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STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Friday, March 26, 1965

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Roy W. Moody of Gardiner.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw Covered by Other Legislation

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Municipalities of Avon, Coplin Plt., Eustis, Kingfield, Madrid, New Vineyard, Phillips and Strong to Form a School Administrative District" (S. P. 86) (L. D. 230) reporting Leave to Withdraw, as covered by other legislation.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Consolidate the Maine Unitarian Association with Northeast District of the Unitarian Universalist Association" (S. P. 123) (L. D. 488) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1411) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of same Committee on Bill "An Act to Consolidate the Universalist Church of Maine with Northeast District of the Unitarian Universalist Association" (S. P. 124) (L. D. 489) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 471) (L. D. 1410) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the New Drafts passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the New Drafts read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government on

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Annual Legislative Sessions (S. P. 44) (L. D. 215) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. MAXWELL of Franklin
STERN of Penobscot
WILLEY of Hancock
— of the Senate

Messrs. PITTS of Harrison
DOSTIE of Lewiston
EDWARDS of Portland
STARBIRD
of Kingman Township
— of the House

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BERRY
of Cape Elizabeth
KATZ of Augusta
LIBHART of Brewer
— of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

In the House: Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted in concurrence and the Resolve read once.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 44, L. D. 215, Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Annual Legislative Sessions.

Amend said Resolve in that part designated "Section 1", by striking out all of the last 2 underlined paragraphs.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Windham, Mrs. Harvey, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to Applications for School District Formation (H. P. 580) (L. D. 772) which was passed to be enacted in the House on March 19 and passed to be engrossed on March 10.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to Payment of Insurance Premiums of School Employees (H. P. 730) (L. D. 968) which was passed to be enacted in the House on March 17 and passed to be engrossed on March 9.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills, approved by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills for appearance on House Calendar, less than one-tenth of the members present objecting, were received and referred to the following Committees:

Education

Bill "An Act relating to School Buses" (H. P. 1044) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Resolve for Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Five and Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Six (H. P. 1043) (Presented by Mr. Crommett of Millinocket)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence forthwith.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Orono, it was

ORDERED, that Miss Pat Dowd of the University of Maine be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

The SPEAKER: On behalf of the House the Chair welcomes you, Miss Dowd, and we hope that you will enjoy your duties as Honorary Page. It is my understanding that they intend to use you as a Page, not necessarily as honorary one today. (Applause)

Indefinitely Postponed

Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that the Attorney General be directed to undertake immediately a statewide investigation of liquor law enforcement, violations of the liquor laws by licensees, teenage drinking, operations of liquor salesmen, and report his findings to the 102nd Legislature prior to the adjournment of the current session so that remedial action, if indicated, may be commenced at once.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this order be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is on the motion of the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Anderson, that this order be indefinitely postponed. Is it the pleasure of the House that this order be indefinitely postponed?

Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston requested a division.

The SPEAKER: And the gentleman requests a division. All those in favor of this order being indefinitely postponed will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Sixty-six having voted in the affirmative and fifty-seven having voted in the negative, the Order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, it was

ORDERED, that Miss Charlotte E. Manuel of Littleton be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

The SPEAKER: Charlotte is the daughter of our very distinguished Senator from Aroostook County, Senator Manuel. On behalf of the House, Charlotte, the Chair welcomes you and we hope that you will enjoy your duties today as one of our Honorary Pages. (Applause)

Mr. Cote of Lewiston presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, it has been learned that one of our colleagues has been honored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart for exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous service to her Community, Fellow Citizens, and Veterans;

BE IT ORDERED, that the members of the House of Representatives commend her for this testimony and convey to her our sincere expression of appreciation;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to send an attested copy of this Order to the Honorable Catherine H. Carswell. The Order received passage.

Mrs. Carswell of Portland was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the House.

Mrs. CARSWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to express my thanks to the members of the House.

Mrs. Carswell of Portland presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, Welcome Back Day was such a grand success; and

WHEREAS, all the members of the House are grateful to our Clerk, Jerome G. Plante, for the fine job in planning this event in order that we may give former members of the legislature a warm welcome back;

BE IT ORDERED, that the Clerk and his staff be given a big thank you for a job well done. (Applause, the members rising)

The Order received passage.

On motion of Mr. Meisner of Dover-Foxcroft, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Raymond Wixson of the United Baptist Church, Dover-Foxcroft, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Friday, April 9, 1965.

Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the members of the 102nd Legislature express their appreciation to the sculptors, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hanna, Jay Hanna Associates, of Rockport, Maine, for the beautiful bas-relief they were commissioned to make as a tribute to Honorable Percival P. Baxter, and be it further

ORDERED, that an attested copy of this Order be sent, by the Secretary of the Senate, to the sculptors at their home in Camden. (H. P. 1050)

The Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

Pursuant to Joint Order Senate Paper 453, which was the appointment of a committee to study the feasibility of consolidating school districts, the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. LEVESQUE

of Madawaska
GRAHAM of Freeport
CARROLL of Limerick

On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Exempting State Owned Motor Vehicles and Trailers from Registration and to Provide Special Plates for U. S. District Attorney and Assistant U. S. District Attorneys," Senate Paper 462, L. D. 1393, the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. JALBERT of Lewiston
EDWARDS of Portland
KATZ of Augusta

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Laberge from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Providing for Tax Shel-

tered Annuities for Employees of School Administrative Units" (H. P. 905) (L. D. 1233) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. COOKSON from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Bears" (H. P. 912) (L. D. 1241)

Mr. Brennan from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Insanity as a Ground for Divorce" (H. P. 821) (L. D. 1112)

Mr. Richardson from same Committee reported same on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Municipal Home Rule (H. P. 282) (L. D. 364)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Driving Motor Vehicle under Influence of Combination of Drugs and Liquor" (H. P. 737) (L. D. 974)

Mr. Boissonneau from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Exempting Stamp and Coin Societies from Sunday Closing Law" (H. P. 837) (L. D. 1064)

Mr. Starbird from the Committee on State Government reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Legislative Apportionment of Cranberry Isles, Hancock County" (H. P. 164) (L. D. 566)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Covered by Other Legislation

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary and Providing Travel Allowance of Indian Representative at the Legislature" (H. P. 111) (L. D. 135) reported Leave to Withdraw, as covered by other legislation.

Mr. Bishop from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys to Effectuate Compensation for Members of the State Police" (H. P. 29) (L. D. 41)

Mr. Boissonneau from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Repealing Duties of State Humane Agents in Enforcing Dog Laws" (H. P. 705) (L. D. 943)

Mr. Conley from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Dogs and Dog Kennels" (H. P. 510) (L. D. 663)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Nominations for Elective Office in City of Biddeford" (H. P. 517) (L. D. 670)

Mrs. Wheeler from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Repealing Law Relating to Record of Sales of Dogs" (H. P. 511) (L. D. 664)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Fraser from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse Maud Morgridge of South Berwick for Well Damage by Highway Construction (H. P. 463) (L. D. 617)

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Saco River in the Cities of Biddeford and Saco (H. P. 677) (L. D. 904)

Mr. Champagne from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Perch, Pickerel and Bass" (H. P. 631) (L. D. 838)

Mr. Cookson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Establishing Daily Limit on White Perch in Washington County" (H. P. 887) (L. D. 1184)

Mr. Richardson from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Law as to Joint Bank Accounts" (H. P. 498) (L. D. 651)

Mr. Boissonneau from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to an Electrical Inspector for City of Lewiston" (H. P. 350) (L. D. 453)

Mr. Cote from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Operation of Watercraft and Water Skis" (H. P. 976) (L. D. 1326)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Dogs from Roaming at Large" (H. P. 999) (L. D. 1331)

Mr. Libhart from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act

relating to Enforcement of Cruelty to Animals Law" (H. P. 704) (L. D. 942)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Permitting Officers without Warrants to Enter Buildings Where Animals or Birds Not Properly Cared For" (H. P. 830) (L. D. 1260)

Mr. Lund from the Committee on Liquor Control reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Part-Time Class A Restaurant under Liquor Law" (H. P. 965) (L. D. 1300)

Mr. Katz from the Committee on State Government reported same on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Relating to the Appointment, Election and Powers of the Senate (H. P. 549) (L. D. 720)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Covered by Other Legislation

Mr. Sullivan from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Sheriffs in Attendance upon Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts" (H. P. 863) (L. D. 1160), as covered by other legislation.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft New Drafts Printed

Mr. Laberge from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Group Accident and Sickness Insurance" (H. P. 971) (L. D. 1321) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1048) (L. D. 1419) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Gifford from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Attending Secondary School Outside of Residence" (H. P. 46) (L. D. 58) which was re-committed, reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1045) (L. D. 1416) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Reports were read and accepted, the New Drafts read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Haugen from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act relating to Qualified Assistant Pharmacists" (H. P. 51) (L. D. 63) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1046) (L. D. 1417) under title of "An Act relating to Examinations as Registered Pharmacists by Assistant Pharmacists" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Binnette of Old Town, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 1.)

