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HOUSE

Friday, April 9, 1965

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Raymond Wixson of the United Baptist Church, Dover-Foxcroft.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Orders:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Committee on Towns and Counties be and hereby is authorized to report a Bill in consolidated form relative to the salaries of County Officers in the several Counties of the State (S. P. 484)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, be authorized to furnish to each member and officer of the Senate and House postage stamps in the amount of \$10 each and express and parcel post transportation not exceeding \$5 each, and that any unexpended balance at the close of the current biennium shall be available for use in 1967 (S. P. 485)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Orders were read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Extend the Northern Terminus of the Interstate and Defense Highway System in Maine from Houlton to Fort Kent (S. P. 487)

Came from the Senate read and adopted.

In the House, the Joint Resolution was read and adopted in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw Covered by Other Legislation

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to Regulation of Pesticides" (S. P. 1) (L. D. 20) reporting Leave

to Withdraw, as covered by other legislation.

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act to Authorize State Participation in Federally Aided Health Facilities Programs" (S. P. 459) (L. D. 1395) Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Welfare reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Lodging Place under Health and Welfare Laws" (S. P. 327) (L. D. 1049)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Education reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Conferring Degrees by Husson College" (S. P. 14) (L. D. 27)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act to Adopt the Uniform Code of Military Justice for the State Military Forces" (S. P. 292) (L. D. 854)

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Excise Tax on Aircraft Kept at County Owned Airports" (S. P. 48) (L. D. 219)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Credit for Uncollectible Accounts under Sales and Use Tax Laws" (S. P. 271) (L. D. 819)

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

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Procedure of Applying to Form a School Administrative District" (S. P. 314) (L. D. 1027) reporting

"Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 314, L. D. 1027, Bill, "An Act Relating to Procedure of Applying to Form a School Administrative District."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 215, sub-84, amended. The first paragraph of subsection 4 of section 215 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'When the record of the meeting has been received by the board and found to be in order, the board shall order the question of the formation of the proposed School Administrative District and other questions relating thereto to be submitted to the legal voters of the municipalities which fall within the proposed School Administrative District. The order shall be directed to the municipal officers of the municipalities which propose to form a School Administrative District, directing them to call town meetings or city elections, as the case may be, for the purpose of voting in favor of or in opposition to each article in the following form: . Notwithstanding that an administrative unit may have adopted the secret ballot procedure for the purpose of electing town officials and is to follow said procedure in the election of school directors, all administrative units shall vote upon the remaining articles on the questions of school district formation in the same fashion as the units conduct other business at regular or special town

meetings; and the articles shall be in the following form:'

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

Amended in Senate Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer in Certain Zones" (S. P. 413) (L. D. 1309) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House, the Report was read.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In the last session of the Legislature we horsed around for months on these deer zone bills. We finally passed a bill that we thought would be satisfactory to everybody. The law that was passed has only had one hunting season in which to be tested; in fact it hasn't been proven whether it works well or not although frankly the members of this House that I have discussed this matter with have had no complaints about the present bill. And the only way that everybody is going to be satisfied with the deer zoning bill is if they had local option, so that each town and locality could have their own law. I say that we should give the present law a chance to find out whether it is workable or not, and I move that this bill and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

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

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Ross of Bath, tabled pending the

motion of Mr. Ross of Brownville to indefinitely postpone and specially assigned for Friday, April 16.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Creating the Office of Lieutenant-Governor and Providing for Succession of Office of the Governor (S. P. 168) (L. D. 497)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. STERN	of Penobscot
MAXWELL	of Franklin
WILLEY	of Hancock
	— of the Senate.
Messrs. PITTS	of Harrison
DOSTIE	of Lewiston
EDWARDS	of Portland
STARBIRD	
	of Kingman Township
LIBHART	of Brewer
	— 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
	— of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the House: Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted in concurrence, the Resolve read once and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Designating Androscoggin

Game Preserve as a Game Management Area" (H. P. 696) (L. D. 934) which Report and Bill were indefinitely postponed in the House on April 2.

Came from the Senate with the Report accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Mr. GILBERT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I move that we insist.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Turner, Mr. Gilbert, now moves that we insist on our former action.

