, "An Act Relating to Benefits for Policemen under the Maine State Retirement System." (H. P. 306) (L. D. 399) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Committee Reports

House — Recommended

The Committee on Natural Resources on Bill, "An Act Repealing Law Allocating Moneys from Organized Township's Fund for Managing Public Reserved Lots in Plantations." (H. P. 163) (L. D. 212) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Comes from the House recommended to the Committee on Natural Resources.

In the Senate, recommended in concurrence.

House — Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Claims on Resolve In Favor of Fred Salem of Millinocket. (H. P. 20) (L. D. 45) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Closed Season on Bears." (H. P. 282) (L. D. 376) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Providing Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Persons Over Sixty-five Years of Age." (H. P. 42) (L. D. 65) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

House — Ought to Pass

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Reciprocity Under Financial Responsibility Law." (H. P. 153) (L. D. 204) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Directors and Trustees of The King's Academy." (H. P. 228) (L. D. 299) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Authorizing Transfer of Property and Assets of the Trustees of East Corinth Academy." (H. P. 229) (L. D. 298) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Taxes on Spirituous and Vinous Liquors Sold to Certain Instrumentalities." (H. P. 237) (L. D. 305) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Municipal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Purposes and Powers of Bar Harbor School District." (H. P. 126) (L. D. 170) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Clerk of Overseers of Poor of Fairfield." (H. P. 159) (L. D. 209) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Natural Resources on Bill, "An Act Relating to Payments by Baxter State Park Authority to Maine Forestry District." (H. P. 162) (L. D. 211) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale the Interest of the State in Certain Lands in the Unorganized Territory. (H. P. 243) (L. D. 311) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Increasing Compensation of Trustees of Gray Water District." (H. P. 244) (L. D.

312) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Appointment of Directors of Eastport Public Landing Authority." (H. P. 245) (L. D. 313) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Norway Water District to Create a Source of Supply in the Town of Oxford." (H. P. 302) (L. D. 395) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act Relating to Taking of Alewives in Town of Blue Hill." (H. P. 69) (L. D. 92) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Closed Season on Scallops in Bagaduce River." (H. P. 127) (L. D. 171) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Repealing Law Permitting Trapping of Eels in Bagaduce River." (H. P. 310) (L. D. 403) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**House — Ought to Pass
As Amended**

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 2." (H. P. 94) (L. D. 133) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act Relating to Taking of Smelts from Chandler River, Washington County." (H. P. 249) (L. D. 317) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act to Provide for Acceptance of Federal Funds by State Park Commission." (H. P. 131) (L. D. 174) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Transferring Burial Allowance

Program for Veterans from Department of Health and Welfare to Division of Veterans Affairs." (H. P. 311) (L. D. 404) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence. Committee Amendments "A" were read and adopted in concurrence and the bills, as amended, read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**House — Ought to Pass — New
Draft — Same title**

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Sebago Lake and Tributaries. (H. P. 46) (L. D. 69) reported that the same Ought to pass in New Draft, (H. P. 757) (L. D. 877) under the same title.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill in New Draft read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Majority — Ought to pass
Minority — Ought Not to Pass**

The Majority of the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Instruction Permits and Fees for Examination to Operate a Motor Vehicle." (H. P. 170) (L. D. 219) reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

STILPHEN of Knox
JOHNSON of Somerset
PHILBRICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

WHITNEY of Winn
OSBORN of Presque Isle
LAUGHTON of Ripley
DAVIS of Calais
FINLEY of Washington
LINNEKIN of Limington

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Representative:

BUSSIÈRE of Lewiston

Comes from the House, Majority—Ought to Pass Report Accepted.

In the Senate:

On motion by Mr. Stilphen of Knox, the majority Ought to pass report of the committee was accepted in concurrence, the bill was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Senate — Re-referred

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Relating to Redistribution of Axle Loads on Commercial Vehicles." (S. P. 206) (L. D. 516) reported that the same should be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senate — Leave to Withdraw

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Competitive Bidding on Highways, Bridges and Public Improvements." (S. P. 146) (L. D. 423) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Boardman from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Responsibility for Injuries by Intoxicated Persons." (S. P. 110) (L. D. 338) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate — Ought Not to Pass Bill Tabled

Mr. Farris from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Medical Examiners." (S. P. 106) (L. D. 334) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec, the bill was tabled unassigned, pending acceptance of the report.

Bill Tabled

Mr. Reed from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Plugging of Lobster Claws." (S. P. 158) (L. D. 434) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the bill was tabled unassigned, pending acceptance of the report.

Senate — Ought to Pass

Mr. Farris from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating

to Penalty for Conveyance of Land in Plats without Approval." (S. P. 109) (L. D. 337) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Boardman from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Penalties for Burglary and Larceny." (S. P. 108) (L. D. 336) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Whittaker from the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Providing for a Continuance of the Constitutional Commission." (S. P. 83) (L. D. 190) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mrs. Christie from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Providing Expense Reimbursement for Members of the Legislature." (S. P. 159) (L. D. 435) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. COLE of Waldo: Mr. President, I move that Item 6-32 lie on the table pending acceptance of the committee report.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Hinds, and points out to him that a tabling motion has just been made.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. President, may I debate the time of tabling?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Hinds, may inquire of the Senator from Waldo, Senator Cole, regarding time, but there will be no debate on the motion.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. President, then I ask for a division.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Hinds has asked for a division on the motion of the Senator from Waldo, Senator Cole, that this Item 6-32, Bill, "An Act Providing Expense Reimbursement for Members of the Legislature", lie on the table pending acceptance of the report. Is the Senate ready for the question? If so, all those in favor of the motion of the Senator from Waldo, Senator Cole, that the bill lie on the table will rise and stand in their places until counted.

