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SENATE

Wednesday, March 13, 1963

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Carl Kingsbury of Rumford, Maine.

On motion by Mr. Whittaker of Penobscot, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

House Papers

Non-concurrent matter

Bill, "An Act Amending Certain Statutes Relating to Licensed Small Loan Agencies." (S. P. 353) (L. D. 1019)

In Senate, March 6, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A. (S-41)

Comes from the House passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A and by House Amendment A thereto, in non-concurrence. (H-89)

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

Senate Papers

Mr. Brooks of Cumberland presented the following Resolve which implements the report of the Constitutional Commission:

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide Revised Qualifications for Electors. (S. P. 536)

Which was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Legislative Reapportionment and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports — House

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Relating to Secondary School Privileges." (H. P. 764) (L. D. 1118) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Local Option Question on Sale of Malt Beverages in Hotels and Clubs Only." (H. P. 64) (L. D. 88) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Providing Statewide Referendum on Retail Sale of Malt Liquor." (H. P. 874) (L. D. 1261) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Reimbursement of Fuel Tax for Miles Traveled on Maine Turnpike." (H. P. 315) (L. D. 408) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Permitting Certain Corporations to Hold Stockholders Meetings Outside the State." (H. P. 761) (L. D. 1115) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Relating to School Age in Public Schools." (H. P. 725) (L. D. 1054) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Hinds of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report, and especially assigned for March 21.)

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Revising Laws Relating to Boilers and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessels." (H. P. 822) (L. D. 1209) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Repealing the Law Regulating the Solicitation and Collection of Funds for Charitable Purposes." (H. P. 785) (L. D. 1138) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Disposal of Dilapidated Buildings." (H. P. 779) (L. D. 1132) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Traffic Ordinances." (H. P. 824) (L. D. 1211) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Creating an Excise Tax on Sales of Real Estate." (H. P. 691) (L. D. 947) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Cram of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Abolishing Tax on Transient Rentals." (H. P. 885) (L. D. 1270)

reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Solicitation of Pre-arranged Funerals and to Payments for Securing Funeral Business." (H. P. 723) (L. D. 1052) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to the Organization and Powers of Credit Unions." (H. P. 799) (L. D. 1186) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Permitting Savings Banks to Make Loan Secured by Mortgages of Property Located in the Eastern Slope Regional Airport." (H. P. 896) (L. D. 1303) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Providing for Equitable Relief for Purchasers of Real Estate from Municipalities." (H. P. 154) (L. D. 205) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Resolve, Authorizing George A. Nowell to Bring Civil Action Against State of Maine. (H. P. 468) (L. D. 672) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act Relating to Appointment of Deputy County Treasurer." (H. P. 698) (L. D. 954) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Length of Vacation of County Clerical Help." (H. P. 854) (L. D. 1241) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence; the Bills and Resolve were read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Claims on Resolve, to Reimburse Harry F. Sanborn, West Baldwin, for Loss of Pullets. (H. P. 323) (L. D. 576)

reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-91)

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence; Committee Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Bill, as amended, read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass in New Draft — Same title

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Probation of Persons by Court." (H. P. 221) (L. D. 290) reported that the same Ought to pass in New Draft under the same title (H. P. 1002) (L. D. 1444)

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

Majority — Ought Not to Pass Minority — Ought to Pass

The Majority of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Reporting System for Payment of Malt Liquor Excise Taxes." (H. P. 602) (L. D. 837) reported that the same Ought not to pass.
(Signed)

Senators:

KIMBALL of Hancock
JACQUES of Androscoggin

Representatives:

OAKES of Portland
TOWNSEND of Baileyville
WADE of Skowhegan
BERNARD of Sanford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

CHRISTIE of Aroostook

Representative:

MEISNER

of Dover-Foxcroft

Comes from the House, Majority Ought not to pass report read and accepted.

In the Senate, the Majority Ought Not to Pass report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Minority — Ought to Pass

The Majority of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act

Prohibiting the Solicitation to Purchase Liquor in Hotels and Restaurants.” (H. P. 745) (L. D. 1074) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)
Senators:

JACQUES of Androscoggin
KIMBALL OF Hancock

Representatives:

CHAPMAN of Norway
WADE of Skowhegan
BERNARD of Sanford
TOWNSEND of Baileyville
OAKES of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

CHRISTIE of Aroostook

Representatives:

MEISNER
of Dover-Foxcroft

Comes from the House, Majority Report — Ought not to pass — read and accepted.