Mr. Drigotas of Auburn requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Turner, Mr. Gilbert, that we insist on our former action; and the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Drigotas has requested a division. All those in favor of insisting on our former action will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Eighty-four having voted in the affirmative and thirty-six having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, the House voted to ask for a Committee of Conference.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, April 13th. (S. P. 493)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

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:

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Provide Adjustments in Pensions Being Paid to Members of the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Portland" (H. P. 1071) (Presented by Mrs. Carswell of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Prevent Pollution of Part of Halfmoon Pond in Waldo County" (H. P. 1072) (Presented by Mr. Mitchell of Frankfort)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, is the House in possession of House Paper 16, L. D. 16?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Orono, Mr. Anderson, inquires if the Clerk is in possession of House Paper 16, L. D. 16, Bill "An Act Providing for Penobscot County Funds for Buildings for Education Programs for Retarded Children," and the Clerk answers in the affirmative.

Mr. ANDERSON: I now move to reconsider our action of yesterday whereby we voted to insist and requested a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Orono, Mr. Anderson, now moves that we reconsider our action whereby on April 7 we insisted on our former action and requested a Committee of Conference.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Only the last legislative day I went along with Mr. Anderson in his motion

to send this particular bill back to the Committee on Towns and Counties. This was only the last legislative day. Now, today I am not going to reconsider, I hope this House will not reconsider, and I have some very good reasons. And one of them being this, our majority leadership told us at the beginning of the session that the time to debate bills, amend bills and so forth is in the third reading. This bill has just been assigned to committee as of the last legislative day. I say that we'll have plenty of time to debate it, amend it, reconsider it or whatever you want to do after it comes from the other branch and I hope that this motion to reconsider does not prevail for that of one of many good reasons.

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

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, as I understand the action that will develop now, if this bill goes to the Senate and there is a non-agreeing action on the committee of conference, it will automatically mean that the bill is dead and it will not have a chance. Actually, this bill has never had a report from the committee as yet, but this would be a way of killing the bill and consequently we feel that the bill should be brought back to the floor of the House for consideration.

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I will try to explain the reason why I asked for the reconsideration at this time. This L. D. here allows the Penobscot County Commissioner to spend the funds which we approved of in the county budget last week. So this is permissive legislation for Penobscot County and this L. D. is needed to allow the County Commissioners to spend the funds. I wish you would vote for reconsideration.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bethel, Mrs. Lincoln.

Mrs. LINCOLN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Probably the ones from Penobscot County will tell me from Oxford County to mind my own business. But if you will notice the L. D. 16, it says this section shall apply to Oxford County, which was passed last year, and then it goes on, and Penobscot County only. I felt that I should get up and tell you what did happen with this bill last year in Oxford County. I personally was not especially for it, but after seeing how it has worked I am all for it at this point. I don't know how many of you people realize just where your county funds do go and there is a group, I will not mention it, which all of the counties contribute to every year in their budget. And the money that we were asking for the retarded school which was to be in Rumford was even less than we give to this group, and this was just for the one year and we give to this group every two years in our budget.

We bought the home. We paid for the building which was to be the school for the retarded children, and that was the end of the county funds. It went just for the building and we do not maintain it or anything; it was just to buy the building. It has worked out splendidly. We are very happy with it. In fact, parents of a child who was in Pineland have taken their child out of Pineland and brought the child back to live in their home because they now have a school which the child could attend. This is a day school, this is not overnight. But — and if you would figure out the money that would save the state with just one child out of Pineland. And therefore, I hope that you will go along with Mr. Anderson to reconsider this matter.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker, first let me say that in Penobscot County we don't have line budgeting and second I want in answer

to one statement made here a few minutes ago, regardless what action we take here in reconsideration or whatever we do here this morning, has no bearing on what happens in the other branch. We can still be in disagreement with the other branch no matter what we do here this morning, and I don't think our action here this morning has anything parallel with what goes on in any other branch. In other words, we can still be in non-concurrence with the other branch no matter what we do this morning, because let me say on this particular bill the other branch voted to send it to Appropriations. So unless we vote to send it to Appropriations we will be in non-concurrence anyway. So I hope that the motion at this time to reconsider is not reconsidered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, I simply want to go on record as being in support of the motion to reconsider.

