

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Thursday, March 14, 1963

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Malcolm A. MacDuffie, Jr. of Hallowell.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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, March 19th at ten o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 538)

Which was read and passed and sent forthwith to the House for concurrence.

**House Papers**

**Non-concurrent matter**

Bill, "An Act Providing for Adult Identification Cards Under Liquor Law." (S. P. 300) (L. D. 873)

In Senate, March 5, passed to be engrossed.

Comes from the House, indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Kimball of Hancock, the bill was tabled unassigned pending consideration.

**Committee Reports — House**

**Ought Not to Pass**

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Providing for Training in Safe Handling of Firearms by Certain Minors." (H. P. 332) (L. D. 459) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Dogs Running at Large." (H. P. 586) (L. D. 824) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Hunting Raccoons and Bobcats." (H. P. 908) (L. D. 1301) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Setting Traps Near Beaver Dams." (H. P. 640) (L. D. 896) reported that the same Ought

not to pass, covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Hunting and Trapping of Fisher." (H. P. 811) (L. D. 1198) reported that the same Ought not to pass, covered by other legislation.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Validation of Certain Real Estate Mortgages." (H. P. 920) (L. D. 1354) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Short Forms for Deeds and Mortgages." (H. P. 911) (L. D. 1318) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Election Laws on Bill, "An Act to Provide Aid to Blind Persons in Voting." (H. P. 206) (L. D. 275) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Comes from the House Bill substituted for the report, House Amendment "A" read and adopted, and passed to be engrossed as amended. (H-75)

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, the bill was substituted for the report in concurrence, given its first reading, House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Ought to Pass**

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Lee, Prentiss Plantation, Springfield, Webster Plantation, and Winn to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 527) (L. D. 744) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Highways on Resolve, Naming the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Bridge Between Lubec and Campobello Island. (H. P. 968) (L. D. 1407) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Repealing Washington County Agricultural Society and Agricultural Aid Society." (H. P. 471) (L. D. 675) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Eligibility of Trustees, Executors and Administrators as Directors of Trust Companies." (H. P. 657) (L. D. 913) reported that the same Ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, tabled unassigned pending acceptance of the report.)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Filing of Approved Subdivisions of Land." (H. P. 781) (L. D. 1134) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Title of Inspectors Under Boilers and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessels Law." (H. P. 821) (L. D. 1208) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Resident Requirements for Malt Liquor Wholesale License." (H. P. 669) (L. D. 925) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Public Meetings Held by Liquor Commission." (H. P. 787) (L. D. 1140) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Municipal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Time of Meetings of Augusta City Council." (H. P. 485) (L. D. 687) 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.

#### Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Insurance Companies from Owning Funeral Establishments and from Contracting for Funeral Services." (H. P. 800) (L. D. 1187) reported that the same Ought to pass, as amended by Committee Amendment A (H-93)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Revising the Savings Bank Law." (H. P. 568) (L. D. 878) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (H-90)

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Practice of Barbering and Listing Exceptions." (H. P. 731) (L. D. 1060)

reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (H-96)

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

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Sales Tax on Transportation Charges." (H. P. 350) (L. D. 504) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (H-97)

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill read once. On motion by Mr. Porteous of Cumberland, the bill was laid upon the table pending adoption of Committee Amendment A.

The Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Relating to Area Directional Signs for Belgrade Lakes Region." (H. P. 807) (L. D. 1194) reported that the same Ought to pass in New Draft, under the same title. (H. P. 1004) (L. D. 1454)

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

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act Relating to Number of Signatures on Nomination Papers for Town Officers." (H. P. 847) (L. D. 1234) reported that the same Ought to pass in New Draft, under the same title. (H. P. 984) (L. D. 1426)

Comes from the House passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment B. (H-103)

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted, the bill read once, House Amendment B was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Majority of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Killing of Bears in Organized Townships." (H.

P. 769) (L. D. 1123) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

STILPHEN of Knox  
STITHAM of Somerset  
CYR of Aroostook

Representatives:

BENSON  
of Southwest Harbor  
HAWKES of Standish  
ROBERTS of South Berwick  
COOKSON of Glenburn  
REYNOLDS of Buxton  
WADE of Skowhegan

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the same Ought to pass, as amended by Committee Amendment A (H-98)

(Signed)

Representatives:

ANDERSON of Ellsworth

Comes from the House, Minority—Ought to pass as amended report read and accepted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed, as amended.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Stilphen of Knox, the Majority Ought not to pass report was accepted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Majority — Ought to Pass As Amended**

**Minority — Ought Not to Pass**

The Majority of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Permitting Certain Liquor Licenses Providing Entertainment to Charge Admission." (H. P. 671) (L. D. 927) reported that the same Ought to pass, as amended by Committee Amendment A (H-100)

(Signed)

Senators:

JACQUES of Androscoggin  
KIMBALL of Hancock

Representatives:

CHAPMAN of Norway  
WADE of Skowhegan  
BERNARD of Sanford  
TOWNSEND of Baileyville  
OAKES of Portland  
MEISNER  
of Dover-Foxcroft

