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SENATE

Wednesday, April 10, 1963

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. A. Christopher Ives of Hallowell.

On motion by Mr. Cram of Cumberland, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

House Papers**Non-concurrent Matter**

Bill, "An Act Limiting the Amount of Salary of Certain State Officers." (H. P. 830) (L. D. 1217)

In House, April 3, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment B (H-191)

In Senate, April 5, Majority — Ought not to pass Report accepted in Non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that body having insisted and asked for a Committee of Conference.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Whittaker, the Senate voted to insist on its former action and join in the Committee of Conference; the President appointed as Senate conferees, Senators: Whittaker of Penobscot, Lovell of York and Brooks of Cumberland.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate is particularly happy to welcome in the Senate Chamber today a group of Maine students who are participants in an action course on Practical Politics. They come from Aroostook County.

You people are most welcome here in behalf of the Senate of the State. We admire you for your interest in this subject and we hope that this interest will continue.

This group is from Van Buren, Houlton, Fort Kent and Presque Isle.

May I introduce to the group the Senators from your County: Senator Christie, Senator Cyr, and Senator Edmunds. (Applause)

The Chair is equally happy to recognize in the Senate gallery a group of students from the Healy Asylum of Lewiston who are visiting here. They are accompanied by Father Perry and two Sisters who are Sisters of Charity.

May I welcome you likewise and introduce to you the Senators who represent Androscoggin County: Senator Jacques, Senator Couture and Senator Boisvert. (Applause)

Bill, "An Act to Authorize a Bond Issue for Purchase of Voting Machines for Resale to Municipalities." (H. P. 97) (L. D. 141)

In House, March 5, reports and Bill indefinitely postponed.

In Senate, March 6, Majority — Ought to pass Report read and accepted in non-concurrence, and on March 29, passed to be engrossed, as amended by Senate Amendment A, in non-concurrence. (S-111)

Comes from the House, that body having adhered.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Lovell of York, the Senate voted to insist on its former action and ask for a Committee of Conference.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Exempting Manufacturing Establishments and Mines from Property Tax." (S. P. 160) (L. D. 436)

In Senate, April 2, referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Legislative Reapportionment.

Comes from the House, Ought not to pass Report from Committee on Taxation, accepted in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Lovell of York, the Senate voted to adhere.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes at this time 45 students of the Problems of Democracy Class of the Williams High School in Oakland.

I might add that the subject of your studies is appropriate to this body.

These students are accompanied by their teachers, Mr. Ralph Atwood and Mr. Clarence Campbell.

This being Kennebec County, may I introduce you to the Senators from Kennebec County, Senator Farris, Senator Campbell, and myself. (Applause)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles Required to be Registered in Another State by Maine Residents." (S. P. 345) (L. D. 1010)

In Senate, March 6, passed to be engrossed.

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

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the bill was tabled pending consideration.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Attendance Officers of Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe." (S. P. 311) (L. D. 977)
 In Senate, April 3, passed to be engrossed.

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A in non-concurrence. (H-218)

In the Senate, House Amendment A was read and that Body voted to recede and concur.

Communications

STATE OF MAINE
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 Augusta

April 9, 1963

To the Members of the House and Senate of the 101st Legislature State House Augusta, Maine.

Dear Members:

I am submitting herewith a concurrent Resolution from the State of Utah in accordance with the request of the Secretary of State, Lamont F. Toronto.

Very truly yours,
 PAUL A. MacDONALD
 Secretary of State

Enclosures. (S. P. 568)

Which, with the accompanying Resolution Relative to Election of Candidates for President and Vice-President were read and ordered placed on file.

Sent down for concurrence.

STATE OF MAINE
 SENATE CHAMBER
 Office of the Secretary

April 9, 1963

Members of the Senate of the 101st Legislature

Dear Members,

Pursuant to a Senate Order passed on this day, the President appointed Leon O. Douglas of Augusta as Courier for the Senate for

the remainder of this current session.

Respectfully,
 CHESTER T. WINSLOW
 Secretary of the Senate

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Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Committee Reports — House

Referred to 102nd Legislature

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Relating to Certificate of Public Necessity for Transporting Freight for Hire as a Common Carrier." (H. P. 877) (L. D. 1262) reported that the same should be referred to the 102nd Legislature.

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Relating to Teaching Benefits for Military Service." (H. P. 900) (L. D. 1308) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Making Motor Vehicles of Certain Public Utilities Subject to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax." (H. P. 951) (L. D. 1385) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill, "An Act Providing for "Breath-Test-Meters." (H. P. 564) (L. D. 1045) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Relating to Construction of Picnic Areas Along the Maine Turnpike." (H. P. 99) (L. D. 143) reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Mr. LOVELL of York: Mr. President, I had thought that this bill for picnic sites on the Maine Turnpike was a very progressive bill, and it is certainly what many other states are doing, but at this time I would like to yield to the all-powerful Chairman of the Highway Committee, Senator Cole.