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

Mr. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, I too, would like to go on record as being in favor of Representative Anderson's motion to reconsider.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Anderson, that we reconsider our action whereby we voted to insist on our former action.

Mr. Birt of East Millinocket requested a division.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Town, Mr. Binnette.

Mr. BINNETTE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table this until the next legislative day to get more information regarding this matter.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is on the motion of the gentleman from Old Town, Mr. Binnette, that this matter lie upon the table assigned for the next legislative day.

Mr. Anderson of Orono requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Orono, Mr. Anderson, re-

quests a division on the tabling motion. All those in favor of this matter lying upon the table until the next legislative day will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Thirty-two having voted in the affirmative and eighty having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is on the motion of the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Anderson, that we reconsider our action whereby we voted to insist, and the gentleman from East Millinocket has requested a division.

All those in favor of reconsidering our action will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred six having voted in the affirmative and fourteen having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I now move to substitute the bill for the report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Orono, Mr. Anderson, now moves that we recede from our action on April 12 whereby we recommitted the Reports and Bill and substitute the Bill for the "Ought not to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, the Bill was read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

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

Mr. COTTRELL: Mr. Speaker, I would inquire if the House still has in its possession Senate Paper 326, L. D. 1048.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Cottrell, inquires from the Clerk of the House if he has in his possession Senate Paper 326, L. D. 1048, Bill "An Act Exempting Liquor Bot-

tled or Manufactured in Maine from Additional Taxes."

The answer is in the affirmative. We do.

Mr. COTTRELL: I now move that the House reconsider its action whereby it adopted the "Ought not to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Cottrell, now moves that we reconsider our action whereby on April 7 we accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report.

Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Cottrell, to reconsider our action whereby we accepted the "Ought not to pass" report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

Mr. COTTRELL: Mr. Speaker, I move now that this document be tabled until two weeks from today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Cottrell, now moves that this matter lie upon the table assigned for Friday, April 23, pending acceptance in concurrence of the "Ought not to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Tabled and Assigned

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

ORDERED, that House Rule 57 be stricken out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Reed's Rules and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the House, and the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives."

Thereupon, the Order was tabled pending passage, ordered reproduced, and assigned the next legislative day.

On motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Philip Gage of the Baptist Church, Limerick, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, April 20, 1965.

Mrs. Baker of Orrington presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, it has been learned that Mrs. Baker of Winthrop is celebrating her twenty-second birthday on Saturday, April 10;

BE IT ORDERED, that the members of the House extend to Mrs. Baker their congratulations and the wish for many happy returns of the day. (Applause)

The Order received passage.

Mr. Haugen of South Portland presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the City of South Portland has been chosen by Look Magazine and the American Municipal League as one of 1965's All American Cities, and

WHEREAS, there were eleven cities throughout the Country that were selected for this honor;

BE IT ORDERED, that the House of Representatives extend its congratulations to City Manager Mr. Bernal Allen, and the citizens of South Portland for having attained this outstanding achievement; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to send an attested copy of this Order to the above appropriate parties.

The Order received passage.

Mr. Lund of Augusta presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, Cony High School has been selected by the American Association of Physics Teachers to receive a certificate of excellence for the quality of its physics teaching, and

WHEREAS, only ten high schools in the Nation are being honored by selection for this award based on the demonstrated excellence of their physics programs;

BE IT ORDERED, that the House of Representatives extend its congratulations to Charles J. Arbor, Principal of Cony High School, Fred Turner, Head of the Science Department, the science teachers in the Augusta Schools, and the citizens of Augusta, for having attained this outstanding achievement; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to send an attested copy of this Order to the above appropriate parties.

The Order received passage.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Dumont from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Repealing Certain Exemptions under the Minimum Wage Law" (H. P. 891) (L. D. 1188) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mrs. Baker from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Long Island Plantation of its Organization" (H. P. 1034) (L. D. 1406)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Recommitted

Mr. Pendergast from the Committee on Public Utilities reported Leave to Withdraw on Bill "An Act relating to Community Antenna Television Systems" (H. P. 775) (L. D. 1029)

Report was read.