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter

reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

CHRISTIE of Aroostook

Comes from the House, Majority Report — Ought to pass, as amended, read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed, as amended.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Kimball of Hancock, the Majority Ought to pass report was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, Committee Amendment A read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Majority — Ought to Pass**

**Minority — Ought Not to Pass**

The Majority of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Amount of Liquor Transported for Personal Use." (H. P. 672) (L. D. 928) reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

KIMBALL of Hancock  
JACQUES of Androscoggin

Representatives:

CHAPMAN of Norway  
WADE of Skowhegan  
BERNARD of Sanford  
TOWNSEND of Baileyville  
OAKES of Portland  
MEISNER  
of Dover-Foxcroft

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

(Signed)

Senator:

CHRISTIE of Aroostook

Comes from the House, Majority Report — Ought to pass read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Kimball of Hancock, the Majority Ought to Pass report was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Majority — Ought to Pass As Amended****Minority — Ought Not to Pass**

The Majority of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Sale of Liquor in Clubs to Members of Fraternal Organizations and Auxiliaries." (H. P. 744) (L. D. 1073) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A. (H-101)

(Signed)

Senators:

KIMBALL of Hancock  
JACQUES of Androscoggin

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 not to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

CHRISTIE of Aroostook

Representative:

MEISNER  
of Dover-Foxcroft

Comes from the House Majority Report — Ought to pass as amended, read and accepted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed, as amended.

In the Senate:

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the Minority Ought not to pass report.

Mr. KIMBALL of Hancock: Mr. President, I ask for a division.

Mr. JACQUES of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I think before this goes any further, it should be explained. As you know, the veteran organization at the present time allows the auxiliary to go in to their club house and this would give the fraternal organization the privilege of allowing their auxiliary to go in.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I would simply say that this is extending the privilege of selling liquor to a little larger group under certain circumstances and for that reason I oppose it.

Thereupon a division of the Senate was had.

Eleven having voted in the affirmative and twenty opposed, the motion of Mrs. Christie to accept the Minority report did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Kimball of Hancock, the Majority Ought to pass report was accepted, the bill read once, Committee Amendment A read and adopted, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Committee Reports — Senate****Ought Not to Pass**

Mrs. Harrington from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill, "An Act to Create the Economic Poisons Board." (S. P. 410) (L. D. 1155) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Mr. Cyr from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Creating the Uniform Hazardous Substances Labeling Act." (S. P. 413) (L. D. 1156) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Fee for Disposal of Dogs and Damages Done by Dogs." (S. P. 413) (L. D. 1157) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Mrs. Harrington from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Dog Licenses and Fees Therefor." (S. P. 415) (L. D. 1158) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were Read and Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Ought to Pass**

Mr. Cyr from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill, "An Act Relating to Allocation of Funds of Soil Conservation Districts." (S. P. 263) (L. D. 1013) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Unlicensed Dogs." (S. P. 411) (L. D. 1153) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mrs. Harrington from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Lists of Dogs in Tax Assessor's Inventories." (S. P. 412) (L. D. 1154) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mrs. Christie from the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Entering the State of Maine Into the Interstate Library Compact." (S. P. 400) (L. D. 1103) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Ferguson from the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Lights on Snow Removal or Sanding Equipment." (S. P. 439) (L. D. 1182) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Philbrick from the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Extending Time of Validity of Motor Vehicle Registrations." (S. P. 489) (L. D. 1341) reported that the same Ought to pass.

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

**Ought to Pass — As Amended**

Mrs. Harrington from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill, "An Act Revising Laws for Registration and Licensing of Dogs on Reservation of Penobscot Tribe of Indians." (S. P. 220) (L. D. 605) reported that the same Ought to pass — As amended by Committee Amendment A (S-67)

Mr. Johnson from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Records and Lists of Stockholders." (S. P. 307) (L. D. 973) reported that the same Ought to pass — As amended by Committee Amendment A (S-63)

Mr. Jacques from the Committee on Municipal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Amending Charter of City of Calais." (S. P. 152) (L. D. 428) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A. (S-62)

Mr. Lovell from the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Increasing Reimbursement for Expenses of Reporter of Decisions." (S. P. 398) (L. D. 1101) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (S-65)

Mr. Philbrick from the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act to Revise Certain Motor Vehicle Laws." (S. P. 346) (L. D. 1011) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (S-68)

Which reports were read and accepted; Committee Amendments A were read and adopted, and the Bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Ought to Pass — New Draft**

Mr. Pike from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act Permitting Municipalities to Establish Insurance Reserve Funds." (S. P. 405) (L. D. 1108) reported that the same Ought to pass in New Draft under the Same Title (S. P. 540)

(On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

Mr. Johnson from the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Clarifying Months Covered by Fee for Operation of Certain Trucks." (S. P. 437) (L. D. 1180) reported that the same Ought to pass in New Draft under the Same Title (S. P. 539)

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

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

The Majority of the Committee on Agriculture on Bill, "An Act Relating to Speeds of Roadster Ponies in Apportioning State Stipend to Agricultural Societies." (S. P. 168) (L. D. 467) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)  
Senators:

CYR of Aroostook  
HARRINGTON of Penobscot  
PIKE of Oxford

Representatives:

COULTHARD  
of Scarborough  
MEISNER  
of Dover-Foxcroft  
MOWER of Bangor  
WARD of Limestone  
BOOTHBY of Livermore

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

(Signed)  
Representative:

DENBOW of Lubec

On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance

of either report and especially assigned for Wednesday next.