In the Senate:

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the minority “Ought to pass” report.

This bill was entered at the request of the Maine State Grange. I am sure that they feel it is not very pleasant always to have a waitress asking, “Do you want a cocktail?” when a great many people do not want a cocktail, and some people even find it embarrassing, so I hope the “Ought to pass” report will be accepted.

Mr. LOVELL of York: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I happen to be a Granger myself and I feel that if I am in a restaurant and a waitress just wishes to ask me if I want a cocktail or not I have enough intestinal fortitude to say “No” or “Yes,” whichever I desire. For the sake of the tourist business and the over-all restaurant business I cannot see that this bill is going to do any harm, and I certainly feel that it should not pass, so I would request a division on the motion of the good Senator from Aroostook, Mrs. Christie.

A division of the Senate was had.

Fourteen having voted in the affirmative and eighteen opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Lovell of York, the Ought Not to Pass report was accepted in concurrence.

The Majority of the Committee on Transportation on Bill, “An Act Providing Special License Plates for United States Postmasters.” (H. P. 78) (L. D. 40) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

STILPHEN of Knox
JOHNSON of Somerset
PHILBRICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Representatives:

BUSSIERE of Lewiston

Comes from the House, Majority—Ought not to pass report accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Lovell of York, tabled pending acceptance of either report.

The Majority of the Committee on Taxation on Bill, “An Act Providing for a State Income Tax.” (H. P. 837) (L. D. 1224) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

WYMAN of Washington
LETOURNEAU of York
BROWN of Hancock

Representatives:

WATERMAN of Auburn
JONES of Farmington
ALBAIR of Caribou
WOOD of Brooks
BROWN of Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

COTTRELL of Portland

Comes from the House, the ought not to pass Report read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Jacques of Androscoggin, the Majority Ought not to pass report was accepted in concurrence.

Out of Order and under suspension of the rules, the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edmunds presented the following Resolution and moved its passage:

WHEREAS capital gains tax treatment of timber under the Internal Revenue Code has been the major factor responsible for the vast progress of Maine in forest management and the growth of forest resources during the past half century, and

WHEREAS the substantial elimination of capital gains treatment for the owners of forest lands would constitute the most severe setback in this generation to the growth of forest products, and

WHEREAS the jobs of thousands of employees and many communities are affected by the forest industries of Maine and are jeopardized by the proposed elimination of capital gains treatment of timber.

NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED that the legislature of the State of Maine petition the Congress of the United States to defeat and reject the extreme and harmful changes in timber taxation proposed by Secretary of the Treasury to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives on February 6, 1963.

The motion prevailed, the Resolution was passed, and on further motion by the same Senator, the rules were suspended and the Resolution sent forthwith to the House.

Committee Reports — Senate

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Boisvert from the Committee on Claims on Resolve, in Favor of the Town of Holden. (S. P. 239) (L. D. 613) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Mr. Cyr from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Regulating the Open Season on Fisher." (S. P. 314) (L. D. 980) reported that the same Ought

not to pass, covered by other legislation.

Mr. Brewster from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act Relating to Catching of Lobsters by Skindivers." (S. P. 458) (L. D. 1285) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Reed of Sagadahoc, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Providing a Sports License for Taking Lobsters." (S. P. 397) (L. D. 1100) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Porteous of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Majority — Ought to Pass

Minority — Ought Not to Pass

The Majority of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve, Providing Increases in Retirement Allowances for Certain Retired Fish and Game Wardens. (S. P. 255) (L. D. 629) reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

BOISVERT of Androscoggin

Representatives:

HENDRICKS of Portland

HENDSBEE of Madison

LINCOLN of Bethel

HAMMOND of Paris

WOOD of Brooks

GUSTAFSON

of South Portland

PRINCE of Oakfield

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

Senators:

SPROUL of Lincoln

ATHERTON of Penobscot

Ought to Pass

Mr. Boisvert from the Committee on Claims on Resolve, in Favor of Allie P. Lewis, of Palmyra, for Well Damage. (S. P. 242) (L. D. 616) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Brewster from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act Regulating the Taking of Clams in Wells, York County." (S. P. 500) (L. D. 1397) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted; the Bill and Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. BOISVERT of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I move that the Majority Ought to Pass Report be accepted.

Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I have no wish to oppose this bill. However, I signed the ought not to pass report for the reason that it carried a price tag of \$33,429.63 and also this would grant each fish and game warden \$100. The feeling is that if we open this up in this department, the same situation will take place in other departments. There is no question but what these men are needy in all probability, but we have every Thursday those coming before us who are needy, and each one seems needier than the one before. Therefore I signed the ought not to pass report and I hope that the Senator's motion does not prevail.

Mrs. HARRINGTON of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I was asked to put this resolve in by one of the retired wardens that lives in my town. He is eighty years old.

On account of the installation of the retirement system after these eighteen men had served, they are not allowed to participate in the retirement system. I am asking for \$100. The reason for the \$100 straight across the board is that we did not want to show any partiality. There was no opposition at the hearing. It will cost the State a little over \$500 a month for these men, that is if they are still living 90 days after adjournment. There are about half a dozen or so that are well into their eighties.

We have received letters from these men, telling us of their problems and how much this \$100 a month would mean to them. It is needless for me to tell you that the cost of living is high and that people in their seventies and eight-

ies require more or less medications.

These are not just ordinary laborers. These are the men that helped build our very efficient and prosperous Fish and Game Department. These are the men that worked for one dollar a day six days a week and sometimes seven. Their day was from sun-up to sun-down, their means of transportation in the winter a pair of snowshoes.

Our Fish and Game Department received a revenue of over \$1,800,000 per year for the last three years in licenses alone. It seems to me that the State could afford this \$100 for these dedicated state employees of the thirties and the twenties. I hope you will give this your kind consideration.

Mr. ATHERTON of Penobscot: Mr. President, I rise in support of one lady but regret extremely that it is in opposition to another lady.

Many of the resolves of this nature—and we have several others before the committee, and most of them, however, are for individuals—but it presents a different picture when we know some of these facts arouse a great deal of sympathy, concerning the situation.

As has been told to you, we have been advised that this would cost the State \$33,429.63. It is my understanding that this amount would have to be appropriated this year at this session.

Now within this list of retired game wardens are five individuals: a Mr. Dow, Poor, Jones, Peaslee and Scribner, who have chosen options which provide certain secondary or contingent payments at death, and who, because of this election, are getting a smaller monthly amount than normal for the length of service and the salaries, and who, to attain the same position should not be increased to the full \$100 mentioned but who would participate in increased proportion after the \$100 payments. There is one, a Mr. Gross, who retired under a disability retirement allowance and who should not be permitted the full increase due to the fact that he has been increased proportionately. In all other instances computations of the cost have been based upon the present age of each, the amount of raise

expected and which is applied to their life expectancy according to present mortality tables. So it appears to me that the acceptance of this report would create some inequities which we should not have.

In the event you have looked up the list, the present amount of retirement allowances range from \$27.80 to, I believe \$98.27. Now the reason for the smaller amounts in some cases is because the wages paid at the time the warden retired were much smaller than they are today. However, another reason is because some of them worked for the State for rather short periods of time. For example, it is my understanding that the warden receiving \$28.77 worked for the State for about fifteen years and he retired some years ago when the salary was smaller, which accounts for that smaller amount, also the fact of his short period of service.

There is another one of the game wardens who at the present time is a deputy sheriff in Hancock County. I myself have paid him for serving civil process. We do not know what other sources of income these game wardens have. I would presume that the man receiving the \$27 must have some other means of support or some other means of income to live on, because that is certainly not enough to live on.

I think that covers the situation as we understood it before the committee. I did want to make this explanation of why the minority of us opposed this: because of the fact that most of the members of the committee are members who felt favorably towards it are members of that unmentionable body at the other end of the hall it may well be the responsibility of this body to make the decision. Therefore, Mr. President, I move that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Ferguson of Oxford, the bill was laid upon the table pending motion by Senator Atherton to indefinitely postpone.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair is honored to recognize in the Senate Chambers a former distinguished President of the Senate and former Governor of the State of Maine, the Honorable Robert Haskell of

Bangor. (Applause, members rising.)

Majority — Ought Not to Pass
Minority — Ought to Pass

The Majority of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill, "An Act Relating to Credit for Military Service Under State Retirement Law." (S. P. 334) (L. D. 999) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

SPROUL of Lincoln
ATHERTON of Penobscot

Representatives:

HENDRICKS of Portland
HENDSBEE of Madison
LINCOLN of Bethel
WOOD of Brooks
HAMMOND of Paris
GUSTAFSON

of South Portland
PRINCE of Oakfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

BOISVERT of Androscoggin

On motion by Mr. Hichborn of Piscataquis, tabled pending acceptance of either report and especially assigned for tomorrow.