On motion of Mr. Pendergast of Kennebunkport, recommitted to the Committee on Public Utilities and sent up for concurrence. (Later Reconsidered)

Mr. Pitts from the Committee on State Government reported Leave to Withdraw on Bill "An Act relating to the Status of Investigators in Department of Attorney General" (H. P. 1004) (L. D. 1337)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Covered by Other Legislation

Mrs. Wheeler from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported

Leave to Withdraw on Bill "An Act relating to Seasonal Business on Sunday" (H. P. 67) (L. D. 78), as covered by other Legislation.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Healy from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Repair Runway of Rockland Airport (H. P. 120) (L. D. 144)

Mr. Gifford from the Committee on Education reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Inequities in Subsidies to School Administrative Units" (H. P. 906) (L. D. 1234)

Mr. Baldic from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for Open Season on Bull Moose" (H. P. 65) (L. D. 76)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Davis from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Driving Motor Vehicles to the Left on a Curve" (H. P. 588) (L. D. 780)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Lund of Augusta, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 14.)

Mr. Boissonneau from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Revising Laws Relating to Boilers and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessels" (H. P. 592) (L. D. 784)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Revising Laws Relating to Exemptions and Inspections under Boiler and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessels Law" (H. P. 593) (L. D. 785)

Mr. Hunter from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Qualification of Persons Working on Heating Plants in

Schoolhouses" (H. P. 597) (L. D. 789)

Mr. Dostie from the Committee on State Government reported same on Bill "An Act to Establish a Fund for Fire Fighters" (H. P. 541) (L. D. 715)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Covered by Other Legislation Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Dumont from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Wages" (H. P. 340) (L. D. 443) reported "Ought not to pass", as covered by other legislation.

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Brewer of Bath, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 16.)

Mr. Dumont from the Committee on Labor reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Revising the Minimum Wage Law" (H. P. 711) (L. D. 949)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Dumont from the Committee on Labor reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Revising the Maine Employment Security Law and Increasing Benefits Thereunder" (H. P. 829) (L. D. 1057)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Young of Gouldsboro, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 16.)

Mr. Libhart from the Committee on State Government reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Personnel Status of Certain Employees in Department of Education" (H. P. 656) (L. D. 884)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft New Drafts Printed Recommitted

Mr. D'Alfonso from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill

"An Act to Incorporate the Kittery Sewer District" (H. P. 244) (L. D. 324) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1073) (L. D. 1449) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read.

On motion of Mr. Avery of Kittery, recommitted to the Committee on Public Utilities and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sawyer from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act relating to Delinquency in Payments to Winthrop Water District" (H. P. 424) (L. D. 556) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1074) (L. D. 1450) under same title 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. Anderson from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Unexpended Balance of Appropriation for Maine's Participation in the New York World's Fair" (H. P. 188) (L. D. 243)

Mr. Bishop from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Continuing Bureau of Public Improvements Study of Desirability of a Dam Across Taunton River" (H. P. 487) (L. D. 640)

Mr. Healy from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Aid in Dredging the Royal River and Basin" (H. P. 389) (L. D. 501)

Mr. Gifford from the Committee on Education reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Computation of Net Operating Costs in Allocating School Subsidies" (H. P. 731) (L. D. 969)

Mr. Levesque from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Change of Name, Courses of Study at and Degrees by the State Teachers' Colleges" (H. P. 270) (L. D. 352)

Mr. Richardson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Kindergarten Education" (H. P. 623) (L. D. 830)

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Highways reported same on

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Nine Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine to Build State Highways" (H. P. 482) (L. D. 635)

Mr. Hunter from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Revising Laws Relating to Fees for Inspections and Inspection Certificates under Boiler and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessel Law" (H. P. 594) (L. D. 786)

Mr. Libhart from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Penalties for State House Parking Violations" (H. P. 1005) (L. D. 1338)