Mr. Sullivan from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Providing for Contents of Certain Volumes of Cumberland County Records of Deeds to be Copied" (H. P. 379) (L. D. 481) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1049) (L. D. 1420) under title of "An Act Providing for Contents of Certain Volumes of County Records of Deeds to be Copied" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Gifford from the Committee on Education reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Purposes of Old Town High School District" (H. P. 943) (L. D. 1279)

Report was read and accepted, the Bill read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Poulin from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Designating Androscoggin Game Preserve as a Game Management Area" (H. P. 696) (L. D. 934)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Turner, Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. GILBERT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the

House: This game preserve is in my town. As a matter of fact, I own part of it. Other members of my family own considerably more than I do. When this game preserve was created, it was created by this Legislature by request of the people who owned the land. My own brother and an elderly gentleman, who was a neighbor, contacted every individual who owned any land within the boundaries of this preserve which consists of some 14,000 acres, obtained their signatures requesting that it be a game preserve, forfeited their right to hunt upon their own land except in defense of property. That petition including those signatures was presented to this Legislature. I believe it was in 1936, it was in that neighborhood. Since that time there is a group of sportsmen in the City of Auburn who have constantly tried in some way to get that game preserve dissolved.

As for my own part, I have no objections to this bill. When it came to public hearing, there was no one in my town, apparently, who knew that it was down there. It caught me unawares; I wasn't aware of it myself until I got here that morning. I went down and objected. I asked the committee to hold it in hearing. I went to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and asked them to prepare an amendment which said that they could hunt in there any time of year that snow was on the ground and that they could hunt in the river—ducks in the river, the last three days of the second hunting season. I did that upon my own initiative. Since that time I have contacted the landowners and I find that they are not agreeable. Many of the boys who own the land there are cattlemen. Their cattle, their young cattle run in the area through the month of November. Many years in the month of November we have snow. We also read accounts in our papers in hunting season where hunters shoot cattle, they shoot horses, they shoot men; they shoot everything but deer. Once in a while they get one of those.

Due to the fact that I have been berated by my own constituents and especially by those who live in

the Auburn area where the game preserve extends, who want no part of it, I feel inasmuch as it is privately owned land and inasmuch as it was created a game preserve by the request of the individuals who owned that land in the beginning, and if those same individuals still oppose the action which is contemplated here this morning, if we desire to use that to raise game for the state that it is our privilege, and the sporting clubs should realize that unless there are a few sanctuaries somewhere, as many hunters as there are today, there won't be any. Therefore I move that this report and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is on the motion of the gentleman from Turner, Mr. Gilbert, that this Report and Bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Drigotas.

Mr. DRIGOTAS: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter lie upon the table assigned for March 31.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Drigotas, now moves that this matter lie upon the table assigned for next Wednesday, pending the motion of the gentleman from Turner, Mr. Gilbert, that the Report and Bill be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Brennan from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Apportionment of Interest on Bonds and Notes Acquired by Estates of Deceased Persons" (H. P. 280) (L. D. 362)

Mr. Danton from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Law Court on Questions of State Law Certified by Federal Courts" (H. P. 417) (L. D. 529)

Mrs. Baker from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Election of Officers of Independent Churches" (H. P. 831) (L. D. 1058)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time would like to recognize in the balcony of the House fifty pupils of the Civics Class, who are Seniors at Winslow High School and they are accompanied by their teacher, Mr. Roy Richards. They are the guests of the gentleman from Winslow, Mr. Roy. On behalf of the House the Chair welcomes you and we hope that your visit will be both educational and enjoyable. (Applause)

Mr. D'Alfonso from the Committee on Public Utilities reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Extend the Territorial Limits of the Dover and Foxcroft Water District" (H. P. 1017) (L. D. 1380)

Mr. Dostie from the Committee on State Government reported same on Resolve Proposing Amendment to the Constitution Relating to Bond Issues to be Voted Upon by the People (H. P. 612) (L. D. 804)

Mr. Farrington from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Washington County Law Library" (H. P. 865) (L. D. 1162)

Mr. Hammond from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Sanity Examination of Accused Persons in the District Court and Expenses of Blood Tests in Drunken Driving Cases" (H. P. 819) (L. D. 1110)

Mr. Sullivan from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Postaudit Statement in County Reports" (H. P. 940) (L. D. 1276)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to County Estimates sent to Municipalities" (H. P. 941) (L. D. 1277)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice, Resolve read once, and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Brewer from the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse Charles Larson of Brownville for Well Damage by Highway Construction (H. P. 318) (L. D. 421) reported "Ought to pass"

as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
"A" to H. P. 318, L. D. 421, Resolve, to Reimburse Charles Larson of Brownville for Well Damage by Highway Construction.

Amend said Resolve, in the 2nd line, by striking out the figure "\$1,500" and inserting in place thereof the figure "\$500"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Drouin from the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse Vernon Meldrum of Wilton for Well Damage by Highway Construction (H. P. 400) (L. D. 512) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
"A" to H. P. 400, L. D. 512, Resolve, to Reimburse Vernon Meldrum of Wilton for Well Damage by Highway Construction.

Amend said Resolve by striking out all of the first and 2nd lines and inserting in place thereof the following: 'Resolved: That there is appropriated from the General Highway Fund the sum of \$500 to be paid to Vernon'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Harvey of Woolwich from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Mahlon Dore of York for Well Damage by Highway Construction (H. P. 41) (L. D. 53) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
 "A" to H. P. 41, L. D. 53, Resolve, in Favor of Mahlon Dore of York for Well Damage by Highway Construction.

Amend said Resolve in the 2nd line by striking out the figure "\$1,500" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$500'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Harvey of Bangor from the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse Paul Galusha of Jay for Damage to Well by Road Construction (H. P. 399) (L. D. 511) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
 to H.P. 399, L.D. 511, Resolve, to Reimburse Paul Galusha of Jay for Damage to Well by Road Construction.

Amend said Resolve in the 2nd line by striking out the figure "\$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$500'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Baldic from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Bear" (H. P. 886) (L. D. 1183) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 31.)

Mr. Cookson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Muskrat in Somerset County" (H. P. 490) (L. D. 643) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
 to H. P. 490, L. D. 643, Bill, "An Act Relating to Open Season on Muskrat in Somerset County."

Amend said Bill in the Title by striking out the word "County" and inserting in place thereof the punctuation and words ', Franklin and Piscataquis Counties'

Further amend said Bill, in the 8th line, by striking out the word "County" and inserting in place thereof the following: '**and Franklin County Counties**'

Further amend said Bill, in the 10th line, by striking out the word "County" and inserting in place thereof the following: '**and Piscataquis County Counties**'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Hunter from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Complaint Against Dangerous Dogs" (H. P. 595) (L. D. 787) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
 to H. P. 595, L. D. 787, Bill, "An Act Relating to Time of Complaint Against Dangerous Dogs."

Amend said Bill in the 7th line by striking out the underlined figure "7" and inserting in place thereof the the underlined figure '4'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for the third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Cote from the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Taxes on Spirituous and Vinous Liquors Sold to Certain Instrumentalities" (H. P. 840) (L. D. 1141) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee

Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 840, L. D. 1141, Bill, "An Act Relating to Taxes on Spirituous and Vinous Liquors Sold to Certain Instrumentalities."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end, before the single quotation mark, the following underlined sentence: **"The commission is specifically authorized to make such rules and regulations as they deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this paragraph."**

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Haynes from the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Liquor by Social Clubs to Members of Same National and International Organizations" (H. P. 649) (L. D. 877) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 649, L. D. 877, Bill, "An Act Relating to Sale of Liquor by Social Clubs to Members of Same National and International Organizations."

Amend said Bill, in the Title, by striking out the word "and" inserting in place thereof the words 'or Affiliated'

Further amend said Bill in the 12th line by inserting after the underlined word "or" the underlined word 'affiliated'; and by inserting after the underlined word "or" in the 13th line the underlined word 'affiliated'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Berry from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An

Act Providing for Inventory of Legislative Property by Legislative Research Committee" (H. P. 432) (L. D. 561) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 432, L. D. 561, Bill, "An Act Providing for Inventory of Legislative Property by Legislative Research Committee."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"R. S., T. 3, Sec. 42, amended. The 4th sentence of section 42 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'A perpetual inventory of all legislative property shall be maintained under the supervision of the Legislative Research Committee and an accounting thereof shall be made to the Legislature upon its request.'"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Farrington from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Authorizing County Commissioners for York County to Make a Loan for Construction of a Sewage Treatment and Disposal System for its Courthouse and Jail" (H. P. 571) (L. D. 741) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Bernard of Sanford, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 31.)