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

The Majority of the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Relating to Transfer of Certain Land by the State to the City of Portland." (S. P. 217) (L. D. 526) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Representatives:

DENNETT of Kittery  
BERMAN of Houlton  
SMITH of Strong  
CARTIER of Biddeford  
DOSTIE of Lewiston  
THAANUM of Winthrop

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

(Signed)

Senators:

WHITTAKER of Penobscot  
LOVELL of York  
CHRISTIE of Aroostook

Representative:

BERRY of Cape Elizabeth

Mr. WHITTAKER of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the Minority Ought to Pass report and may I explain that this is a companion bill to the next item. This particular bill involves transfer of property now occupied by the Boys Training Center to the City of Portland for possible use in the expansion of the Municipal Airport. All of you know of my interest in transportation. My support of this bill indicates that I do not have a one track mind on railroads. You will note that this legislation has the support of all the Senatorial members of the committee. I hope that it may have passage.

Mr. PHILBRICK of Penobscot: Mr. President, I only rise to ask for a division.

A division of the Senate was had.

Twenty-two having voted in the affirmative and nine opposed, the motion prevailed, the Minority Ought to Pass report was accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

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

The Majority of the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Relating to Transfer of Certain Land to the State by the City of Portland." (S. P. 218) (L. D. 527) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Representatives:

DENNETT of Kittery  
BERMAN of Houlton  
SMITH of Strong  
CARTIER of Biddeford  
DOSTIE of Lewiston  
THAANUM of Winthrop

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

(Signed)

Senators:

WHITTAKER of Penobscot  
LOVELL of York  
CHRISTIE of Aroostook

Representative:

BERRY of Cape Elizabeth

On motion by Mr. Whittaker of Penobscot, the Minority Ought to Pass report was accepted, the bill read once.

Mr. CYR of Aroostook: Mr. President, I would like to table this item unassigned.

Mr. FERGUSON of Oxford: Mr. President, I ask for a division on the tabling motion.

A division of the Senate was had.

Twenty-three having voted in the affirmative and eight opposed, the motion prevailed and the bill was laid upon the table pending assignment for second reading.

**Second Readers**

**House**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Solicitation of Pre-arranged Funerals and to Payments for Securing Funeral Business." (H. P. 723) (L. D. 1052)

Bill, "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to the Organization and Powers of Credit Unions." (H. P. 799) (L. D. 1186)

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)



Bill, "An Act Providing for Equitable Relief for Purchasers of Real Estate from Municipalities." (H. P. 154) (L. D. 205)

Resolve, Authorizing George A. Nowell to Bring Civil Action Against State of Maine. (H. P. 468) (L. D. 672)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Appointment of Deputy County Treasurers." (H. P. 698) (L. D. 953)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Length of Vacation of County Clerical Help." (H. P. 854) (L. D. 1241)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Probation of Persons by Court." (H. P. 1002) (L. D. 1444)

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

**Senate**

Resolve, in Favor of Allie P. Lewis, of Palmyra, for Well Damage. (S. P. 242) (L. D. 616)

Bill, "An Act Regulating the Taking of Clams in Wells, York County." (S. P. 500) (L. D. 1397)

Bill, "An Act Regulating Taking of Striped Bass from Coastal or Tidal Waters of York County." (S. P. 370) (L. D. 1036)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Enactors**

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

Bill, "An Act to Create a Recess Committee to Study the Desirability and Need of Establishing a Department of Rehabilitation." (H. P. 501) (L. D. 703)

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

Bill, "An Act Placing Employees of Maine Port Authority Under Personnel Law." (H. P. 504) (L. D. 706)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees of Quasi-Public Corporations." (H. P. 630) (L. D. 886)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Number of Medical Examiners in Aroostook County." (H. P. 707) (L. D. 963)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Escapes from Custody of Police Officers." (H. P. 982) (L. D. 1421)

**Order**

(Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Lovell of York, out of order and under suspension of the rules,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that H. P. 474, L. D. 677, Bill "An Act Providing for Approval of Bonds or Notes at Special Elections in the City of Saco be recalled from the Governor's Office to the Senate.

Which order received a passage and was ordered sent forthwith to the House.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Issuance of Bonds of and Termination of Maine Turnpike Authority." (S. P. 56) (L. D. 106)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Construction of a Bridge to Span the Piscataqua River from Kittery, Maine to Portsmouth, New Hampshire." (S. P. 58) (L. D. 108)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Lapsing of Funds Appropriated to Construct a Fishway at Aroostook Falls." (S. P. 163) (L. D. 439)

(On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook, tabled pending enactment.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Confering Degrees by Thomas College." (S. P. 175) (L. D. 474)

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Teaching of Military Tactics at the University of Maine." (S. P. 245) (L. D. 619)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Time of Salary Payments to County Commissioners." (S. P. 284) (L. D. 798)

Bill, "An Act Providing for Issuance of Warnings to Licensees for Liquor Violations." (S. P. 329) (L. D. 994)

Bill, "An Act Revising the Savings and Loan Laws." (S. P. 350) (L. D. 1016)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Insurance for U-Drive Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 351) (L. D. 1017)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Capital Stock of Industrial Banks." (S. P. 352) (L. D. 1018)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Participation Loans, Other Than Real Estate, by Savings Banks." (S. P. 357) (L. D. 1023)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Municipal Forest Fire Suppression Costs." (S. P. 408) (L. D. 1111)

(On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook, tabled pending enactment.)