Majority — Ought Not to Pass
Minority — Ought to Pass

The Majority of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act Regulating Taking of Striped Bass from Coastal or Tidal Waters of York County." (S. P. 370) (L. D. 1036) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

REED of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

YOUNG of Gouldsboro
MADDOX of Vinalhaven
RICHARDSON of Stonington
LOWERY of Brunswick
PRINCE of Harpswell
RANKIN of Southport
MacGREGOR of Eastport

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter

reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)
Senators:

CRAM of Cumberland
BREWSTER of York

On motion by Mr. Lovell of York, the Minority Ought to Pass report was accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Second Readers

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

House

Resolve, in Favor of Town of Burlington for Winter Road Maintenance. (H. P. 270) (L. D. 364)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Seine or Bag Net of Bait Dealers Under Fish and Game Law." (H. P. 647) (L. D. 903)

Bill, "An Act Changing Old Orchard Beach Bird Sanctuary to Ocean Park Game Preserve and Bird Sanctuary." (H. P. 648) (L. D. 904)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Hunting of Skunks and Raccoons in the Daytime." (H. P. 999) (L. D. 1442)

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

As Amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Certificate of Registration to Practice Barbering." (H. P. 730) (L. D. 1059)

Which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act to Prevent Pollution of the Waters of Floods Pond and Burnt Pond." (S. P. 250) (L. D. 624)

Which was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.

As Amended

Bill, "An Act Revising the Law Relating to Closing-Out Sales." (S. P. 48) (L. D. 98)

Which was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. Stilphen of

Knox, tabled pending passage to be engrossed, and especially assigned for March 27.

Enactors

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

Bill, "An Act Designating Mount Desert Island as Game Management Area." (H. P. 208) (L. D. 277)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Size of Salmon Taken from Waters of Aroostook County." (H. P. 281) (L. D. 375)

Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Omissions in the Public Laws Relating to Sea and Shore Fisheries." (H. P. 308) (L. D. 401)

Bill, "An Act Revising the Maine Voluntary Apprenticeship Law." (H. P. 330) (L. D. 497)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Mexico Sewer District." (H. P. 393) (L. D. 592)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Stonington Water District." (H. P. 395) (L. D. 594)

Bill, "An Act Providing for Approval of Bonds or Notes at Special Elections in City of Saco." (H. P. 474) (L. D. 677)

Bill, "An Act Amending Charter of City of Portland Concerning Rotation on Candidates' Names on Ballots." (H. P. 481) (L. D. 684)

Bill, "An Act to Provide Survivor Benefits for Certain Members of the Police and Fire Departments of City of Portland." (H. P. 483) (L. D. 685)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Open Fishing Season in Cumberland, Oxford and York Counties." (H. P. 650) (L. D. 906)

Bill, "An Act Relating to False Report of Deposit of Bombs or Other Infernal Devices." (H. P. 981) (L. D. 1420)

Bill, "An Act Exempting Proceeds of Pension and Profit Sharing Plans from Inheritance Tax Law." (H. P. 983) (L. D. 1422)

(On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook, placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Presque Isle." (S. P. 184) (L. D. 483)

Bill, "An Act to Correct Inconsistencies and Inequities in the

Maine State Retirement Law." (S. P. 187) (L. D. 486)

Bill, "An Act to Change the Name of Serpentine Stream, Somerset County, to Harlow Stream." (S. P. 251) (L. D. 625)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Municipal Revenue Bonds." (S. P. 340) (L. D. 1005)

Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Piscataquis County. (H. P. 213) (L. D. 282)

Resolve, Regulating Fishing on Part of Kennebec River, Somerset County. (H. P. 373) (L. D. 546)

Resolve, Providing Funds for Windbreaker on Bridge Between Old Town and Indian Island. (H. P. 443) (L. D. 648)

(On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, placed on the Special Highway Table; subsequently removed from the table and on further motion by the same Senator, placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Mill Brook, Hanover, Oxford County. (H. P. 533) (L. D. 750)

Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Jones Pond, Hancock County. (H. P. 594) (L. D. 832)

Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Moose River, Somerset County. (S. P. 247) (L. D. 621)

Which Bills were passed to be enacted and the Resolves finally passed.