Mr. Farrington from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Closing County Roads for Maintenance" (H. P. 872) (L. D. 1169) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by

Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 872, L. D. 1169, Bill, "An Act Relating to Closing County Roads for Maintenance."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "land-owners" in the 8th line the following: '**and any others using said way for access to their property, and public utilities and corporations with facilities legally located within said way.**'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Hammond from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Providing Public Dump for Forest City, Washington County" (H. P. 967) (L. D. 1302) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice. Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 967, L. D. 1302, Bill, "An Act Providing Public Dump for Forest City, Washington County."

Amend said Bill in the Title by inserting after the word "City" the words 'and Indian Township'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "City" in the 4th line the following: '**Indian Township**'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Francis J. Boudreau, Jr., of Carmel for Damage by Highway Construction (H. P. 39) (L. D. 51) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. NORRIS of Oxford
McDONALD

of Piscataquis
—of the Senate.

Messrs. SUSI of Pittsfield
HARVEY of Woolwich
FRASER of Mexico
HARVEY of Bangor
DROUIN of Auburn
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. JUTRAS of York
—of the Senate.

Mr. BREWER of Bath

Mrs. LINCOLN of Bethel
—of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Susi of Pittsfield, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted and the Resolve read once.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 39, L. D. 51, Resolve in Favor of Francis J. Boudreau, Jr., of Carmel for Damage by Highway Construction.

Amend said Resolve in the 2nd line by striking out the figure "\$1,500" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$500'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Majority Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve in Favor of Roland S. Rose of Arundel for Well Damage by Highway Construction (H. P. 462) (L. D. 616) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. NORRIS of Oxford
McDONALD

of Piscataquis
—of the Senate

Messrs. FRASER of Mexico
HARVEY of Bangor
DROUIN of Auburn
HARVEY of Woolwich
SUSI of Pittsfield

—of the House

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. JUTRAS of York
—of the Senate

Mr. BREWER of Bath
Mrs. LINCOLN of Bethel
—of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Pendergast of Kennebunkport, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted and the Resolve read once.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 462, L. D. 616, Resolve, in Favor of Roland S. Rose of Arundel for Well Damage by Highway Construction.

Amend said Resolve in the 2nd line by striking out the figure "\$1,731" and inserting in place thereof the figure "\$500"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Election Laws reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Election of Certain Municipal Officials" (H. P. 470) (L. D. 523)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. LETOURNEAU of York
McDONALD
—of Piscataquis
DUNN of Kennebec
—of the Senate.

Messrs. DICKINSON of Mars Hill
BOURGOIN of Fort Kent
WUORI of Oxford
JORDAN of Lincoln
CUSHING of Bucksport
HAWES of Union
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. BINNETTE of Old Town
—of the House.

Reports were read and the Majority "Ought to pass" Report ac-

cepted. The Bill was then given its two several readings and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Labor reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Wages for Firemen" (H. P. 503) (L. D. 656)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. CHISHOLM
—of Cumberland
Messrs. SMITH of Cumberland
O'LEARY of Oxford
—of the Senate.

Messrs. DUMONT of Augusta
GAUVIN of Auburn
LEVESQUE
—of Madawaska
BEDARD of Saco
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. BENSON
—of Southwest Harbor
Mrs. BAKER of Winthrop
Mr. KITTREDGE
—of South Thomaston
—of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Danton.

Mr. DANTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that the Majority "Ought to pass" Report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Danton, moves that we accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson.

Mr. BENSON: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: I feel very strongly that there are some situations here that we should investigate rather thoroughly. I would direct your attention to the fact of home rule here. We as the State Legislature are directing the mu-

nicipalities to pay X-number of dollars in addition to what they are already paying for keeping their house going, so to speak. Now the State of Maine has one of the four highest municipal tax rates in the country at the present time, and I would direct your attention to the fact that school costs have increased by one hundred and sixty percent in the State of Maine over the last ten years. If we carry this thing one more step further, I feel that we are directing the line of taxes in some of these municipalities to a state of being almost drastic. Now I feel that we should give this thing a very serious look before we pass any such legislation as is represented in this bill.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Danton, that we accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Bishop of Presque Isle, the Reports and Bill were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Danton of Old Orchard Beach to accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 7.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Labor reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Advertising for Applicants for Employment" (H. P. 504) (L. D. 657) which was recommitted

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. O'LEARY of Oxford
SMITH of Cumberland
Mrs. CHISHOLM
of Cumberland
—of the Senate.
Mr. BENSON
of Southwest Harbor
Mrs. BAKER of Winthrop
Messrs. KITTREDGE
of South Thomaston
LEVESQUE
of Madawaska
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DUMONT of Augusta
BEDARD of Saco
GAUVIN of Auburn
—of the House.

Reports were read and the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act relating to Payments under Employment Security Law for Dependent Children" (H. P. 828) (L. D. 1056) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. O'LEARY of Oxford
Mrs. CHISHOLM
of Cumberland
Mr. SMITH of Cumberland
—of the Senate.
Mrs. BAKER of Winthrop
Messrs. KITTREDGE
of South Thomaston
LEVESQUE of Madawaska
GAUVIN of Auburn
DUMONT of Augusta
BEDARD of Saco
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. BENSON
of Southwest Harbor
—of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 7.)

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Natural Resources reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Requiring Landowner's Permission

to Trap Beaver" (H. P. 814) (L. D. 1257)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CAHILL of Somerset
DUNN of Kennebec
—of the Senate.

Messrs. HAWKES of Standish
KNIGHT of Westbrook
PALMER of Phillips
EUSTIS of Dixfield

Mrs. HARVEY of Windham
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. MOORE of Washington
— of the Senate.

Messrs. SAHAGIAN of Belgrade
JEWELL of Monticello
—of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Phillips, Mr. Palmer.

Mr. PALMER: Mr. Speaker, I move that we accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Phillips, Mr. Palmer, moves that we accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Glenburn, Mr. Cookson.

Mr. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that this be tabled until April 7.

Thereupon, the Reports and Bill were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Palmer of Phillips to accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 7.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill "An Act to Liberalize Credit for Out-of-State Service under State Retirement Law" (H. P. 367) (L. D. 469) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1047) (L. D. 1418) under title of "An Act to Liberalize Credit for Out-of-State Service for Teachers under State Retirement Law" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. CHISHOLM
— of Cumberland

Mr. BOISVERT
— of Androscoggin
—of the Senate.

Messrs. GLAZIER of Bangor
DROUIN of Auburn
LANG of Belfast
HUNTER of Clinton

GAUDREAU of Lewiston
Mrs. CARSWELL of Portland
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln
—of the Senate.

Mr. BUCK of Southport
—of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Carswell.

Mrs. CARSWELL: Mr. Speaker, I move that we accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Carswell, moves that we accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Buck of Southport, tabled pending the motion of Mrs. Carswell of Portland to accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 31.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Providing for Penobscot County Funds for Buildings for Education Programs for Retarded Children" (H. P. 16) (L. D. 16) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CASEY of Washington
GIRARD of Androscoggin
BERNARD of Penobscot
— of the Senate.

Messrs. BUSSIERE of Lewiston
WIGHT of Presque Isle

SULLIVAN of Portland
HAMMOND of Paris
Mrs. KILROY of Portland
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CROMMETT
of Millinocket
FARRINGTON of China
— of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, this bill is a piece of enabling legislation and the report rather surprises me to see a committee report coming out divided with a reference to another committee, and I'm wondering if the Chairman of the Towns and Counties Committee or some other member would explain why this action was taken.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere.

Mr. BUSSIERE: Mr. Speaker, I move the privilege of tabling this bill until a week from today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere, now moves that this matter lie upon the table assigned for April 2, pending the acceptance of either report. Is this the pleasure of the House? All those in favor will say aye; all those opposed will say nay.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the Majority Report in having this matter referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, I am wondering if I could get an answer to the question that I posed through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt, posed a question through the

Chair. Does anyone desire to answer that question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett.

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: Will the gentleman from East Millinocket state his question?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett, has now made an inquiry to the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt, if he will repeat his question. He may do so if he so desires.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, this is a piece of enabling legislation and I am wondering why or how the Towns and Counties Committee could come out with a divided report recommending that it be referred to another committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt, poses a question to the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett, who may answer if he so desires.