A division was had.

Twelve having voted in the affirmative and twenty in the negative, the motion to table did not prevail.

On motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec, the bill was tabled until later in today's session.

Mr. Lovell from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Support of Patients at State Institutions." (S. P. 123) (L. D. 352) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following Bills and Resolve:

House

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Public Finance Corporation of Portland No. 2." (H. P. 190) (L. D. 259)

Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 1." (H. P. 27) (L. D. 51)

(On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, the bill was tabled unassigned pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Authorization of Husson College to Confer Degrees." (H. P. 28) (L. D. 52)

Bill, "An Act Authorizing the Municipalities of Dexter, Garland and Ripley to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 93) (L. D. 137)

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Amity, Cary Plantation, Haynesville, Hodgdon, Linneus, Ludlow and New Limerick to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 95) (L. D. 139)

Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 23." (H. P. 200) (L. D. 269)

(On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, the bill was tabled unassigned pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Bradford, Corinth, Exeter, Hudson and Kenduskeag to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 201) (L. D. 270)

Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 22." (H. P. 203) (L. D. 272)

(On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, the bill was tabled unassigned pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 21." (H. P. 205) (L. D. 274)

(On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, the bill was tabled unassigned pending passage to be engrossed.)

Resolve Authorizing Director of Public Improvements to Convey Land in Scarborough to George W. Scamman, Robert W. Scamman and Wentworth W. Scamman. (H. P. 312) (L. D. 405)

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Seaboard Finance Company." (S. P. 139) (L. D. 416)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Seaboard Finance Company of Pine Tree." (S. P. 138) (L. D. 415)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Use of Service Facilities by Banks." (S. P. 140) (L. D. 417)

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Number of Catch of Fish in Aroostook County." (S. P. 34) (L. D. 27)

(On motion by Mr. Cyr of Aroostook, the bill was tabled and specially assigned for Thursday next, pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill, "An Act Permitting Separate Ballot Boxes for Votes on Constitutional Amendments and Referendums." (H. P. 29) (L. D. 53)

Which bills were passed to be enacted and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Resolve, Regulating Ice Fishing on Drew Lake, Aroostook County. (H. P. 44) (L. D. 67)

Resolve, Regulating Fishing on Tim Pond and Mud Pond, Franklin County. (H. P. 48) (L. D. 71)

Resolve, Relating to Black Bass Fishing in Certain Kennebec County Waters. (H. P. 49) (L. D. 72)

Which Resolves were finally passed and having been signed by the President were by the Sec-

retary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

Bill, "An Act Relating to Superintending School Committee of City of Ellsworth." (H. P. 119) (L. D. 163)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 31 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted; and having been signed by the President was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table the 2nd tabled and unassigned matter (H. P. 316) Joint Order — Relative to Parking Privileges for Members of Constitutional Commission, which was tabled on January 29th by that Senator pending passage.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. President, I feel that this order could set a precedent that might snow-ball into something that we could not live with. If we give this space to one committee we should be obligated to give it to all committees, therefore I move, Mr. President, the indefinite postponement of this order.

The motion prevailed and the order was indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate Item 6-32, Bill, "An Act Providing Expense Reimbursement for Members of the Legislature," which was tabled by that Senator earlier in the day.

Mr. Farris of Kennebec requested and was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. FARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I was not aware that this measure was to be before us this afternoon until I saw the calendar when I came in here. The reason I requested unanimous consent — I will make a tabling motion and I realize it is not debatable, and I certainly do not wish to—

The PRESIDENT: The Chair

would inform the Senator that the tabling motion, if one is to be made, cannot be made even under unanimous consent to address the Senate. If the Senator from Kennebec is to restrict his remarks to tabling of any bill the Chair will not allow him to proceed, but if he has remarks to address to the Senate on the subject-matter of the bill in question he may proceed.

Mr. FARRIS: Thank you, Mr. President. The reason for leaving the chamber was to confer with the Attorney General in regard to the question of constitutionality and legality of this measure as drafted. I was advised that there is an amendment prepared to be offered but the person who has the amendment does not have it ready for presentation yet, and he wished to have the bill go through its first and second reading and then the amendment would be offered. This amendment had been prepared by the Attorney General's Department, and I asked the Attorney General another question, as to whether or not he had given any consideration to the effective date of this legislation and he said, "No," and it raised some questions in his mind, even with the amendment, as to whether or not this measure would be legal.

It certainly would be very irresponsible if we were in haste to enact legislation such as this without thoroughly checking the legal aspects. I would certainly be embarrassed as Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary if a measure were to be enacted or even given first reading, to find out at a later date that there are legal ramifications which prohibit such legislation from being enacted. Even though I cannot make a tabling motion, inasmuch as I have made these remarks I would dislike to see this proposition buried; I think it should be kept alive, but as the matter now stands I would be in a position where I would have to vote against passage in the event that comes up for discussion today, but I would hope that the proponent of this measure would put this upon the table for a reasonable length

of time, even until Tuesday, so that we can check the legal aspects.

On motion by Mr. Hinds of Cumberland the bill was tabled and especially assigned for Tuesday next.

The adjournment order having been received from the House, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. next Tuesday.