(On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, the report was accepted)

The same Committee on Bill, Signs Designating Conditions in

Maine." (H. P. 100) (L. D. 144) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Lovell of York, tabled pending acceptance of the report, and especially assigned for later in today's session.)

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Tampering with Railroad Switches, Lights and Signals." (H. P. 878) (L. D. 1263) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Margins on Railroad Yard Tracks for Safety of Employees." (H. P. 879) (L. D. 1264) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Prohibiting the Misuse of Railroad Signal Equipment." (H. P. 880) (L. D. 1265) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve Increasing Pension of Maurice Albert of Madawaska. (H. P. 348) (L. D. 502) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act Relating to Payments to Sagadahoc County Law Library." (H. P. 755) (L. D. 1084) reported that the same Ought to pass.

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

Recommended

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act relating to Mileage and Expenses for Members of Legislature." (H. P. 613) (L. D. 848) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Comes from the House recommit- ted to the Committee on State Government.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Whittaker of Penobscot, recommit- ted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill, "An Act Relating to Optometric Services

Under Aid to the Blind and Non- profit Hospital Organizations Laws." (H. P. 903) (L. D. 1312) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (H-207)

(On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, tabled pending acceptance of the report, and especially assigned for April 17.)

The Committee on State Govern- ment on Bill, "An Act to Revise the Civil Defense and Public Safety Council Law." (H. P. 832) (L. D. 1219) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (H-205)

Which reports were read and ac- cepted in concurrence, Committee Amendments A, read and adopted in concurrence, and the Bills, as amended, read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass in New Draft — Same Title

The Committee on Natural Re- sources on Bill, "An Act Author- izing Forest Commissioner to Per- mit and Regulate Dredging in Great Ponds." (H. P. 164) (L. D. 213) reported that the same Ought to pass in New Draft, under the same title (H. P. 1015) (L. D. 1469)

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed, as amended by House Amendments A (H-187) and B (H- 204)

In the Senate, the report was ac- cepted, the bill read once, House Amendment B read, and on motion by Mr. Stitham of Somerset, the bill was tabled pending adoption of House Amendment B, and was especially assigned for Friday next.

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

The Majority of the Committee on Labor on Bill, "An Act Providing that Employment shall not be Con- ditioned upon Membership or Non- membership in, nor upon Payment or Non-payment of Money to, a La- bor Organization." (H. P. 537) (L. D. 754) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

JOHNSON of Somerset
COUTURE of Androscoggin
HINDS of Cumberland

Representatives:

PRINCE of Oakfield
 GIFFORD of Manchester
 MENDES of Topsham
 NOEL of Waterville
 EWER of Bangor
 BROWN of South Portland

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-209)

(Signed)

Representative:

DUNN of Denmark

Comes from the House, Reports and Bill indefinitely postponed.

In the Senate:

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. President, if I am in order, I move acceptance of the "Ought to pass" report.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise the Senator that she is not in order on this particular motion.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. President, I would like to speak on this matter.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. President and members of the Senate: In a recent Letter to the Editor I read this:

"I have belonged to a union for many years and believe them to be beneficial to the worker. But I am against any rule that would force a person to join a union, lodge or church in order to get a job.

The main reason the Democratic Congress favored the union shop and dues checkoff was to make more money available to unions for political funds. The Legislature has, for a long time, been ever ready to pass larger appropriations bills and vote for any bill that restricted a citizen's right to think and act for himself. They now have a chance to restore one of the many privileges taken away by former politicians."

Perhaps I would not agree one hundred per cent with this, but I think there is an element of truth and fairness in this statement.

I would also like to quote from an editorial in the Bangor News

of February 19th. Speaking of the right to work measure: "The measure is designed to restore full freedom of choice to the working men and women of Wyoming." This is in regard to the adoption of the right to work law in Wyoming, which was adopted February 8th. "It guarantees anew one of the most important hallmarks of American liberty and citizenship — the right of individual decision-making. The labor movement in America, which has done so much to raise the standard of living of our working men and women, will not be strengthened by making membership compulsory or obligatory.

The Right to Work principle simply provides that a working person need not join a union to get or keep a job. It also assures that he may not be denied a job because he does not belong to a union. The worker, in other words, is left with a freedom of choice.

We ask you: what can be wrong with that, in this land of liberty?"

And then I would like to quote just a few words from Mr. Sylvester Petro, Professor at New York University School of Law. He took the time to study the 40 volumes of the hearings conducted by the McClellan Committee, and he concluded that "industry-wide trade unions are the greatest threat to its security and well-being that America has ever known. No civilization can long survive unlimited power in any hands."