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: You will note that I signed the minority report. It is the consensus of the majority of the committee that this was an educational bill and that it should be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. I wish it to be understood that all members of the Towns and Counties Committee are in favor or in sympathy with the aims of the people who proposed this legislation. The only question was whether it should come from county money or from the state.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: I would like to table this item until Wednesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Orono, Mr. Anderson, now moves that this matter lie upon the table assigned for next Wednesday, pending the acceptance of either report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on

Bill "An Act relating to Uniforms for Deputy Sheriffs" (H. P. 260) (L. D. 330) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CASEY of Washington
GIRARD of Androscoggin
BERNARD of Penobscot
— of the Senate.

Messrs. CROMMETT
— of Millinocket
FARRINGTON of China
HAMMOND of Paris
SULLIVAN of Portland
WIGHT of Presque Isle
Mrs. KILROY of Portland
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. BUSSIÈRE of Lewiston
— of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere.

Mr. BUSSIÈRE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am just about the only politician that doesn't like to protect a handful of politicians on the county building, and I am brave enough to say so. And I move that we accept the Minority Report.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere, that we accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House? All those in favor will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 260, L. D. 330, Bill, "An Act Relating to Uniforms for Deputy Sheriffs."

Amend said Bill in the Title by inserting after the word "for" the words 'Full-Time'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the word "uniforms" in the 4th line the underlined words '**for full-time deputies**'

Further amend said Bill, in the 5th line, by striking out the word "shall" and inserting in place thereof the following: '**shall may**' Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Microfilm of Records in Registries of Deeds" (H. P. 570) (L. D. 740)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BERNARD of Penobscot
CASEY of Washington
GIRARD of Androscoggin
— of the Senate.

Messrs. CROMMETT
— of Millinocket
WIGHT of Presque Isle
FARRINGTON of China
HAMMOND of Paris
Mrs. KILROY of Portland
Mr. SULLIVAN of Portland
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. BUSSIÈRE of Lewiston
— of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Crommett of Millinocket, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted, the Bill read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Expenses and Travel of County Commissioners of Aroostook County" (H. P. 900) (L. D. 1210)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CASEY of Washington
GIRARD
of Androscoggin
BERNARD of Penobscot
—of the Senate.
Messrs. BUSSIERE of Lewiston
CROMMETT
of Millinocket
HAMMOND of Paris
SULLIVAN of Portland
Mrs. KILROY of Portland
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WIGHT of Presque Isle
FARRINGTON of China
—of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett.

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker, I move that we accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett, now moves that we accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Crommett of Millinocket to accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 9.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time takes great pleasure in announcing the presence in the rear of the House of Maine's Junior Miss, Miss Barbara Foote. Barbara is eighteen, an honor student and a Senior at Caribou High School. She was second runner-up in America's Junior Miss Pageant at Mobile, Alabama, last week. The Town of Caribou has proclaimed this week "The Barbara Foote Week."

Saturday, she will be a guest "disk jockey" for a record show over WEGP in Presque Isle. A motor parade this Saturday will take Miss Foote to the General Carter Armory for a reception in her honor.

Miss Foote is accompanied by Robert Hemingway, Executive Manager of the Caribou Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Boyd Tankersley of the Chamber staff.

The Chair would now ask the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Miss Foote to the rostrum for the purpose of being recognized and to address the House. (Applause)

Miss FOOTE: Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a pleasure to be here to address you today as it was a pleasure to represent the great State of Maine in Mobile last week. It was a great experience; it was a wonderful experience. People think we are from the sticks, so I had to tell them a little bit different; but I got them straightened out and now they realize that we are as normal as anyone else in the State of Maine.

My Chamber of Commerce sent down fifty pounds of Maine potatoes to my host and hostess. So, now they know there are Maine potatoes. All they thought of was Idaho potatoes. They had never heard of Maine potatoes. Now they have heard of Maine potatoes.

This pageant was different from most pageants in that scholarship was stressed greatly. The winner received a \$6,000 scholarship, the first runner-up a \$4,000, a second runner-up received a \$2,000 scholarship, and the other two runners-up received \$1,000 scholarships. Scholarship and education were stressed so greatly in the pageant and this was not a beauty pageant like you would think of most beauty pageants. It was very different. Education is such an important part and they really encouraged all the girls to go on to school and finish their education and to help become the future leaders of America. The girls who were down there were very smart, they had very intelligent ideas. The girl who received the first honor in scholarship had a 792 on her college boards. The highest score that one can get is an 800, and there are very few people in Maine who get up this high, 792. We were very proud of her. She was from Nebraska.

It was a wonderful experience meeting all the people down there. Everyone was so sincere. Everything that they said came right from the bottom of their hearts. It wasn't for surface show. They really meant what they were doing. They have often asked me how it feels to be a Junior Miss and this is the hardest part of telling anybody about my experience. America's 1964 Junior Miss, Linda Fellbar from Colfax, Washington expressed it best when she quoted Shakespeare "Oh, wonderful, wonderful, and most wonderful, wonderful! and yet again, wonderful, and after that out of all whooping." Thank you. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: May I say to Miss Foote, on behalf of the House, the members of this House are quite proud that a person of your calibre is representing the State of Maine.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Trapping Beaver" (S. P. 339) (L. D. 1083)

Bill "An Act Classifying Collier Brook, Cumberland County" (H. P. 843) (L. D. 1144)

Resolve relating to Transfer of Profits from Institutional Farms (H. P. 1042) (L. D. 1415)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolve read the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Obstruction of Discontinued Woods Roads" (S. P. 250) (L. D. 760)

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Privately Owned Trade and Technical Schools" (H. P. 206) (L. D. 274)

Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Number of School Days in Secondary Public Schools" (H. P. 959) (L. D. 1294)

Resolve to Reimburse Merritt Elwell of Sherman Mills for Loss of Well (H. P. 123) (L. D. 147)

Resolve to Reimburse Lincoln Home, Newcastle, for Well Dam-

age by Highway Construction (H. P. 124) (L. D. 148)

Resolve to Reimburse H. Eugene Tewksbury of Brownville for Well Damage by Highway Construction (H. P. 319) (L. D. 422)

Resolve to Reimburse Doris Carlisle of Surry for Property and Well Damage by Highway Construction (H. P. 395) (L. D. 507)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolves read the second time, all passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Order out of Order

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday morning, March 30th. (S. P. 477)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

Constitutional Amendment Tabled and Assigned

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Eliminate the Office of Treasurer of State (H. P. 256) (L. D. 326)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, tabled pending final passage and specially assigned for Friday, April 9.)

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Dogs Doing Damage to Livestock and Poultry (S. P. 41) (L. D. 212)

An Act to Provide for Establishment of a Veterans Memorial Cemetery (S. P. 157) (L. D. 397)

An Act relating to Use Tax on Personal Property Withdrawn from Inventory (S. P. 270) (L. D. 818)

An Act relating to Age of Compulsory Education (S. P. 456) (L. D. 1392)

An Act Revising the Maine Industrial Building Law (S. P. 468) (L. D. 1405)

An Act relating to Extending Hunting Season (H. P. 63) (L. D. 74)

An Act relating to Application of Federal Social Security to Firemen (H. P. 104) (L. D. 112)

An Act Amending the Charter of Waterville Sewerage District (H. P. 362) (L. D. 464)

An Act Amending the Charter of Waterville Sewerage District (H. P. 362) (L. D. 464)

An Act relating to Improper Conditions for Industrial Safety (H. P. 420) (L. D. 532)

An Act relating to Number and Boundaries of Wards in City of Calais (H. P. 513) (L. D. 666)

An Act Repealing the Tax on Express Companies and Parlor Cars (H. P. 659) (L. D. 886)

An Act relating to Transportation of Vehicles for Body Repair Without Inspection Stickers (H. P. 667) (L. D. 894)

An Act relating to Taxation of Vehicles (H. P. 668) (L. D. 895)

An Act relating to Waiver of Motor Vehicle Operator License Examinations for Members of Armed Forces (H. P. 670) (L. D. 897)

An Act relating to Temporary Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses (H. P. 672) (L. D. 899)

An Act Relating to Civil Actions Against Heads of State Institutions (H. P. 817) (L. D. 1108)

An Act relating to Parental Responsibility to Support Children Receiving Aid to Dependent Children (H. P. 885) (L. D. 1182)

An Act Authorizing Department of Health and Welfare to Offer Complementary Services under Social Security Act (H. P. 910) (L. D. 1238)

An Act Providing for Public Utilities Commission Determination of Debt Retirement (H. P. 1031) (L. D. 1400)

An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Mufflers (H. P. 1032) (L. D. 1401)

Finally Passed

Resolve Authorizing the Estate of Frank E. Lemli, Formerly of The Forks, Maine, to Sue the State of Maine (S. P. 150) (L. D. 391)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Anson (S. P. 302) (L. D. 916)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled matter assigned for yesterday, Thursday, March 25:

Resolve, Appropriating Funds for a Motor Vehicle Registration Service and Storage Building. (S. P. 82) (L. D. 226)

Tabled—March 16, by Mr. Bussiere of Lewiston.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere.