Bill, "An Act to Revise the Election Laws." (S. P. 518) (L. D. 1425)

Resolve, Regulating Fishing in St. Croix River, Washington County. (H. P. 372) (L. D. 545)

Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters of Aroostook, Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties. (H. P. 453) (L. D. 657)

Resolve, Correcting Designation of Beneficiary of Mary M. Hanks Under Maine State Retirement System. (H. P. 500) (L. D. 702)

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

Resolve, Granting a Right of Way by the State to Catherine L. Howell of Cape Elizabeth. (H. P. 509) (L. D. 711)

Resolve, Authorizing State Park and Commission to Convey Certain Land to the Town of Cape Elizabeth. (H. P. 510) (L. D. 712)

Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Pleasant Pond, Island Falls and Township 4 Range 3, Aroostook County. (H. P. 536) (L. D. 753)

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

### Emergency

Bill, "An Act Relating to Expanding Aroostook County Funds for Maine Potato Blossom Festival." (H. P. 72) (L. D. 34)

Which Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 members of the Senate was passed to be enacted.

### Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the 1st tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 159) (L. D. 435) Bill, "An Act Providing Expense Reimbursement for Members of the Legislature"; tabled on March 7 by Senator Whittaker of Penobscot pending adoption of Senate Amendment B.

Mr. WHITTAKER of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move the pending question.

Mr. FARRIS of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate, first I apologize to my colleague, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Whittaker for not having advised of my action on this matter. I had forgotten it was coming up on the calendar today, but in looking over the proposed amendment, it reads pretty much the same as Amendment A. The only difference is that there would be an amount of expense payable not to exceed ten dollars and to be paid monthly upon vouchers approved by the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the respective bodies. I seriously question the wisdom of enacting an expense item of this nature which is not correlated to the exact expenses which are to be paid.

For example, should this money be limited to rooms and meals or to include laundry and other incidental expenses, no one would know from reading this. And I can just visualize our House Chairman from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriation and our Senate Chairman being faced with many, many problems. I would hope if my motion to indefinitely postpone this amendment prevails, that the Senator from Penobscot would take control of the bill and see if we can get together and write up what would be an adequate amendment. At this time I move the indefinite postponement of Senate Amendment B.

Mr. WHITTAKER of Penobscot: Mr. President, may I say that it was my intention after passage of the amendment to suggest recommitment of this bill to the Committee on State Government, at the request of the committee, so that it may be correlated with similar legislation which is now with the committee. Therefore, I hope that the motion before us does not prevail.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Farris that Senate Amendment B be indefinitely postponed. Is the Senate ready for the question.

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair,

A division of the Senate was had.

Four having voted in the affirmative and twenty-six opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment B was adopted.

Mr. WHITTAKER: Mr. President, I now move that the bill as amended be recommitted to the Committee on State Government. This is at the request of the Committee. We now have before us for consideration L. D. 848, "An Act Relating to Mileage and Expenses for Members of the Legislature." We should like to correlate these bills and hopefully bring out a report some time next week.

The motion prevailed and the bill was recommitted to the Committee on State Government.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 2nd tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 319) (L. D. 985) Senate Report, Ought Not to Pass from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Evidence of Intoxication and Chemical Tests for Alcoholic Content of Blood of Motor Vehicle Drivers"; tabled on March 7 by Senator Whittaker of Penobscot pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. WHITTAKER of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary. May I explain the purpose of this action. Since the matter was tabled a week ago, I talked with a good many people about the need for legislation of this kind. I am undecided in my own mind whether or not it is possible to write proper legislation in this field but I do feel that if the Senate concurs, it is a matter of sufficient importance that it should be once again considered by the Judiciary Committee. I understand that legislation of this type has been before the Maine legislature at least twice before. Similar legislation is in effect in some ten of the states. The results of such legislation are not conclusive. However, I feel very strongly that we have a responsibility in the legislature to enact some form of legislation which

will exercise control over one of our major problems; namely, the high incidence of traffic deaths on our highways.

I believe that some kind of an implied consent law would be helpful in this respect and if my colleagues concur it would be my hope that the members of the Judiciary Committee might, upon further consideration present to the Senate and to the House appropriate legislation in this field. It seems to me high time that we took some action in an attempt to cut down some traffic fatalities on our highways. Informal and inconclusive statistics seem to indicate that as much as fifty percent of such fatalities are caused by drivers who are operating under the influence of liquor, and I am hopeful that we may be able to find some way to correct this situation in a measure.