I do not for one minute claim that there is unlimited power in the hands of the unions in Maine, but I do know that in other states where the unions have greater power there is a great deal of hardship. I also realize that sometimes the cost of maintaining industry is so great because of the excessive demands of unions it makes it difficult to carry on business. So, for these reasons, I feel that we should at least give the people an opportunity to vote, and I understand that there is a referendum amendment which could be attached to this bill.

Mr. JACQUES of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I would like to read a telegram that I received from a pro-

fessor of Bates College. It was received yesterday and is dated April 9th, 1963.

“Senator Jacques:

As one who has been academically involved in the study and teaching of industrial relations, I would like to express my sincere opposition to the “Right to Work” proposal currently under consideration by the Maine State Legislature.

The majority of industrial workers in our nation are dependent for their dignity, self respect, and economic well-being upon rights fought for and won by working people for their own advantage. These rights have always been limited in their range of application and the breadth of their meaning. Thus the “Right to Work” is not an indiscriminate privilege devoid of obligation and applicable to all: only the qualified have the right to work at a profession or practice a trade for which they have been technically qualified, just as all men are not entitled to work at any occupation. So too must limitations be placed on the enjoyment of privileges which are the reward for persons willing to enter into sincere contract relations with their employers.

I consider it a danger to our state that a minority group, seeking to advance its cause and pad its ranks, will succeed in convincing the people of Maine that their welfare will be realized by accepting so-called “Right to Work Laws.” Such laws serve only to benefit privileged few and subject the unprotected many to indignities that collective bargaining between labor and management has long since relegated to a by-gone era.

Very sincerely yours,
ROBERT G. DOEL,
Instructor in Sociology,
Bates College.”

Mr. President, I move that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The question now before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Jacques, that the bill and accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. Is the Senate ready for the question?

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. President,

when the vote is taken I request that it be taken by a division.

Mr. FARRIS of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I have long believed in the principle of so-called right to work and I have voted for it previously in this chamber. I have not changed my mind whatsoever in regard to the philosophy of right to work legislation, but I do feel that in view of the political climate in the State of Maine at this time, in view of the fact that many of our businessmen are completely divided on this issue, that it would not be for the best interests of this state either to enact legislation of this nature at this time or to have it go to referendum before the people. I am therefore going to support the motion for indefinite postponement.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Jacques, that the bill be indefinitely postponed; a division has been requested.

Mr. PORTEOUS of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that this item lie on the table until next Wednesday.

Mr. JACQUES of Androscoggin: Mr. President, when the vote is taken, I ask for a division.

The PRESIDENT: The question now before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous, that this bill be tabled and especially assigned for Wednesday next. A division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

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

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is now on the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Jacques, that the bill be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Twenty-eight having voted in the affirmative and three opposed the motion prevailed, and the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Mr. HINDS of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would move that the Senate now reconsider its action whereby this bill was indefinitely

postponed and I would hope that the Senate would vote against my motion.

Mr. COUTURE of Androscoggin: Mr. President, when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

A division of the Senate was had.

Two having voted in the affirmative and twenty-seven opposed, the motion to reconsider did not prevail.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair is happy to recognize in the Senate Chambers today, fifty-three senior students of Skowhegan, the class of American Government with their instructor David Mattsen. We are happy to have you here. We hope that you find these proceedings educational and enjoyable. May we introduce to you the Senators from your County, Senator Stitham and Senator Johnson of Somerset County. (Applause)

Committee Reports — Senate

Mr. Cram from the Committee on Claims on Resolve, Providing Funds for the Emergency Medical Care of George C. Abbott, Jr. (S. P. 240) (L. D. 614) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Mr. Philbrick from the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Authorizing Permanent Registration Plates for Fleet Operated Vehicles." (S. P. 285) (L. D. 799) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

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 Industrial and Recreational Development on Bill, "An Act to Create the Maine Recreational Facilities Authority Act." (S. P. 102) (L. D. 239) reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

NOYES of Franklin
LOVELL of York
KIMBALL of Hancock

Representatives:

GILBERT of Eddington
KILROY of Portland

JOBIN of Rumford
HARDY of Hope

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

(Signed)

Representatives:

LITTLEFIELD of Hampden
OSGOOD of Corinna
NORTON of Caribou

Mr. NOYES of Franklin: Mr. President, for the reason that there is a bill pending in the Committee on Constitutional Amendments on the same subject matter, I would ask that this bill be tabled.

The motion prevailed and the bill was tabled pending acceptance of either report.