Emergency

Bill, "An Act to Create the Georges Valley Community School District." (H. P. 387) (L. D. 586)

Which received the affirmative vote of 33 members.

Bill, "An Act Increasing Territorial Limits of Presque Isle Sewer District." (H. P. 166) (L. D. 215)

Which received the affirmative vote of 33 members.

These Bills, being emergency measures and having received the affirmative votes indicated, were passed to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

Mr. COLE of Waldo: Mr. President, may I inquire whether Bill, "An Act Providing for Rental Fees to Convert Subdivisions of State with the State Police Teletypewriter System" (H. P. 579) (L. D. 817) is in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will advise the Senator that it is, having been requested by the Senator from Waldo, Senator Cole.

On motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed; and the same Senator presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment A (S-53)

Which amendment was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lovell of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. LOVELL: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I have observed — and I would like to pay credit where credit is due — I have observed the excellent leadership and the excellent way in which our sessions have been conducted by the President of our Senate, and I was greatly pleased when I arrived back in Sanford last week to find that my two sons who were down here a couple of weeks ago had received a certificate, something like 6 by 8, stating that they had been made honorary pages, on official stationery and signed by the President of the Senate and by the Secretary of the Senate. I presume some of the Senators have not had their children here, but my two boys were very, very greatly pleased. They carried these certificates to school and I am sure that they will keep them for a great many years as a remembrance of being honorary pages.

I understand that this new idea was brought about by our good President and also the Secretary of our Senate, Chester Winslow, so I would like to pay tribute to them and ask that the Senate give a hand of applause to our President and our Secretary. (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: The Secretary and the Chair thank you, Senator.

The President laid before the Senate the 1st tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 440) (L. D. 645) House Report, Ought not to pass, from the Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Authorizing the

Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority to Prepare Plans for Construction of an Additional Bridge and Approaches Connecting Portsmouth, New Hampshire with Kittery, Maine"; tabled on March 7 by Senator Lovell of York pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. LOVELL of York: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I remember two years ago a very fine debate given by the Senator from York, Senator James Erwin and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Robert Marden, with regard to this bridge. I regret to state that I am not in a position to give that type of debate. I would say, as you well know, that this will mean a great hardship to many businesses in Kittery as well as the town of Kittery in their over-all tax situation.

Also it has been brought to my attention over the weekend that should New Hampshire — as you well know, we have passed along the bill to build the new high-level bridge half a mile above the present bridge, but should New Hampshire not pass that bill in their legislature — I do not know if they have or not, but there has been some opposition to it — I would wonder if it might not be advisable to hold this bill. Nevertheless, it could be recalled, and so at this time I will yield to the very good and powerful Senator Cole of Waldo County.

Mr. COLE of Waldo: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I am very appreciative of the comments of the Senator from York, Senator Lovell, in regard to his possible solution of this bill. However, I am afraid he will not be so appreciative of my duty after he hears the motion. So, Mr. President, I now move that we indefinitely postpone the bill in concurrence.

The motion prevailed and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The President laid before the Senate, the 2nd tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 513) (L. D. 715) House Report, Ought Not to Pass, from the Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Eliminating Certain Exemptions Under Sales

Tax Law"; tabled on March 7 by Senator Porteous of Cumberland pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. PORTEOUS of Cumberland: Mr. President, at the risk of disappointing some people who came here to hear debate, I move that this bill be retabled and especially assigned for tomorrow.

The motion to retable prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate the 3rd tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 439) (L. D. 644) House Report, Ought Not to Pass, from the Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Extending the Powers of the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority"; tabled on March 7 by Senator Lovell of York pending acceptance of the report; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Waldo, Senator Cole.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, the Ought not to pass report was accepted.

The President laid before the Senate, the 4th tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 479) (L. D. 1331) Senate Reports from the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Hotel Under Liquor Law; Majority Report, Ought not to pass; Minority report, Ought to pass; tabled on March 12 by Senator Lovell of York pending motion by Senator Christie of Aroostook to accept the Majority Ought not to pass report.

Mr. LOVELL of York: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I am very happy to only table this temporarily, and I sometimes wish on other bills that senators wouldn't table them so long as they sometimes do.