Mr. Erwin from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing the Indebtedness of the Veazie Sewer District" (H. P. 1040) (L. D. 1414)

Mr. Berry from the Committee on State Government reported same on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Civil Defense Powers of the Governor" (H. P. 655) (L. D. 883)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for the New England Welfare Compact" (H. P. 932) (L. D. 1269)

Mr. Libhart from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Licensing of Auctioneers" (H. P. 603) (L. D. 795)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Entering the State of Maine into the New England Interstate Planning Compact" (H. P. 979) (L. D. 1317)

Mr. Pitts from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Services for Locating Deserting Parents and Other Persons Liable for Support of Dependents" (H. P. 779) (L. D. 1032)

Mr. Beane from the Committee on Transportation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Weight of Four Axle Commercial Vehicles" (H. P. 875) (L. D. 1291)

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

Ought to Be Adopted Joint Resolution

Mr. Starbird from the Committee on State Government on Joint

Resolution Memorializing Congress to Promote the Protection of our Gold Reserves (H. P. 1021) (L. D. 1389) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1076) (L. D. 1454) under same title and that it "Ought to be Adopted"

Report was read and accepted, the Resolution adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Stoutamyer from the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act Determining Weight Limits of Trucks" (H. P. 128) (L. D. 152) 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. 128, L. D. 152, Bill, "An Act Determining Weight Limits of Trucks."

Amend said Bill in the 7th line by inserting after the underlined word "plus" the underlined figure 'one-half'

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

Mr. Pendergast from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Create the Bridgton Sewer District" (H. P. 531) (L. D. 705) 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. 531, L. D. 705, Bill, "An Act to Create the Bridgton Sewer District."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 14 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 14. Trustees and officers; tenure of office; election to office; organization; vacancies. All of the affairs of said district shall be managed by a board of 3 trustees, residents therein.

The trustees of the district at any time shall be those persons who are then serving as the duly elected and qualified trustees of the Bridgton Water District, a quasi-municipal corporation duly organized and existing pursuant to the private and special laws of 1957, chapter 89, and a person duly elected or appointed a trustee of the Bridgton Water District pursuant to said chapter 89, shall thereupon become a trustee of the Bridgton Sewer District.

As soon as convenient, the first board of trustees shall hold a meeting at some convenient place in the district, to be called by any member thereof in writing, designating the time and place and delivered in hand to the other 2 members not less than 2 full days before the meeting; provided, however, that they may meet by agreeing without such notice. At this original meeting the trustees shall organize by electing from their own members a chairman, a treasurer and a clerk and adopting a corporate seal. The trustees may adopt and establish bylaws, consistent with the laws of the State of Maine and necessary for their own convenience and for the proper management of the affairs of the district, and perform any other acts within the powers delegated to them by law.

The trustees shall meet annually for the purpose of electing a chairman, treasurer and clerk to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The trustees from time to time may choose and employ, and fix the compensation of, any other necessary officers and agents who shall serve at their pleasure. The treasurer shall furnish bond in such sum and with such sureties as the trustees shall approve, the cost thereof to be paid by the district.

Members of the board of trustees shall be eligible to any office under the board. The trustees and the treasurer may be allowed such compensation as the trustees shall determine.

Officers of the district may also serve as officers of Bridgton Water District.

The trustees shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties as such which shall include the duties of any member who shall serve as clerk or clerk pro tem.

They shall make and publish an annual report, including a report of the treasurer, and such report may be included in, and published as part of, the town report.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 19th line of section 17 the figure "\$600,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$950,000'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 5th line of section 15 the word "without" and inserting in place thereof the word 'within'

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

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Provide Funds to Convert Ferry Terminal at North Haven (H. P. 121) (L. D. 145)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DUQUETTE of York
HARDING of Aroostook
—of the Senate.

Messrs. BISHOP of Presque Isle
JALBERT of Lewiston
DUNN of Denmark
BIRT of East Millinocket
HEALY of Portland
—of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. BROWN of Hancock
—of the Senate.

Messrs. ANDERSON of Hancock
BRAGDON of Perham
—of the House.

Reports were read.