Second Readers

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

House

Resolve, Providing Funds for Research on Marine Vegetation Utilization. (H. P. 359) (L. D. 533)

Resolve, Authorizing Completion and Printing of a Digest of the Opinions of the Law Court. (H. P. 183) (L. D. 252)

Resolve, to Purchase Fifty Copies of "The History of Augusta." (H. P. 184) (L. D. 253)

Bill, "An Act Relating to State Budget Estimates." (H. P. 320) (L. D. 447)

Bill, "An Act Providing for Lease by Maine State Park and Recreation Commission to Mt. Blue Ski Corporation." (H. P. 1014) (L. D. 1470)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Temporary Loans by the City of Old Town." (H. P. 1032) (L. D. 1496)

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

As Amended

Resolve, Appropriating Money for Preparation of Court Rules of Criminal Procedure. (H. P. 182) (L. D. 251)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Compensation of Mayor and Councilmen of City of Biddeford." (H. P. 124) (L. D. 168)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Debt Limit of Stonington School District." (H. P. 1008) (L. D. 1459)

Bill, "An Act Exempting Certain Fraternal Societies from Property Taxes." (H. P. 844) (L. D. 1231)

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

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Detroit, Etna, Plymouth and Stetson to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 435) (L. D. 630)

Which was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. Brooks of Cumberland, was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed, and was especially assigned for Wednesday, April 17.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Crossing Railroad Right-of-Way by Water Utility." (S. P. 396) (L. D. 1099)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Transportation of Household Goods for Hire by a Common Carrier." (S. P. 455) (L. D. 1282)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Temporary Registration Permits for Certain Motor Vehicles and Special Permits for Other Vehicles." (S. P. 440) (L. D. 1183)

Bill, "An Act Repealing Fee for Solemnization of Marriages." (S. P. 565) (L. D. 1509)

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 relating to Fee for Tags in Registering Deer." (H. P. 40) (L. D. 63)

Bill, "An Act Providing for a New Charter for the City of Waterville." (H. P. 383) (L. D. 582)

Bill, "An Act Granting Full Pension Benefits to Lillian Watson of Bangor." (H. P. 499) (L. D. 701)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of Maine Employment Security Commission." (H. P. 682) (L. D. 938)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary

of Insurance Commissioner." (H. P. 752) (L. D. 1081)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Retirement of Employee Option by Local Districts under Maine State Retirement System." (H. P. 789) (L. D. 1142)

Bill, "An Act Providing for Voting by New Residents in Presidential Election." (H. P. 803) (L. D. 1190)

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

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Director of Legislative Research." (H. P. 836) (L. D. 1223)

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

Bill, "An Act to Create a Commission on Intergovernmental Relations." (H. P. 942) (L. D. 1376)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees of Tax Collector of Town of Dedham in Collecting Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation Taxes." (H. P. 1018) (L. D. 1473)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Reporter of Decisions." (H. P. 1023) (L. D. 1479)

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

Resolve Providing a World War I Bonus for George E. Maroon of Lewiston. (H. P. 966) (L. D. 1405)

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

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Town Manager Form of Government." (S. P. 330) (L. D. 995)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Salary of Commissioner of Education." (S. P. 373) (L. D. 1039)

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

Bill, "An Act Adding the Suspension or Revocation of Licenses of Official Inspection Stations to the Administrative Code." (S. P. 459) (L. D. 1286)

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

Emergency

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Municipality of Corinna and Newport to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 367) (L. D. 540)

Which received the affirmative vote of 29 members.

Emergency

Bill, "An Act Repealing Charter of Pittsfield Water Company and Transferring Assets to the Town of Pittsfield." (H. P. 609) (L. D. 844)

Which received the affirmative vote of 29 members.

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

Orders of the Day

Mr. EDMUNDS of Aroostook: Mr. President, may I inquire if S. P. 548, L. D. 1480, a redraft of S. P. 376, L. D. 1042, is in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would state that it is, having been held at the request of Senator Edmunds of Aroostook.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate, Item 6-6, House Report from the Committee on Highways, Ought Not to Pass, on Bill, "An Act Relating to Turnpike Signs Designating Conditions in Maine" (H. P. 100) (L. D. 144) tabled earlier in today's session by Senator Lovell of York pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. LOVELL of York: Mr. President, I would like to move that the bill be substituted for the report and I would like to speak on it.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Mr. LOVELL: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I think in some small way we should try to help the tourist business, and this is an innocuous bill that will help, to a certain extent, the tourist business.

If any of you have been out of the State of Maine — and I presume you have been on the New Hampshire Turnpike, you will note that they have a sign on the turnpike in New Hampshire designating the conditions of touring in the various times of the year. In the winter time it designates the skiing conditions and in the summer the fire conditions and so on, and it gives people riding on that turnpike a chance to see just what conditions are in New Hampshire.

Now we don't expect the Highway Department to pay for this because they only took in 24.2 million on the gas tax last year and of course naturally are cramped for money; but the Turnpike Authority tolls have been going well over a million a year, and I think they could well invest a few thousand in a sign such as this. It would be a friendly policy and, it seems to me, good business for the State of Maine. I hope that my motion will pass.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from York, Senator Lovell, moves that we substitute the bill for the report.