Mr. BUSSIÈRE: Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to this bill. Since it is going to cost \$90,000, I wish to express my opinion that it should be referred to the special appropriations table.

Thereupon, the Resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled matter assigned for Thursday, March 25:

HOUSE REPORT—"Ought not to pass" as Covered by Other Legislation—Committee on Agriculture on Bill, "An Act Creating Facility Improvement Fund for Certain Recipients of Stipend Fund." (H. P. 853) (L. D. 1263)

Tabled—March 17, by Mr. Roy of Winslow.

Pending—Acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Hawes of Union, retabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 31.

The Chair laid before the House the third tabled matter assigned for Thursday, March 25:

House Report—"Ought to pass"—Committee on Agriculture on Bill, "An Act Revising Law relating to Facility Improvement Fund for Agricultural Fairs." (H. P. 615) (L. D. 1008)

Tabled—March 17, by Mr. Roy of Winslow.

Pending—Acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Hawes of Union, retabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 31.

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Creating the Allagash Wilderness Waterway." (S. P. 435) (L. D. 1376)

Tabled—March 2, by Mr. Palmer of Phillips.

Pending—Reference in concurrence. (In Senate, referred to Committee on Natural Resources.)

On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT — "Ought not to pass" — Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve, to Provide Retirement Credit for Seth A. Whitcomb of Readfield. (H. P. 430) (L. D. 559)

Tabled—March 9, by Mr. Brewer of Bath.

Pending—Acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland, retabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Friday, April 9.

The Chair laid before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Increasing Fees of Registers of Deeds." (H. P. 763) (L. D. 1000)

Tabled—March 16, by Mr. Cote of Lewiston.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Berry of Cape Elizabeth, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 6.

The Chair laid before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter:

An Act to Authorize the Town of Pownal to Form a School Administrative District. (H. P. 47) (L. D. 59)

Tabled—March 16, by Mr. Littlefield of Hampden.

Pending—Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Mr. Graham of Freeport, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 30.

The Chair laid before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT—"Ought not to pass"—Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Providing for a Uniform Deer Hunting Season." (H. P. 812) (L. D. 1104)

Tabled — March 17, by Mr. Bussiere of Lewiston.

Pending — Acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Cookson of Glenburn, the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the sixth tabled and today assigned matter:

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT—Majority (7) "Ought to pass" — Minority (3) "Ought not to pass"—Committee on State Government on Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Sheriff to Four Year Terms. (S. P. 101) (L. D. 268)

Tabled — March 19, by Mr. Libhart of Brewer.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Berry of Cape Elizabeth to Accept Minority "Ought not to pass" Report in non-concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Edwards.

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It was the feeling of the majority of the Committee on State Government that this bill was another step towards good, efficient government. This is why we signed a majority "Ought to pass" report. It would allow the sheriffs to do more police work and organizational work and cut down on the necessary time for their campaigning. I hope that you

will vote against the motion of Mr. Berry, the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, and when the vote is taken I call for a division.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry that we accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I look upon this bill as an attempt to perpetuate county government, an attempt particularly to perpetuate an arm of county government, which I believe is the agency of county activities most open to criticism. I think that we should be giving serious thought to a revision of the law enforcement activities of county government and not extend the term of office of what I think many of us realize is an extremely politically active office. If there is one adjunct of the law enforcement effort of the state today that we hear frequently gets into a situation and does not handle it correctly, I think it is the sheriffs' departments. However, this bill, if it is passed, in my opinion will increase the problem and not decrease it. I think it would permit the organization of political systems in four years which in two years may be difficult. I speak, of course, neither from a Democratic or Republican viewpoint. I think I am known by members of past Legislatures as an outspoken opponent of county government.

I feel that this is a good place to start right now and I would urge you to vote that this bill should be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is on the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, that this bill and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Libhart.

Mr. LIBHART: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I concur with my colleague from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, that when we—if you do not accept the minority

report here, that you are taking another step to perpetuate county government. Now in this particular area, we have a county government duplicating services already provided by the state. In most of the cases that we see the sheriff's department involved in, they are handling affairs that could very well be handled by the State Police or the local police. Read your papers and see how often a member of the sheriff's department, a member of the State Police, are involved in investigating the same situation. Now, if you happen to be involved with the defense once in a while of people accused with the violation of crime, you very frequently find that the interference of one department with the other helps your case, because very frequently one of the — — the sheriff's department particularly, is the offender with untrained individuals complicating a thorough investigation being done by the State Police.

Now, I realize politically that the sheriffs' departments are going to be the last one of county governments to go, because they have a political machine generally and they perpetuate themselves in office quite frequently. If you perpetuate this by extending their tenure from two to four years, you are going to help develop that machine and help preserve county government. I, for one, was very disappointed in my Democratic colleagues in not finding here a bill to streamline county government. As you know, I have very deep and entrenched feelings on good government, and one of them is that there is absolutely no need for the sheriffs' departments. We could transfer their jail functions very nicely to the State Police, jail-keeping functions to the State Police. There are absolutely no policy decisions that are made by the sheriffs' departments because they must enforce the laws as they are passed and therefore your need for an elective official is not there.

This, of course, is true with the rest of the elective officials in county government, Registrar of Deeds makes no policy decisions, the Registrar of Probate makes no policy decisions, election of the

Judge of Probate is contrary to our thinking and election of the Registrar of Probate is also contrary to our form of government. It is an anachronism that has prevailed in our law because primarily of the effectiveness of county sheriffs in perpetuating machines which elect these people to office. And if you go along with the majority "ought to pass" report, you are going to perpetuate a system of government which universally is criticized by students of government.

This is why I signed the minority "ought not to pass" report. I am sure it is the same reason Mr. Berry, the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, signed it, and I am very much surprised at my Democratic colleagues on State Government Committee in signing the majority report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett.

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I hope my friend, the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Libhart, will not find me disappointing, because I wholeheartedly concur with his remarks and I also agree with the remarks of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: I think that the majority of you people here know I am a retired police officer from another state. In all sincerity, I advance you the idea of total support to the two previous speakers on the "ought not to pass" report. There is a vast ability here to not enforce the law under perpetuation of four year terms. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Edwards.

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I submit to you that the question before us is not whether or not we perpetuate county government. The problem facing us today here on this Floor is not whether county government

should exist or not. The question is, while it exists, should it not be made more efficient. The opponents to this proposition say no, it shouldn't be made more efficient, keep it inefficient and then it will be easier to kill. Gentlemen, this is the taxpayers' money we are talking about. Let's make it more efficient.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from China, Mr. Farrington.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I understand that the 101st Legislature created a committee to study county government and also the local government structure, and I would like personally to know more about what this committee has found and for those in the House that do not know this, I believe we should certainly find out what this committee has done thus far and what their recommendations are in this direction. And I would hope that somebody might table this matter until such time as we can find this out.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett.

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker, I move that this be tabled for one week.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is on the motion of the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett, that this bill lie upon the table assigned for one week from today, pending the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, that this bill and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Anderson, requests a division on the tabling motion.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: I would like to talk on the timing of the tabling.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. JALBERT: I am trying to get off thin ice and I'm thinking fast and hard. I feel on the tabling, the timing of the tabling, that bills that are once debated, then the timing of further tabling only means that we will be here until July.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett.

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker, in reference to the gentleman from China, Mr. Farrington, there in a committee —

The SPEAKER: There is a tabling motion before the House which is not debatable.

Is the House ready for the question? All those in favor of this bill lying upon the table until April 2 will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Three having voted in the affirmative and one hundred twenty-two having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, that this Resolve proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Sheriff to Four Year Terms, S. P. 101, L. D. 268, and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. Is the House ready for the question? The Chair will order a division. All those in favor of this Resolve and its accompanying papers being indefinitely postponed will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have taken and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred three having voted in the affirmative and twenty-four having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, and inquires for what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. JALBERT: For a reconsideration motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, now moves that we reconsider our action whereby this resolve and its accompanying papers were indefinitely postponed. He may proceed if he so desires.

Mr. JALBERT: I hope that you will vote against my motion.