May I point out that there is another bill assigned to the Judiciary Committee, L. D. 1328, "An Act Relating to Chemical Tests in Fatal Motor Vehicle Collisions". This is a document still to be considered by the Judiciary Committee, and it is my hope that they will be willing to consider at the same time a possible redraft of L. D. 985 which might have the approval of the committee. In any event, I believe we should not wait for fatal accidents before we adopt some legislation in this field. This is my last word on the subject. If my colleagues concur, I hope the motion may be supported. Otherwise I shall support the pending question.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Whittaker, that L. D. 985 be recommitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. FARRIS of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I share with my colleague Senator Whittaker of Penobscot, the same concern in regard to this problem. As a matter of fact earlier in the session I inquired through members of the Maine Highway Safety Committee as to what could be expected in this session in the matter of implied consent law and I do personally endorse the theory of that approach to the problem.

I was advised at that time that the State Highway Safety Committee is not prepared to endorse an implied consent law of any type. In the states where it now exists there have been a great many problems. The Highway Safety Committee feels that legislation at this time on this matter would merely compound a problem which now exists in the State of Maine.

Briefly, the implied consent theory is this: That if a person is stopped by a police officer, the police officer suspects that he has been drinking, the police officer requests that he submit to a blood test and that operator refuses to have a blood test, he will be subject to loss of his license for a period of time. I believe this bill provides he would lose his license for a period of ninety days if he did not submit to the blood test.

Now, one very practical consideration is the fact that if a driver is stopped in the rural areas of Maine particularly, it could be several hours before you could find a doctor who could administer the blood test. Breath meters have been authorized for the State of Maine but they have not been used. In states where they have been used it has been stated and I am quoting the Executive Director of the Maine State Highway Safety Committee, that these breath meters are not mechanically accurate and I do believe that eventually when science has progressed to a point where we can have accurate and speedy methods of determining the amount of alcohol a person has consumed, we might be able to move into the field of an implied consent law. At the present time it is not practicable and certainly in our Judiciary Committee we have spent a great deal of time trying to find some solution to this problem. We cannot find them and certainly would not have time during this session. I might further point out that on the day of the hearing on this particular bill, there were well over a hundred people at the hearings. A number of highway safety measures were considered at that time and no one on the Highway Safety Committee and no member of the public appeared in favor of this measure. So at this time I would move the

indefinite postponement of the bill and I request a division.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair regretfully informs the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Farris, that we are dealing with two privileged motions and the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Whittaker to recommit has precedence and priority over the motion to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. FARRIS: Mr. President, on the motion of Senator Whittaker of Penobscot, to recommit, I would like to urge that we do not recommit this to Judiciary. We are trying to get matters going in Judiciary and keep bills coming out rather than to keep them coming in. I would request and hope that everyone will vote against the motion to recommit and I ask for a division.

A division of the Senate was had.

Eleven having voted in the affirmative and eighteen opposed, the motion to recommit did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to accept the Ought Not to Pass Report. Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 3rd tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 1003) Joint Order Relative to Protest Against Transferring of IRS; tabled on March 12 by Senator Edmunds of Aroostook pending passage; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous.

Mr. Porteous of Cumberland presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read the amendment (S-66)

Which amendment was adopted and the Joint Order as amended received a passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 3th tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 334) (L. D. 999) Senate Reports from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill, "An Act Relating to Credit for Military Service Under State Retirement Law"; Majority Report, Ought not to pass; Minority Report, Ought to pass; tabled on March 13 by Senator Hichborn of Piscata-

quis pending acceptance of either report; and that Senator yielded to Senator Sproul of Lincoln.

Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln: Mr. President and members of the Senate, this bill would provide for retirement credits for those who were in military service and this would cover teachers and other classes. It is one of those bills which again stir the heart strings. These men have been in military service for their country and certainly we owe them a debt. The situation is that they go into military service without having been previously employed and seek credit under the retirement system. We have voted ought not to pass on this bill for the reason that there is no possible way of knowing how many people would be affected by the bill and no estimate of what the cost would be. But certainly the cost would be tremendous.

I can't strongly oppose this bill because as I said yesterday, I wish we could give each and every one a pension but I believe that you all know the condition in the state at the present time. I understand that the retirement system is sound and I think we want to keep it that way. That is the reason we voted this bill Ought not to pass. I move the acceptance of the committee report.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 5th 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 13 by Senator Porteous of Cumberland pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. PORTEOUS of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I am not sure what Daniel said just before facing the lions, but he probably said much the same thing as Custer said when he was at his last stand. "Here come the Indians" or "Here come the lions." I have a little change of program here today to offer for the consider-

ation of the Senate and I will try to be brief as possible because I realize it is Thursday afternoon and nearly three P.M.

I think that my views on the harmful effects of going to four percent on the present narrow base are pretty well known so I will therefore not elaborate. I do concede that the State of Maine must have additional revenues to carry out the program of the Governor, to pay for the measures that are covered by the various legislative documents that we hope will be adopted by this legislature to have measurable progress for the State of Maine in the coming years. Many of these are certainly very deserving of passage and of being paid for, which are two separate things I think you will agree.