Mr. COLE of Waldo: Mr. President and members of the Senate: As you notice, this bill calls for many things. It suggests that the Maine Turnpike Authority shall erect and maintain along the Maine Turnpike north, near the turnpike entrance, a sign of such design that it shall be conspicuous and readable when traveling at the maximum lawful speed, designating conditions in Maine as to skiing, hunting, fishing, foliage and fire. I might add that the fire conditions are already so advertised. The Forestry bureau has a sign at the entrance of the turnpike designating the fire haz-

ards as they may be on certain days.

The committee felt that it would be almost impossible to comply with signs as to skiing conditions, hunting, fishing and so forth. However, as the good Senator from York, Senator Lovell, has said, a good many turnpikes do adopt some kind of information as to the conditions of the weather. In discussing this with the Turnpike Authority they did give considerable consideration to the fact that possibly at some time in the future the toll collectors might be able to pass out information on conditions as they might be on certain days. Other than that, we felt the bill was not worth the price. I certainly oppose the motion of the good Senator from York, S e n a t o r Lovell.

Mr. LOVELL of York: Mr. President, just a few more words. It seems to me the wording of the bill gives the Turnpike Authority the privilege of setting up the sign and placing it wherever they so wish and putting on it the wording they wish. If it is workable in other states and on other turnpikes I cannot see why it cannot be worked in Maine. For a few thousand dollars here is a chance for publicity and promotion and to let people know that Maine is a friendly state and that we take an interest in our tourists. I certainly would like to request a division when the vote is taken.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from York, Senator Lovell, that the bill be substituted for the Ought Not to Pass report. A division has been requested.

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

Thereupon, the Ought Not to Pass report was accepted in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 1st tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 1022) (L. D. 1478) Bill, "An Act Clarifying the Inland Fish and Game Laws"; tabled on April 3 by Senator Stilphen of Knox, pending adoption of Senate Amendment A (S-122); and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Hancock, Senator Brown.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, Senate Amendment A was indefinitely postponed; and the same Senator presented Senate Amendment B and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment B.

Mr. PORTEOUS of Cumberland: Mr. President, may we have a chance to look this over?

The President declared a five minute recess.

After Recess

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate has to do with the 1st tabled item. The Senate, prior to the recess, indefinitely postponed Senate Amendment A. Senator Brown of Hancock presented Senate Amendment B and moved its adoption. The purpose of the recess was to further acquaint the Senators with Senate Amendment B and the question now before the Senate is the adoption of Senate Amendment B.

Senate Amendment B was adopted.

Mr. Johnson of Somerset presented Senate Amendment C and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment C (S-142)

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President, I do not wish to have the Senate have to go back into recess in order to study this amendment. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game is authorized to issue free fishing permits to patients at the Pineland Hospital and Training Center. It is a good amendment and I move its adoption.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment C was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 2nd tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 604) (L. D. 839) Bill, "An Act Increasing Salaries of Members of Council of City of Portland," tabled on April 3 by Senator Cram of Cumberland pending passage to be engrossed; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous.

On motion by Mr. Porteous of Cumberland, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair is happy to recognize in the Senate Chambers, students of the 8th grade of Waterford School. This happens to be the home school of the Senator from Oxford, Senator Pike. The Chair might suggest that if you have any more gentleman like him please send them down. May we introduce to you the Senators from Oxford County, Senator Pike and Senator Ferguson. (Applause)

The Chair appointed to the Committee of Conference on Item 1-2, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a Bond Issue for Purchase of Voting Machines for Resale to Municipalities", Senators Brooks of Cumberland, Farris of Kennebec and Stitham of Somerset.

The President laid before the Senate the 3rd tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 6) (L. D. 6) Bill, "An Act Relating to Sunday Sales of Liquor by Hotels and Class A Restaurants"; tabled on April 2 by Senator Campbell of Kennebec pending motion by Senator Christie of Aroostook that the Senate recede and concur.

Senator Campbell yielded to Senator Cram of Cumberland.

Mr. CRAM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that this matter be retabled and especially assigned for Friday, April 19.

Mr. HINDS of Cumberland: Mr. President, I ask for a division.

A division of the Senate was had.

Twenty-four having voted in the affirmative and seven opposed, the motion to table and so assign prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate the 4th tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 384) (L. D. 583) House Report, Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment A from the Committee on Municipal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Appointment of Chief Engineer of Fire Department of City of Westbrook"; tabled on April 3 by Senator Cram of Cumberland pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion

by that Senator, the bill was retabled and especially assigned for Friday, April 12.