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of reconsidering our action whereby this resolve and its accompanying papers were indefinitely postponed will say aye; those opposed will say nay.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the seventh tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT—"Ought not to pass"—Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act relating to Approval of Urban Renewal Plans." (H. P. 747) (L. D. 984)

Tabled — March 19, by Mr. Harvey of Woolwich.

Pending—Motion of Mr. Libhart of Brewer to accept "Ought not to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Harvey.

Mr. HARVEY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I move to submit the bill for the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Harvey, now moves that we substitute the bill for the report.

Mr. HARVEY: There were two or three provisions in the original bill which were objected to. These objections have been removed by an amendment prepared by the Attorney General's office and after the second reading of the bill I would submit the amendment and speak on it.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Harvey, that we substitute the bill for the report. Is this the pleasure of the House? All those in favor of substituting the bill for the report will say aye; those opposed will say no.

A viva voce vote being taken the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is on the motion of the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Libhart, that we accept the majority "ought not to pass" report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This L. D. 984 is the brain child of a minority group of anti-urban renewal persons in the City of Bath. These persons did not ask either Mr. Brewer or me if we would submit this bill, but they came before the committee and said that they had asked us and we had refused. They have tried every known scheme to attack local urban renewal efforts. After years of struggling with complicated procedures and government red tape the plan is finally before the City Council in the City of Bath now for their action. If they approve it, it will require a local bond issue and this will be voted on at that time. At that time, if the majority of the citizens of Bath are opposed to urban renewal, they will vote against the bond issue, but this group of opponents would like to force two votes. Furthermore, they would like to make it applicable not just to Bath, but to all places in the State of Maine. The original bill, after the approval of the plan by the municipal officers, said that a vote could be forced by petition and if the vote was negative, no plan would be proposed for five years that would cover any part of the area involved.

This came out of committee unanimous "ought not to pass". The amendment which was before us today, which was suggested to be before us today, was a very strange vehicle. It says that there will be a referendum and if the vote is yes, the municipal officers would then declare their original decision accepted. I am convinced that this was just to stir things up in the City of Bath, because already the proponents are saying that the opponents don't even want to give

the people a chance to vote on this issue. They never once mentioned the bond issue vote though. This is just ammunition for them. Nevertheless, today as a Legislature we must take responsible action and I now move that the bill and accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed and I request a division.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is on the matter of the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, that this bill and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed and he has requested a division.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Brewer.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: My colleague from Bath, Mr. Ross, has expressed it very well. I only wish to say that I heartily concur with him.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere.

Does the gentleman care to be recognized?

Is the House ready for the question? The question—

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Harvey.

Mr. HARVEY: Mr. Speaker, however or whatever happens to this amendment will not affect the people of the City of Bath. It will be too late. It takes ninety days to go into effect. However, there are other cities in the State of Maine, and towns in the State of Maine who do not have broad charters to encompass the right of the people to referendum. Now, if urban renewal was a huge success, it would be one thing. However, the chances of its being a success are about twenty-five per cent. Now, urban renewal encompasses the taking of property by eminent domain, the razing of taxable property, displacement of persons, and things of this magnitude should not be left in the hands of the city council. They should be left to the vote of the citizens of that town or city, and I still think to protect these people that this amendment should be passed allowing every town and city who do not have a broad

charter the right to vote on a referendum vote on urban renewal or other large, any kind of a large project of this nature.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere.

Mr. BUSSIERE: Mr. Speaker, I am very much surprised Mr. Speaker, to hear from an intelligent man like Mr. Ross —

The SPEAKER: The gentleman will not refer to members of the House, but will only debate the issue of this bill.

Mr. BUSSIERE: I will. I like Mr. Ross. He is an intelligent man.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is out of order.

Mr. BUSSIERE: I would like unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may continue his debate. He does not need unanimous consent.

Mr. BUSSIERE: I am very much surprised. I like the gentleman from Bath. He's a good man. The only thing we want, Mr. Speaker, is a chance to decide for ourselves what we want. I don't think it is asking too much. I think I go along with Mr. Berry here to table that for another week.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, that this Bill "An Act relating to Approval of Urban Renewal Plans, H. P. 747, L. D. 984, and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed and he has requested a division. All those in favor of this bill and its accompanying papers being indefinitely postponed will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. One hundred eleven having voted in the affirmative and nine having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the eighth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Providing for Vacation Time for Employees of

City of Lewiston." (H. P. 514) (L. D. 667)

Tabled — March 19, by Mr. Gaudreau of Lewiston.

Pending — Assignment for Third Reading.

On motion of Mr. Gaudreau of Lewiston, the House voted to suspend the rules and to reconsider its action of March 19 whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

On further motion of the same gentleman, Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed.

Whereupon, Mr. Gaudreau of Lewiston offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption:

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 514, L. D. 667, Bill, "An Act Providing for Vacation Time for Employees of City of Lewiston."

Amend said Bill by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following: 'An Act relating to Vacation Time and Retirement Pensions for Employees of City of Lewiston.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XVI, § 1-B, additional. Article XVI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939 is amended by adding a new section 1-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 1-B. Vacation time for employees. An employee who has worked one full year shall be entitled to 10 earned working days of vacation. An employee who has worked 5 years shall be entitled to 15 earned working days of vacation. This section shall apply to all employees of the City of Lewiston, except firemen and policemen.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XVI, § 19, sub-1, amended. The first paragraph of subsection 1 of section 19 of Article XVI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as enacted by chapter 86 of the private and spe-

cial laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

'Pension to be not over $\frac{1}{2}$ of employees' average final compensation, or \$1,500, whichever is lesser at the time of retirement.'"

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

The Chair laid before the House the ninth tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT — Majority (7)—"Ought not to pass" Minority (3)—"Ought to pass" — Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Permitting Entrance from Class A Restaurants to Owners' Living Quarters." (H. P. 978) (L. D. 1316)

Tabled — March 19, by Mr. Danton of Old Orchard Beach.

Pending — Acceptance of Either Report.

On motion of Mr. Danton of Old Orchard Beach, retabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 9.

The Chair laid before the House the tenth tabled and today assigned matter:

An Act relating to Payments to the State by Municipalities for Winter Maintenance on State Highways. (S. P. 455) (L. D. 1391)

Tabled—March 19, by Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth.

Pending—Passage to be Enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clinton, Mr. Hunter.

Mr. HUNTER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is one of the snow removal bills that we have been discussing for a couple of weeks. The other one is on the table and will be coming up in a few minutes, so we are going to have a choice.

I have spent a great deal of time researching these road programs, and I am firmly convinced that I am right on this. We do have two choices. Our other choice, L. D. 435, will be coming off of the table in a few minutes. We have three road programs in-

itiated by past legislatures that are carried out by the State Highway Department. The State Road program whereby the towns reimburse the State forty dollars per mile for plowing snow and sanding, the town pays only forty dollars and the state pays all costs over that. Of course that includes all increases that occur from year to year. This program doesn't need any more help.

Second, the towns that are under \$400,000 in valuation whereby the towns pay the first thirty-five dollars, and the state reimburses the towns all costs over that, in this program the state absorbs all increases in costs. In these two programs the towns have a set cost of thirty-five to forty dollars respectively. That's all they pay. The State pays all costs over those amounts. The towns have no increase in costs that occur from year to year, the State absorbs it all; but in the third program, the town highways and State-Aid roads program, whereby the State reimburses the town sixty-five dollars per mile, it gets reversed. The town absorbs all costs over sixty-five dollars, including all increases that may occur from year to year. This is the program that needs to be adjusted to costs. This is all that L. D. 435 proposes to do, to make that adjustment.

Last Tuesday there was distributed on each of your desks a pamphlet that shows what L. D. 1391 and L. D. 435 do. The first line of figures is the amount that each town would receive with L. D. 1391. The second line of figures is the amount that each town would receive with L. D. 435. You will note that L. D. 1391 covers 3213 miles of state road at a cost of \$130,000. It leaves out fifty-seven towns that receive nothing, but includes one hundred and twenty-one towns that have an excellent program of their own. These towns are the ones under \$400,000 valuation. L. D. 435 covers 10,778 miles of road, three times the number of miles at a cost of \$160,000, and includes all the towns in L. D. 1391, that is, 305 of them, except the 121 that are under \$400,000 in valuation; these towns have their own excellent program. It also

includes the fifty-seven towns that L. D. 1391 leaves out.

Two of these programs are in excellent shape; the third program needs to be adjusted to present day costs, that is all L. D. 435 proposes to do.