This bill, L. D. 1331, is a very unimportant bill. It is simply the state law as it now is for liquor control by the Liquor Commission: that hotels in communities of 3500 population or under to have a license for beverages must have ten rooms. This part of it will have no effect whatsoever. In communities with a population of 3500 to 7500 they at present need twenty rooms and this bill cuts it to fifteen. In communities with a population of 7500 or over at the present time it now requires thirty rooms and

this bill cuts it to twenty rooms.

Now I do not quite know the principle of the number of rooms. I presume that they felt that in a small community with a hotel having fifteen or twenty rooms that to serve beverages it would be advisable to have the twenty rooms in case certain people had to be put to bed and they wanted to make sure they had enough rooms. Nevertheless, it does not seem quite feasible to me.

In Sanford, my own particular town, which has a population of fifteen thousand people, we only have one hotel and that hotel has twenty-one rooms. We have, however, passed a local referendum allowing a hotel, if they had thirty rooms, to have a cocktail lounge. This particular hotel, Allen's Guest House, as I say, has twenty-one rooms. They attempted serving food here several years ago but could not make it successful because so many people who did come in felt that they would like to have a little refreshment before their dinner but they were unable to do so.

We also have pending in the area a lodge which is expected to have twenty rooms and which will make a substantial investment in our area, the Pioneer Lodge down on the road towards New Hampshire, which will possibly stop some of our business from Sanford going to New Hampshire, and we might as well have the taxes as well as they, and I do not think it is going to cause them any great feeling that they are going to suffer because they already go to New Hampshire. We are just simply trying to keep the business in Maine so we can have more sales tax and more profit upon the over-all business. The pending motion is from the very good Senator from Aroostook, so I would move a division on her motion for accepting the "Ought not to pass" report.

A division of the Senate was had. Twenty-four having voted in the affirmative and eight opposed,

The motion prevailed and the Ought not to pass report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 5th tabled and today

assigned item (H. P. 877) (L. D. 1262) Bill, "An Act Relating to Certificate of Public Necessity for Transporting Freight for Hire as a Common Carrier"; tabled on March 12 by Senator Edmunds of Aroostook pending motion by Senator Hinds to refer to the Committee on Public Utilities.

The motion prevailed and the bill was so referred.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table (H. P. 720) (L. D. 1049) Bill, "An Act to Reduce the Cost of Renewal Fees for Cinematograph Operators' Licenses"; tabled on March 7 by that Senator pending passage to be engrossed.

The same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment A (S-55)

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ferguson of Oxford, the Senate voted to take from the table the 23rd tabled item (H. P. 336) (L. D. 463) House Report, Ought not to pass from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Lake Thompson, Cumberland County; tabled on February 26 by that Senator pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the ought not to pass report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Ferguson of Oxford, the Senate voted to take from the table the 38th tabled item (H. P. 534) (L. D. 751) House Report, Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Howard Pond, Hanover, Oxford County; tabled on March 6 by that Senator pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report was accepted, the bill read once, Committee Amendment A read and indefinitely postponed and the bill tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Jacques of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table the 4th tabled item (H. P. 55) (L. D. 78) House Report, Ought not to pass from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Providing Access Ways to Great Ponds"; tabled on February 6 by that Senator pending acceptance of the report; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Franklin, Senator Noyes.

Mr. NOYES of Franklin: Mr. President, I request that this matter be retabled.

The County Commissioners of Franklin County and some of the attorneys in that section are working on a possible redraft of this bill in view of the fact there is now pending litigation in the Superior Court, and they have some interest in this bill and they will probably have a proposed redraft in another week. Therefore I would like to have it tabled unassigned.

The motion prevailed and the bill was retabled.

On motion by Mr. Cram of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the 35th tabled item (H. P. 335) (L. D. 462) Bill, "An

Act to Change the Name of Anonymous Pond, Cumberland County to Crystal Lake"; tabled on March 5 by that Senator pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. CRAM of Cumberland: Mr. President, when I tabled this particular item I was of the thought that we already had a Crystal Lake in Cumberland County and that it was a mistake to create another Crystal Lake, particularly where that pond had the unique name of Anonymous Pond. However, on consulting the topographic map and consulting with some of the old-timers from the House, it appeared that the mistake was made sometime ago and that the lake is commonly called Crystal Lake and has been for some years. I therefore move that the bill be passed to be engrossed.

The motion prevailed and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook

Adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.