The President laid before the Senate the 5th tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 218) (L. D. 527) Bill, "An Act Relating to Transfer of Certain Land to the State by the City of Portland"; tabled on April 3 by Senator Jacques of Androscoggin pending motion by Senator Cyr of Aroostook to indefinitely postpone the bill; and Senator Jacques of Androscoggin yielded to Senator Couture of Androscoggin who moved the pending question.

Mr. BROOKS of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, several days ago we discussed the merits of L. D. 527. I do not think it is necessary for me this morning to belabor the point. I am sure that my colleagues here in the Senate are very familiar with my thoughts and the feelings of the Cumberland County delegation. I would simply like to say again that we feel that this is a very important bill for the city and for the State of Maine. I would hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail and I request a division.

Mr. CYR of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate: The opposition that I offered when this was debated was on the ownership and I still feel the same way: that the State of Maine should not assume the ownership of this property.

Now we have been told that the City of Portland has put a lot of money into this airport. We are also led to believe that most of the expenditures have been borne by the City of Portland. I have here the contributions by two of the silent partners, so to speak, or at least the unrecognized partners. In all their discussion they never mentioned these other two partners that have helped them along in their expenses. In their presentation they have mentioned that there is an investment of close to four million dollars. My figures show here that the federal government has put in approximately \$2,210,000 of that money and the State of Maine has put in \$600,000.

Now the whole discussion before us is wrapped up in this point which

was presented at the hearing. Most of the needed improvements are eligible for 50 per cent federal participation in the cost of construction. The State now pays 25 per cent and the city pays 25 per cent. And they go on to say that under state ownership the state would pay that portion of the cost now borne entirely by the city. In other words, what they are after is that the State of Maine completely take over all the expenses, and this is presented to us as a gift of one dollar. It is a little bit in the same category as if our good friend, Senator Porteous, would give us a buy on a \$45 suit and would sell us a \$45 suit for one dollar and then he would charge us \$44 for the alterations. This is the part that I object to.

The PRESIDENT: The record will show that the remarks of the Senator met with laughter in the hall of the Senate.

Mr. CYR: Mr. President, I was not talking about the \$45 suit as the part that I object to. The part I object to is the ulterior motives in this bill. I will go along with the one dollar, I think that is a good bargain, but I do not go along with the ulterior motive of having to spend two and a half to five million dollars.

The main argument that they also present to us is the fact that this airport serves more than the City of Portland. That is true enough. On the other hand, the City of Portland gets quite a contribution by the fact that they have this airport. Every time I have taken a plane and come down to Portland on business I have left at least twenty-five or thirty dollars on personal expenses in meals and hotels, let alone the contribution I have given to the concern that I have done business with. That contribution should be acknowledged, and any city or any community that does not realize that these services are worth something, I say they don't deserve an airport.

At the hearing on another piece of legislation in regard to airports there were also brought out similar ideas to the ideas I presented to you two weeks ago. They deplore the fact that we do not

have a complete, total, comprehensive research of the air needs for Maine, and that is what I presented the other day to you. I would be in favor of an all-comprehensive program that would include the whole State of Maine, not just one section; and I am also in favor of the state contributing towards the improvements for the Portland Airport, towards enlargements and towards relocation of runways. I am in favor of that, but what I am not in favor of is the ownership. As soon as the State of Maine acquires ownership of this airport you can rest assured we are going to be deluged with bills here, requests for more funds, and with our money expenses today to be borne by the Public Works Department of Portland, which would be a duplication under the State of Maine ownership, that would no longer be a good project for the State of Maine.

I realize that probably many of the senators are committed for this strip, realizing that this is not a good bill, and they hope the other body will do the axing. I do not believe we should take that attitude at all, because as long as we are going to nourish the hopes of Portland for ever having a chance to turn this over to the State of Maine they will continue counting on us and they will continue asking the legislature to take over and they will continually refuse to put in any improvements of their own. So I hope that my motion prevails.

Mr. LOVELL of York: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I signed the "Ought to pass" report on this bill in the Committee on State Government, and I can assure the good Senator from Aroostook that I have made no deal. I signed this report two years ago. Portland Airport serves York County, which is my county, as well as Cumberland, Oxford, Sagadahoc and surrounding counties. Every airport of any size in New England is operated and controlled by the State, hence I think this is a great burden to the City of Portland and that it should be a State-controlled airport, and that is the reason I voted for this bill.

Mr. WHITTAKER of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate: This particular bill was a

carefully considered by the State Government Committee and the report came out 6 to 4 "Ought not to pass". The three members of the Senate signed the "Ought to pass" report. I rise to speak against the motion to indefinitely postpone.

I would suggest that we have here a crucial issue facing the State of Maine: the issue of adequate transportation for our State. We have heard a great deal of talk in this body about the need for industrial and recreational development. I feel that the establishment of a good, reliable transportation system in this State is essential to the growth and welfare of the total community of Maine. It seems to me that this bill is a step in the right direction.