Ladies and gentlemen of the House, it boils down to this: do you want to give a bonus to these 121 towns that are very well taken care of in their own programs, or do you want to include the 57 towns left out with nothing and give them their fair share? I worked out a little on percentages. On the state road program the State pays approximately ninety percent of the costs. On the towns under \$400,000 in valuation, the State pays approximately eighty-five percent of the costs, but on the town road program, the State only pays about thirty percent of the costs, and I say that is the program that should be brought up to date cost-wise. Mr. Speaker, I move that L. D. 1391 and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Clinton, Mr. Hunter, that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brownville, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I agree thoroughly with my good friend the gentleman from Clinton, Mr. Hunter, that we should make a decision on these two bills today. We have been going around and around with both of them until I'm dizzy myself.

It boils right down to this: one is the gentleman from Clinton, Mr. Hunter's bill, and the other is a committee bill, which as I told you, came out unanimously. The point to keep in mind is that our bill costs the State Highway Department \$30,000 less than his per year. Besides that, under our bill, there is no bookkeeping involved. In fact, bookkeeping is saved because the Highway department doesn't have to bill the towns as it does at the present time. Under the other bill there will be additional bookkeep-

ing. However, ladies and gentlemen, the judgment is up to you. Just don't pass both of them.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Stoutamyer.

Mr. STOUTAMYER: Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to inform the House that the Highway Committee did give these two bills due consideration; that the bill recommended by the Highway Committee L. D. 1391, would help 426 towns. L. D. 435, the bill of the gentleman from Clinton, Mr. Hunter, would help 362 towns. I don't believe that this Legislature believes that the valuation of a town necessarily signifies the town's financial condition. I know the Committee did not check on the financial conditions of all the towns involved to see whether they needed help or whether they didn't, and I should doubt very much if the gentleman from Clinton, Mr. Hunter did either.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clinton, Mr. Hunter.

Mr. HUNTER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say I have made a very thorough investigation of these. I have been over to the Highway Department and all the figures that I have I got from there. I have used their pamphlets.

As far as the cost of administration, I think perhaps if that was eliminated you wouldn't see any decrease in the cost of personnel to the Highway Department.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Clinton, Mr. Hunter, that L. D. 1391, S. P. 455, An Act relating to Payments to the State by Municipalities for Winter Maintenance on State Highway be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Millay of Bowdoinham requested a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. All those in favor of the indefinite postponement of this bill will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors

have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Sixty-one having voted in the affirmative and forty-seven having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail, the Bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the eleventh tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT — "Ought not to pass" — Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act to Amend the Powers and Duties of the State Highway Commission." (H. P. 807) (L. D. 1099)

Tabled — March 19, by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

Pending — Acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Mills of Eastport, retabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Friday, April 9.

The Chair laid before the House the twelfth tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT — "Ought to pass" as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" — Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Hunting by Nonresident Aliens." (H. P. 699) (L. D. 937) (C. "A" H-65)

Tabled — March 19, by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska.

Pending — Acceptance.

Thereupon, the "Ought to pass" Report was accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 699, L. D. 937, "An Act Relating to Hunting by Nonresident Aliens."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined 5th and 6th lines and inserting in place thereof the following: **'hunting, by a resident guide, licensed under chapter 307, who may guide no more than 3 of such nonresident aliens at any one'**

On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, Committee Amend-

ment "A" was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Levesque of Madawaska then offered House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "B" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 699, L. D. 937, Bill, "An Act Relating to Hunting by Nonresident Aliens."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the enacting clause, the following:

"Sec. 1. R.S., T. 12, §1901, sub-§1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 1901 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'1. Aliens. All aliens shall be classified as nonresidents. Any alien who has resided in this State continuously for one year and in addition thereto is assessed and pays taxes on real estate in the municipality in which he resides or any alien who has resided in this State continuously for 5 years may purchase any resident license issued under chapters 301 to 335.'"

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line the underlined abbreviation and figure **'Sec. 2.'**

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined 5th, 6th and 7th lines and inserting in place thereof the following: **"hunting, by a resident guide, licensed under chapter 307, who may guide no more than 3 of such nonresident aliens at any one time, and this sentence shall apply only to the Northern Zone. This paragraph shall not apply to those members of the Canadian Immigration Customs Forces who receive complimentary licenses under section 2601, subsection 4.'**"

On motion of Mr. Crommett of Millinocket, tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "B" and specially assigned the next legislative day.

The Chair laid before the House the thirteenth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Establish Park and Conservation Commissions." (H. P. 897) (L. D. 1207)

Tabled—March 19, by Mr. Cookson of Glenburn.

Pending—Motion of Mr. Truman of Biddeford to Indefinitely Postpone.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson.

Mr. BENSON: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, L. D. 1207 is a bill which represents a movement establishing at the town level a government agency to identify conservation problems and to lay the issues before the people, to organize public support and then to take the initiative to solve the problems. This is nothing more than permissive legislation which would allow, not force, municipalities to establish park and conservation commissions. This would further allow them to enjoy the matching federal funds which would go along with this move. I hope that this House does not go along with the motion of the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Truman, to indefinitely postpone.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Fortier.

Mr. FORTIER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: A week ago I spoke at some length on this particular bill and I can't think of anything that I could add other than that I have already talked about. However, I would like to make a couple of points for the bill.

First of all, as the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson just mentioned, this is permissive legislation enabling towns and cities to establish park and conservation commissions. Secondly, the committee gave this a nine to one ought to pass report after careful consideration.

The President spoke of conservation in his State of the Union Message, and I would urge this House to carefully consider their action before they vote for indefinite postponement of this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Truman, that this

bill and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Payson of Falmouth requested a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. All those in favor of this bill and its accompanying papers being indefinitely postponed will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Twenty-four having voted in the affirmative and ninety-two having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the fourteenth tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT—"Ought not to pass"—Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Scarborough." (H. P. 7) (L. D. 7)

Tabled—March 23 by Mr. Berry of Cape Elizabeth.

Pending—Acceptance.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Knowing that the cardinal virtues of a legislator are based on faith, hope and charity, and trusting that your hearts are full of these wonderful virtues, I would move that the Bill be substituted for the Report, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, now moves that the Bill be substituted for the Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I kindly agree with the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, this morning that we should always use the virtues stated by that gentleman, although I feel it my duty this morning to stand up and oppose some of the basic principles of this committee report which was unanimous ought

not to pass. I think in view of the action taken over the years that the community school districts or single community school districts are very costly and not very efficient as far as operations are concerned. In this case, we find that although they have a very efficient school system, in order to comply with the Sinclair Act, that they try to find some other communities that will join them into a school district, I deem it my responsibility to defend the other communities in the state that have been able to commute with each other and also join into a school administrative district.

In this area here, I feel that Scarborough probably in the next year or so might be able to find another community that would be willing to join with them and form actually a very good school administrative district, but to allow this majority or unanimous ought not to pass report for a single community district, I do not feel that this is the right thing to pass in this Legislature or any other Legislature.

Some will probably bring out the fact that the area of Fort Fairfield was passed some four years ago, and it was much to a lot of people's great sorrow that they allowed Fort Fairfield to have a school district, although at the time, and it still is, Fort Fairfield is a dual-township community which is not so in Scarborough. It still does not completely fully justify Fort Fairfield, but I still feel that we will never be right by putting two wrongs in our books, so I would now like to ask you to vote against the motion to substitute the bill for the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Scarborough, Mr. Lent.

Mr. LENT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: I'm speaking for Scarborough primarily, but I'm speaking for eighteen other communities in our same position. The Sinclair Act may work fine seventy-five percent of the time, but we know, we have gone along with this for a number of years now, with a situation that

is unfair, discriminatory, where the Scarborough tax dollar that comes into the general fund and finds its way into education can be spent in our neighboring communities at South Portland, Westbrook, Portland, but not a penny returned to Scarborough, because in your Sinclair Act you have that figure of you must have 700 students in high school. We have 500. There are other communities with 600.

Now we know eventually this will be taken care of. We have heard this for four years now, but I say until we do something about it here in the House, nothing will be done, because the State Department of Education has a little program that they are happy with and I feel this will continue.

We are a fast-growing town in Scarborough. We have built five new modern schools in the last seven years at a cost of two million dollars. We have the schools and we can't afford them really, we have just found out. We have a bonded indebtedness in Scarborough of one and one-half million dollars. One and one-quarter million dollars is strictly because of our school program, and as we grow rapidly, this figure has got to increase.

Finding a town to team up with us in a school administrative district is difficult. We could go out of the county maybe and find one, but in the nearby locality there is only Cape Elizabeth, and the educators of both Scarborough and Cape Elizabeth numbering probably five hundred, experienced as those representing us up here, but in addition familiar with local conditions, say in unison that this merger would not work due to our far-flung one hundred and fifty miles of roads, a span of twenty miles from one corner of the town to another, plus a very dangerous antiquated connecting road between Scarborough and Old Orchard, so I say if we want to aid education today, let's eliminate this phase of the Sinclair Act; it's loaded with discrimination. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Gifford.