We have had before us, the income tax, the sales tax of four percent, and the removal of exemptions. I believe that scientifically insofar as taxation is concerned that the removal of exemptions is the best way. I believe that the full amount that we need this year should be raised. I realize that there are the realities of life and of politics which run against that. I also realize the low average income in the State of Maine, and that a large percentage of our population have a family income of less than three thousand dollars and that there would be a certain amount of hardship should all the exemptions be removed that are called for to be removed by this L. D. 715.

I have therefore, after talking with the leadership, talking with many people who feel that exemptions should be removed, come to the conclusion that it is useless to try to pursue further the removal of the major exemption, food, or several of the minor exemptions, feed and fertilizer, the full purchase price of automobiles. Feed and fertilizer were never in the first place meant to be in the bill as introduced and automobiles were not either. Therefore I have had placed on your desks today, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, a reproduction of the communication from Ernest Johnson, the State Tax

Assessor. These are the latest figures, stating that additional sales tax revenue, should the sales tax exemption on fuel for domestic consumption be repealed, would produce approximately \$700 thousand per year, or \$1,400,000 for the biennium. Down below, you will note—and this note is my own, not Mr. Johnson's — that if the sales tax is increased to four percent, then the additional revenue resulting from the removal of the exemption on fuel for home heating would amount to nearly two million dollars for the biennium. Since we have always noted that the estimate of the State Tax Assessor's office are conservative, we could, and justly so and wisely so I should say, rather than to be on the high side, we could fully expect two million dollars and perhaps slightly more.

There is a certain amount of precedence for the removal of exemptions right here in the State of Maine. In 1959 the exemption of rentals in motels and hotels was removed and in 1961 there was an exemption removed that didn't make very much in the way of news, but it was in the name of equity that food taken out of restaurants be taxed rather than exempted as had been the practice. Now, in the name of equity, which I appeal to you principally today, let me remind you that of the five fuels generally used, that gas and electricity are presently taxed. Now, at the 100th session, before the Taxation Committee there came to us people who had a bill or maybe it was two bills which were presented, to exempt those fuels and in the 3rd paragraph of the statement before you on your desks, Mr. Johnson states, "It is my understanding that gas and electricity were omitted from the exemption granted to such fuels because they, and particularly electricity, were used not only for cooking and heating but also for many other domestic purposes such as refrigeration and lighting, and no practical method could be devised to exempt only that portion used for cooking and heating. Coal, oil and wood on the other hand, are used almost exclusively for

cooking and heating, so far as home use is concerned." So in the name of equity, coal and fuel oil could very well be taxed to make it equitable, to remove the competitive disadvantage that the gas and electrical utilities have, or the person selling electric or gas heating appliances has when selling to a customer.

I have left out wood you will note, because I feel — and it was the feeling I remember two years ago on the committee — that wood may be used in some of the very lowest income homes and that it would be a very difficult thing to keep track of and the revenue would not be very great.

Another question that is frequently asked about exemptions is: How many states do exempt or don't exempt the items we are talking about. In the booklet put out by the League of Women Voters, on page 9, it states that only three states exempt household fuel out of the 37 that have sales taxes. So we would not be running counter to a national trend.

I remind you of this two million dollars that we are talking about now. I also remind you of the large increase we are going to need to take care of the various programs. I am going to move to substitute the bill for the report and then if that be successful I would move for the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

Senate Amendment A is before you under Filing S-70. It changes the title so that we no longer have a major tax bill before us. It has been maintained that having an additional tax bill before us is embarrassing to the leadership and this I would grant to them that it might well be. They are committed to going from three to four percent. But this can no longer be called a major tax bill. It now reads, "An Act Removing the Exemption of Coal and Oil Under the Sales Tax Law." The section most pertinent there is that coal and oil are removed as an exemption by this bill. So we are reducing a bill that was once a major tax bill to a very minor one but we are keeping something that all of us here in

this Body may need to finance the projects which we have come here to this State Capitol to back and to nurture and to see passed in behalf of our constituents and in behalf of all the people of the state.

So I move, Mr. President and members of the Senate, for substitution of the bill for the report.

The motion to substitute the bill for the report prevailed and the bill was read once.

Mr. PORTEOUS of Cumberland: I now move, Mr. President, for the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

The Secretary read the amendment (S-70).

Mr. EDMUNDS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I don't know for sure whether I am an Indian or a lion. If the former is true, the next time I address the Chair it will be as "Indian Chief". I do think perhaps a word of explanation as to the procedure that we are following here today would be helpful to my fellow members of the Senate. As a courtesy to the Senator from Cumberland, the leadership, together with the Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, had a conference and felt that we should extend him the courtesy of having his bill with its proposed amendment appear before the Senate. That is the reason that we did not oppose the motion to substitute the bill for the report.

However, I would point out that the bill and the amendment do propose to remove one of the present exemptions under the sales tax and that it would raise roughly \$1,400,000 and most of it would come out of the poor man's pocket. As long as this bill is around it can be amended at any time to include food and for that reason, the Senate leadership together with the Taxation members have agreed that this bill would be better off killed. At this time I would hope that the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous, that Senate Amendment A be adopted, would not prevail. I will request a division and when it is in order, I will make a motion for indefinite postponement of this bill and all accompanying papers.

Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I am deeply concerned over the question of the sales tax. Everyone likes a sales tax so long as it does not apply to their area or to themselves. The motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous, seems a reasonable one to me. There is an inequity here. This exists for those who sell gas. To illustrate, I would like to read a letter from a gas dealer in Wiscasset. He states:

"Through our talks you know my feelings on either taking the tax off gas or putting the other fuels on an equal footing so that all will be taxed fairly." You have seen on T.V. the ad that seven percent of the homes are heated by oil. Take the number of homes in Maine. Take 70 percent of them and for a year's average cost, take \$150 which is low. See what a tremendous amount of money could be taken in on the sales tax. I don't believe an increase is going to help without broadening. I say there is an inequity here. I don't like it. I am willing to consider that we need revenue in this state but I cannot and will not go along with what I consider is unfair and I consider this to be unfair.

Mr. REED of Sagadahoc: Mr. President and Senators since taxes are being batted around and since all of us have to make a decision some time, I would like to say this on my own personal opinion. And that is that we should not consider raising the sales tax until its base is broadened. I would go on record as favoring the exemptions on all items except food and agriculture and this would bring in roughly some seven million dollars. The Senator from Lincoln, Senator Sproul, has mentioned gas. Another sacred cow seems to be the automobile.

I would like to say as an example that you buy an automobile that costs \$3,000. You pay 3 percent on the total, let us say. This would be \$90 for the sales tax. Let us say you are allowed \$1,000 on your old car. This would be \$2,000 as our law is presently. We raise the sales tax to four percent and this

would mean you would pay \$80 on your car on the difference. So I feel and quite strongly, that before this legislature raises the sales tax, the base definitely should be broadened. Therefore I would go along with the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous.

Mr. PORTEOUS: Mr. President and members of the Senate, may I clear up one particular thing that the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edmunds had to say about this tax. I think that what he said might apply more especially to removing the exemption on food, but I don't believe that the poor person will bear the brunt of this. As I said before, at three percent they would pay on an average \$5.40. that is the average home, and on four percent, it would be \$7.20 a year or sixty cents a month.

I might say that I attended the hearing before the Taxation Committee, and I think that the Chairman, the good Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman, would bear me out that no person appeared in opposition to the removal of the exemption on fuel oil. There was the principal opposition to the removal of exemptions at that time, the opposition to the removal of exemptions on feed and fertilizer. The The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edmunds appeared in opposition to the removal of exemptions. He stated that he was opposed to the removal of feed and fertilizer from the exemption list as well as against the removal of food. He nor anyone else said anything in opposition to the removal of fuel for household heating. I reiterate that only three states out of the thirty-seven having a sales tax, are presently exempting it. I think it is an equitable way to pick up two million dollars for the biennium.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President and members of the Senate we're talking about this amendment which the good Senator from Cumberland has described as a minor tax.

I think we all know we will have to have enough money before we get out of here so that a major tax be required. We have built in increases in our school subsidies and

our pay increases, and it is going to run into a good many million dollars and we certainly will have to have a major tax of some kind and not a piece-meal taxation bill.

Therefore it seems to me that if we are going to increase the sales tax or pass an income tax or anything else of that nature which is a major tax, it is enough without soaking the people with an additional two million dollars and therefore I oppose the adoption of the amendment offered by the good Senator from Cumberland.

Mr. CYR of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I would like to remind my colleagues that even a major tax will not cover the expenses that we will be called upon to raise here and I for one was in opposition to removing the exemption on feed and fertilizer. However, with this new amendment which has just been presented to us, I feel that it is premature at this time to kill this measure. We should keep it alive and I am pretty sure that later on in the session we may need it. For that reason I will support the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous.

Mr. EDMUNDS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I would merely point out that this measure can be kept alive by a two-thirds vote of both branches. It could be recalled from the files, and since a two-thirds vote of the entire elected membership would be necessary for its passage, then I think if it were needed, it would be relatively simple to recall it by a two-thirds vote. If a two-thirds vote could not be secured, then a majority vote could amend the rules so that it could be recalled by a majority vote. Therefore this measure is not definitely dead at this time.

Mr. BROOKS of Cumberland: Mr. President, I rise to support the remarks of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edmunds. I would like to make a few points. The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous in his discussion commented on the low income of the average citizen of the State of Maine and I agree. He discussed the narrow base of the present tax and suggested that this taxing of fuel for home con-



sumption has to the same degree the regressive effect on the citizens of Maine that the taxing of food would have. I would hope that the motion to adopt this amendment does not pass.

Mr. WHITTAKER of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I rise to voice opposition to the proposed amendment on the basis that it seems to be an attempt to raise insufficient revenue. It seems to me we should make a more basic decision before we deal with what is relatively a minor decision. I am concerned that this legislature seek to raise sufficient funds to meet at least the minimum needs of the people of this state. I do not believe it can be done in piecemeal measures. It is my personal opinion that before we adopt any tax measures, we should at least give consideration to the income tax. I therefore oppose this particular motion.