We have very definite problems with regard to air transportation, and with relation to rail transportation, of which there is very little at the present time. People are not able to get into this State when they want to come, particularly in the winter time. We have created an image throughout this nation of being a state on the frontier or in the wilderness, and it is time we took some constructive action to correct this impression.

The real issue before us is whether or not we are ready to accept the concept of regional airports. We have such airports in Bangor and in Presque Isle, and I venture to say that the time will come, perhaps in the not too distant future, when it may be necessary for the State of Maine to take over these airports. There is the opportunity now before us to begin this process by assuming responsibility for the Portland Airport, which is a paying proposition at the present time and has every promise of continuing to be such. There is involved, of course, the matter of capital improvements, but I do feel that we should take this step now of beginning to provide adequate airports in our State, and that we should begin with Portland.

Mr. BROOKS of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I would say at this time that contrary to the statements of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Cyr, there have been no deals made regarding this particular bill before us. The fact remains — and I do

resent a little bit the implication that Portland is attempting to get something for nothing or to get rid of something that is not good. Portland happens to be, as I said earlier, the largest city in the State, and through no fault of its own it happens to be the gateway to the State of Maine. The City of Portland, like all cities in the State, and towns, is having very great difficulty with its own financial affairs and it is in no position to further develop this key airport. This airport is a part of the concept of regional airports that has been studied and accepted by the government as to future air travel within our State.

I would also like to remark that there are no ulterior motives in the City of Portland, unless the fact that those of us in that area on behalf of the entire State are attempting to make a better facility for air travel is an ulterior motive. If that be an ulterior motive I think it is a very worthy motive, and I urge you ladies and gentlemen of the Senate to support me in not indefinitely postponing this bill.

Mrs. HARRINGTON of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I would like to remind you that the Governor has recommended an area airport in Sidney, and I think that we should consider his wishes at this time.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Cyr, that the bill be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Twelve having voted in the affirmative and twenty opposed, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

Thereupon, the bill was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The President laid before the Senate the 6th tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 344) (L. D. 529) Bill, "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of South Portland"; tabled on April 3 by Senator Hinds of Cumberland pending passage to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the 7th tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 719) (L. D. 1048) Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Discrimination among Licensed Optometrists"; tabled on April 3 by Senator Cram of Cumberland pending enactment; and that Senator moved the pending question.

Thereupon, the bill was passed to be enacted.

The President laid before the Senate the 8th tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 678) (L. D. 934) House Report, Ought to Pass from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill "An Act Relating to Application of Federal Social Security to Permit Political Subdivisions to Offer Social Security Benefits to Superintendents of Schools"; tabled on April 5 by Senator Edmunds of Aroostook pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was retabled and especially assigned for tomorrow.

The President laid before the Senate the 9th tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 360) (L. D. 534) House Reports from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve Relating to Treatment of Lakes Sabattus and Annabessacook to Eliminate Aquatic Growth"; Majority report, Ought Not to Pass; Minority Report, Ought to Pass; tabled on April 5 by Senator Jacques of Androscoggin pending motion to accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass report.

Mr. JACQUES of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the "Ought not to pass" report, but I will not make any motion.

The only thing I would like to tell the Senate is that we have a few lakes in the State of Maine that are in the same condition where we have this aquatic growth which blooms around August and it is a mess for swimmers getting into and out of the water. We are spending an awful lot of money in the Recreational Department and the Department of Economic Development, and I think, Mr. President, that some of this money might be used to take care of our lakes in the State of Maine. We are fortunate

to have one in Androscoggin County, but it has this disease and I believe that the State should do something to remedy this. I do not think this is the responsibility of the camp owners to go out and try to raise money to remedy this situation. This thing was referred to the Research Committee and they came out with a report that it should be studied further. I would now yield to the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edmunds.

Mr. EDMUNDS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I would merely point out that the Appropriations Committee considered this very carefully and the report "Ought not to pass" was signed by eight members and there were only two who were in favor of the "Ought to pass" report. I would also like to report that all three members of the Senate signed the "Ought not to pass" report. So at this time, Mr. President, I would move the pending question.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edmunds to accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report.

The motion prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate the 10th tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 438) (L. D. 1181) Senate Report, Ought Not to Pass, from the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Safety Requirements for Operation of Certain Motor Vehicles"; tabled on April 5 by Senator Stitham of Somerset pending acceptance of the report; and that Senator moved the pending question.

Thereupon, the Ought Not to Pass report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 11th tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 462) (L. D. 1289) Bill, "An Act Relating to Salaries Fixed by Governor and Council"; tabled on April 5 by Senator Whittaker of Penobscot pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. WHITTAKER of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I move that this document be indefinitely postponed, and I re-

quest a division when the vote is taken.