Mr. GIFFORD: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise this morning in opposition to the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, and in support of the position of the Joint Standing Committee on Education in unanimous opposition to this measure.

Creation of single town school administrative districts is contrary to the philosophy of the Sinclair Act which seeks the encouragement and formation of school districts consolidating several towns to form larger school administrative units. The bill now before us would only, in effect, rename a town and call it a district without actually creating one. It would effect no consolidation, it would accomplish nothing educationally, it would only seek to transfer state funds, funds from the state treasury to the treasury of the Town of Scarborough.

I would point out that the State Board of Education opposes the formation of school administrative districts of one town and only one town; that the State Department is opposed to the formation of such districts, and the Joint Standing Committee on Education in unanimously reporting out this bill stands with them in opposition to their formation. I hope you will join with that Committee this morning and defeat the proposal before you try to form such a district in the Town of Scarborough.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, that we substitute the bill for the report.

Mr. Levesque of Madawaska requested a division.

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of the bill being substituted for the ought not to pass report will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Twenty-seven having voted in the affirmative and eighty having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the fifteenth tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT — "Ought not to pass" — Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Cape Elizabeth." (H. P. 402) (L. D. 514)

Tabled — March 23, by Mr. Lent of Scarborough.

Pending — Acceptance.

The Majority "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the sixteenth tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT—"Ought not to pass" as Covered by Other Legislation—Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Increasing Reimbursement of Towns for Snow Removal." (H. P. 332) (L. D. 435)

Tabled—March 23, by Mr. Bourgoin of Fort Kent.

Pending—Acceptance.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like a little more time to look over the effect of these two highway bills which are before us this morning. I think it might well behoove every member of this Legislature, before we make a final decision, on these bills to do just that.

I find in looking over the lists that have been presented to us as to the amount of money given to various towns that this is definitely a tremendous departure, we will say, from the method of allocating this snow removal money as we have been doing it in the past.

For the reasons which I have given, I certainly would hope before we go ahead and pass this bill that somebody would table it

and give us a little more time to study this and perhaps re-evaluate our action on the other one.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, I now move this lie on the table until March 31.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, now moves this matter lie upon the table assigned for March 31 pending acceptance of the Committee "Ought not to pass" Report.

Mr. Millay of Bowdoinham requested a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. All those in favor of this matter lying upon the table until March 31 will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Ninety-nine having voted in the affirmative and fourteen having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did prevail.

The Chair laid before the House the seventeenth tabled and today assigned matter:

An Act to Clarify the Law with Respect to Municipal Investments. (H. P. 309) (L. D. 412)

Tabled—March 23, by Mr. Pendergast of Kennebunkport.

Pending—Passage to be Enacted.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Pendergast of Kennebunkport, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the eighteenth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act relating to Payment by Dealers to Producers for Milk Purchased." (H. P. 1037) (L. D. 1408)

Tabled—March 24, by Mr. Gilbert of Turner.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Gilbert of Turner offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1037, L. D. 1408, Bill, "An Act Relating to Payment by Dealers to Producers for Milk Purchased."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the next to the last underlined paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'The dealer shall make payments to his producers, in such a manner that at no time will he owe him for more than 35 days for products purchased or received.'

House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the nineteenth tabled and today assigned matter:

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for the Appointment of the Attorney General by the Governor. (S. P. 220) (L. D. 679)

Tabled—March 24, by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Levesque of Madawaska offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 220, L. D. 679, Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for the Appointment of the Attorney General by the Governor.

Amend said Resolve by adding at the end the following:

Effective date. Resolved: That the amendment herein proposed, if adopted, shall become effective on the first Wednesday of January, 1967.

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the Resolve was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, tabled pending passage

to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, April 9.

Mr. Bernard of Sanford presented the following Order out of order and moved its passage.

WHEREAS, it has been learned that our colleague, the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Drigotas, has this morning become a grandfather for the third time;

BE IT ORDERED, that the members of the House of Representatives extend to his son, Frank and his daughter-in-law, Connie and the new seven-pound granddaughter their very best wishes;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to send an attested copy of this Order to the proud parents.

The Order received passage. (Applause)

Mr. Drigotas of Auburn was granted unanimous consent to address the House briefly.

Mr. DRIGOTAS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Certainly you must know I am a very happy father this morning, proud of the fact that I am here in this House with all of you wonderful people and certainly proud of the fact that my son was thoughtful enough to send me the telegram here rather than to forward it to Court Street where I live. Thank you very much everybody. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque to approach the rostrum to serve as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. Levesque assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem and Speaker Childs took a seat on the floor of the House.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter:

HOUSE JOINT ORDER Relative to Legislature Granting Permission for Production of Television Motion Picture Sound Film on Operations of 102nd Legislature.

Tabled—February 12, by Mr. Childs of Portland.

Pending—Passage. (Ordered Reproduced) (H. P. 1051)

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: When many of us leaders of the 101st Legislature attended the National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, one of the matters that was discussed there at that time, was the potential and the possibility of Legislatures throughout the country to produce a film which they felt might somewhat improve the image of Legislatures. There was a general thinking that Legislatures were becoming lost as far as the executive division and other branches of government were concerned. It is going to be an educational film. It is a film that can be used in any schools that desire to show it, any civic groups or any clubs.

I had the opportunity of seeing two or three films while I was in Louisiana and one of them which I did see and remember very vividly was the film which was taken of the New York Legislature. I inquired as to what the costs were on that particular film. It was narrated by Dave Garroway and the cost on that film was \$75,000. Naturally one of the first reactions when I came back here was to decide how much it would cost to produce this film. I sent a letter to all the TV productions in the State of Maine asking them to submit a bid according to the specifications that I had drawn up. Two of the TV companies in Maine did not have the equipment to do it so I only actually received correspondence from two others. One gave us a price I believe of \$10,500 which I certainly thought was a very fair and reasonable price to do this production. Another company, which is a matter of record, so I am not boosting them at this time, WCSH of Portland, sent a letter to us, to me on behalf of the Legislature, that they were under the impression that this was a fine idea and they would like to make a documentary on it and then would give us the

film for our own use after it had been done and the charge would be nothing, except if we wanted some reprints of the film, I believe, which they said would be somewhere in the vicinity of \$75 or \$100. So WCSH-TV has agreed to do this film for us for no cost whatsoever to the Legislature.

In discussing this with the minority and majority leaders of both parties, first thing we had to do was to determine what bill would be used. Going through all the bills we found a bill which we thought would typify the State of Maine, which was the bill in reference to that no lobsterman shall have more than two hundred and fifty traps. Lobsters seem to go along with the State of Maine. The bill is being introduced by the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Libhart. It was the consensus of both the minority, majority leadership that this would be a fine bill.

The production will be the actual, not the actual, of course we will have to fake part of it now because we have already passed that stage, but they will be showing how a legislator goes into the office of the Director of Legislative Research, discusses with him how the bill is going to be drawn up and then the film will show the bill being presented, put in the hopper. It will show the mechanics of how it goes through the House to be heard at a committee. It will show the bill being heard at the committee. It will show the bill being discussed in executive session and then how it comes into the House and goes through the mechanics before it finally becomes law, if this particular bill does become law. If it does not, we will have to find some other bill to take its place for the enactment stage. And I can assure you that was not a boost for the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Libhart's bill.

It has been determined by the leadership of both parties that there will be no names used; there will be no parties used. This will just be a straight production

of a film showing how a bill is processed through the Legislature and what the mechanics of the Legislature are. There will be nothing done to boost any particular individual or to boost any party and therefore, I hope that this order will receive passage. Possibly the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy, may want to say a few words on it.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In concurrence with the Speaker, I would say that this is a national movement of the National Legislatures. In the conferences that I have attended with national legislative leaders, the point has been brought up that Legislators throughout this nation have a poor image and the feeling of the National Association is that if we can produce a medium such as this to prove to the citizens of our various states that we are sincere, dedicated legislators, we are trying to do a job for our states, that it would be a good program. So this has been adopted by many, many states in this nation.

In discussing this matter with the majority leadership and being assured that there will be no party policy, names will not be used, there will be merely your Maine Legislature in action, I am trusting this order. This film eventually and finally will be edited and I have no fear as to any repercussions advocating sponsoring or benefiting either party. And because of this, I endorse this order.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Is it the pleasure of the House that this order receive passage?

The motion prevailed.

The Clerk read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Orono,

Adjourned until Tuesday, March 30, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.