Mr. FARRIS of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate, a number of you are aware of the fact that for several years I have felt that the proper approach to our taxation problem in Maine would be to broaden the base. I would like the record to show how I feel personally in regard to the diligence and conscientiousness and great amount of work which has been put into the study of broadening the tax base by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous. He has certainly performed a fine service for all of us in the legislature by providing us with information from time to time as to the impact and the amount of monies which can be raised by broadening the base. Even though I personally favor broadening the base as compared to increasing the rate, I do feel that to keep this measure alive at this time might tend to interfere with the orderly process of this 101st Legislature and as the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edmunds has pointed out, this matter can be brought back if need be. All of us who have had experience in the legislature are aware of the fact that many things are brought back in the latter days of the session. If it is needed at that time, it certainly can be done but for the present, I would support the

position of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edmunds and vote against the adoption of this amendment.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous, that the Senate adopt Senate Amendment A. Is the Senate ready for the question? A division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Nine having voted in the affirmative and twenty-two opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook, the bill and all accompanying papers were indefinitely postponed.

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On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table (H. P. 684) (L. D. 940) House Report, Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title (H. P. 985) (L. D. 1427) from the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Relating to Appointment of Director of Transportation and General Counsel under Public Utilities Commission"; tabled on March 6 by Senator Edmunds of Aroostook pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator the report was accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

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On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the 2nd tabled item (S. P. 53) (L. D. 103) Bill, "An Act Placing Vocational Teachers in Unclassified Service"; tabled on February 5 by Senator Brooks of Cumberland pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table the 48th tabled item, (S. P. 250) (L. D. 624) Bill, "An Act to Prevent Pollution of the Waters of Floods Pond and Burnt Pond"; tabled on March 13 by that Senator pending passage to be engrossed; the same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read the amendment. (S-69)

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the 5th tabled item, (H. P. 27) (L. D. 51) Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 1"; tabled on February 7 by Senator Brooks of Cumberland pending passage to be engrossed; the same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read the amendment. (S-60)

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, the 6th tabled item, (H. P. 200) (L. D. 269) Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 23"; tabled on February 7 by Senator Brooks of Cumberland pending passage to be engrossed; the same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read the Amendment. (S-58)

Which amendment was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, the 7th tabled item (H. P. 203) (L. D. 272) Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 22" tabled on February 7 by that Senator pending passage to be engrossed; the same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read the amendment.

Which amendment was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the 8th tabled item (H. P. 205) (L. D. 274) Bill, "An

Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 21"; tabled on February 7 by that Senator pending passage to be engrossed; the same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read the amendment (S-57)

Which amendment was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Porteous of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the 30th tabled item (H. P. 560) (L. D. 775) House Report ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A from the Committee on Welfare on Bill, "An Act Increasing Funeral Allowance in Public Assistance Cases"; tabled on February 28 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 adopted and the bill tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Porteous of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table Item 6-21 Bill, "An Act Relating to Sales Tax on Transportation Charges" (H. P. 350) (L. D. 504); tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending adoption of Committee Amendment A; and on further motion by the same Senator, Committee Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Wyman of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President and members of the Senate, in the course of our deliberations we are repeatedly being reminded of situations wherein our state ranks behind some other states or below someone's conception of an average. Consequently, it is my pleasure to address these few words to you regarding an institution that ranks second to none. I refer to our own Maine Maritime Academy at Castine. This Academy enjoys not only a national, but a world wide reputation as the finest

institution of its type in existence, in so far as the quality of its products is concerned.

One needs only to be made aware of the requests the Academy receives from all parts of the country for admission to realize that this reputation has become well known. The Academy and its graduates carry the message of Maine and Maine's sea-going heritage to all points of the globe. We are well aware that the young people of Maine are placing heavy demands on all our institutions of higher learning, and the Academy obviously is no exception. They are presently doing everything in their power to cope with these demands which are additionally compounded by the increase in enrollment that is brought about this year as the result of the necessity of expanding their program from three to four years. On the basis of their accomplishments and their past history alone, they deserve our support and assistance to enable them to surmount these immediate hurdles.

The Maine Maritime Academy has truly taken its place among Maine's finest institutions of higher learning and is a great source of pride to all citizens of the State. As a Trustee of the Academy, I deem it a privilege to use these few minutes in our tight schedule to remind you of what a fine thing we have here in Maine, and to call to your attention again that you have this week received an invitation to ac-

company the Academy's training ship, "State of Maine", on the last leg of its annual cruise on the 24th of March, at which time you can see first hand some of the reasons why this Academy enjoys the stature that it does.

The Maine Maritime Academy now has an extremely fine ship which came into their possession last summer. Its quarters are very comfortable and it is really a small ocean liner. I think it is good for any kind of weather. It was formerly on a Pan American run from New York to the Panama Canal. I think if any of you will go you will not only find a fine ship with comfortable quarters but you will have a nice trip and have a chance to observe the young men working in the operation of the ship. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair thanks the Senator. The Chair can inform the Senate that the Majority Leader and the President of the Senate have made this trip before. It is extremely educational and enjoyable. Neither of us can make it this time so by all means if you plan to go — and you should— if you have children you'd like to go with you, we have a couple of extra tickets for you.

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The adjournment Order having been received from the House, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday next at 10 A.M.