May I explain once again the issue involved here.

When this matter was considered by the State Government Committee we were of a divided opinion. The report came out 6 to 4 "Ought not to pass."

This bill, if enacted, would, as stated in the title, provide that all salaries fixed by the Governor and Council shall not be increased or diminished except with the approval of the Legislature. You have been given in recent days a copy of a Joint Order. It was introduced in the House and is on the table now in the Senate. This represents the agreement of the State Government Committee that there should be a study made of this whole matter of salaries, with the idea in mind that some determination should be made as to whether or not improvements can be realized in the procedures whereby some salaries are set by the legislature, some by the Governor and Council.

It is the Majority opinion of the State Government Committee that this study should be made before any changes are made in the present procedures. And this is the position which I support here.

May I give just one illustration of what might happen if this bill should pass. We know that sometime this year it probably will be necessary to employ a new Commissioner of Economic Development. It has been stated publicly in many places that an attempt will be made to secure the services of the best qualified person for this position. This may very well require the offering of a salary beyond that now authorized and if a ceiling were put on that salary by this body at this time, this would illustrate in one instance how it would be difficult to fulfill the needs of the state.

There are a large number of salaries set by the Governor and Council and a large number set by the legislature. I hope that we may have the time to make this study during the next biennium before any changes are made in the present procedure. I therefore hope, Mr. President and members of the Sen-

ate, that my motion to indefinitely postpone may be supported.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would oppose the motion of the good Senator from Penobscot, Senator Whittaker. I feel that a difference of two years, with salaries in the status quo would make very little difference. The passage of this bill I believe would give added impetus to this study and I know that there would be a great many stronger pressures brought on the legislative committee to do a thorough and complete job and perhaps go into this proposition a great deal deeper. I feel that they will do a good job. I also feel that the Order which is tabled in the Senate now pending passage will probably preclude a Governor and Council from increasing salaries because they realize that we do wish a study made of it. Under this proposition it would be almost going against the wishes of this legislature to increase. However, if the one item in question is the salary of the Commissioner of DED, which will come up in the latter part of this year, I would feel that there would probably be a great many qualified individuals who would gladly accept this job for a year and a half at \$14,500. I may be wrong but I would oppose the motion of the gentleman from Penobscot.

Mr. HINDS of Cumberland: Mr. President and member of the Senate: I concur with the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson in his remarks. I would like to say that as far as finding a qualified person for the Department of Economic Development unless he can receive more money we might also consider that in every department where the department head's salary is set by the legislature it might be difficult to find a new department head because the pay is all set. I would hope that the Senate would support the motion of Senator Johnson.

Mr. EDMUNDS of Aroostook: Mr. President, while I do not question the intent of this bill I would point out it creates an impossible situation. I know the Governor's office is very much concerned with this bill and I know that our Governor and previous governors have dis-

charged their responsibilities in this area very, very well. Therefore, I hope that the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Whittaker will prevail.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Whittaker that the bill be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had. Twenty-four having voted in the affirmative and nine opposed, the motion prevailed and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 12th tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 255) (L. D. 629) Senate Reports from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on "Resolve Providing Increases in Retirement Allowances for Certain Retired Fish and Game Wardens"; Majority Report, Ought to Pass; Minority Report, Ought Not to Pass; tabled on April 9 by Senator Sproul of Lincoln pending consideration; and on motion by that Senator, the Senate voted to insist on its former action and ask for a committee of conference.

Mr. FARRIS of Kennebec: Mr. President, may I inquire if the Secretary of the Senate has in his possession, Bill, "An Act Relating to Illegal Manufacture of Liquor" (S. P. 394) (L. D. 1097)?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will reply in the affirmative, this having been requested by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

Thereupon, on motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it voted to recede and concur with the House in the indefinite postponement of the bill; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was tabled pending consideration.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the Senate voted to take

from the table the 55th tabled and unassigned item, (H. P. 103) (L. D. 147) Bill, "An Act Providing for Boothbay Harbor Region Area Sign on Maine Turnpike"; tabled on April 9 by Senator Wyman of Washington pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table the 33rd tabled and unassigned item (H. P. 63) (L. D. 87) Bill, "An Act Relating to Purchase of Lands by Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission"; tabled on March 29 by Senator Wyman of Washington pending passage to be engrossed; and that Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read the amendment (S-143).

Mr. WYMAN: Mr. President, I have cleared this amendment with the two Senate members of the Committee on Legal Affairs which heard this bill, and they have no opposition.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Kimball of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table the 35th tabled and unassigned item (S. P. 475) (L. D. 1327) Bill, "An Act Providing for Permanent Identification Cards to be Issued by the Secretary of State"; tabled on March 29 by Senator Kimball of Hancock pending assignment for second reading, and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook

Adjourned until Friday morning at ten o'clock.