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

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

Whereupon on motion of Mr. Edwards of Portland, the two Reports and Resolve were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston to accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 16.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time would like to recognize in the rear of the House a Mr. Robert Rivard and a Mr. Robert Mann. These boys are students of the Plymouth State Teachers College in New Hampshire. They are former classmates of our Page Perry Wood and they are the guests today of the gentleman from Van Buren, Mr. Lebel, and the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Bernard. We hope that you will enjoy your visit here and that it will be both educational and enjoyable. (Applause)

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Remove Floating Islands in Toddy Pond in Surry" (H. P. 385) (L. D. 498)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DUQUETTE of York
HARDING of Aroostook
—of the Senate.

Messrs. BISHOP of Presque Isle
JALBERT of Lewiston
ANDERSON of Orono
HEALY of Portland
BRAGDON of Perham
BIRT of East Millinocket
DUNN of Denmark
—of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. BROWN of Hancock
—of the Senate.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Bishop.

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

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth, the Reports and Bill were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Bishop of Presque Isle to accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 14.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of New Canada Plantation for Sly Brook Road Construction (H. P. 125) (L. D. 149)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. NORRIS of Oxford
CAHILL of Somerset
—of the Senate.

Messrs. DUDLEY of Enfield
ROSS of Brownville
CARTER of Etna
WALTZ of Waldoboro
NADEAU of Biddeford
—of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. CASEY of Washington
—of the Senate.

Messrs. LENT of Scarborough
STOUTAMYER
of Madison
—of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I move that we accept the "ought to pass" report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, moves that we accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, I oppose that motion for one reason only. It is a special resolve. We turned down all special resolves.

My own county had one in for a road into Elliottsville where there is no road and we turned that down, and certainly if we are going to turn one down we should turn them all down or pass them all. We should not show favoritism.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Before the House takes action on this bill, I would like to point out a few things to the members. I was told by the members of the Highway Committee that the only reason this resolve was not passed was as Mr. Ross, the gentleman from Brownville, has pointed out, that it was a special resolve and that the Highway Commission felt that this would open the door for more like it. I will not attempt to debate the fact whether this is or is not. I really don't know and I don't really care, but I feel that this is a guess whether or not it would open the door to more in the future. However, if they wish to call it a special road resolve and if I wish to admit this, then I would say that it really is special in more ways than one. And I will attempt to explain this.

After the resolve was first introduced, I went over to the Highway Commission and an attempt was made by both they, myself and the Highway Committee to get money from other sources rather than this resolve. It was first thought that we might be able to get the money through the regular method of Town Road Improvement Fund and combining it with anticipated T. R. I. allotment. However, it was learned later that the town of New Canada has used or anticipated all of its funds in other projects in which the people reside.

This road in particular is a lake road which runs through the plantations of New Canada, Wallagrass, and the Town of Eagle Lake. This road is used by farmers, lumbermen and cottage owners going to the Town of Eagle Lake and the Plantation of Walla-

grass. However, the road goes first through the Plantation of New Canada, and this is where the problem lies. There are no camps or lake located on the New Canada stretch; and it provides the only inlet and outlet for the public going through the other towns.

Both municipalities of Wallagrass and Eagle Lake have improved much of this road within their limit during the past year, using state and federal funds and grants. As the L. D. statement of facts points out, New Canada has been granted a \$14,000 accelerated Public Works Project but cannot match it because an attempt is being made to fix roads where people will reside. This section comprises of approximately one mile and a half of dangerous and outmoded road. As already mentioned the Plantation received a federal grant of \$14,000 but can't match it due to no available town or state funds. This \$14,000 federal grant is available only if it can be matched with \$7,000. Should the Plantation of New Canada be denied funds by this Legislature, it will lose everything.

Therefore, ladies and gentlemen of the House, I ask that you give this your approval and let the Plantation of New Canada have the \$7,000 so that the federal funds will not lapse. This is the last hope that this Plantation has and I hope that you give this a great deal of consideration.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, to accept the Minority Report.

Mr. Ross of Brownville requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brownville, Mr. Ross, has requested a division.

All those in favor of accepting the Minority "Ought 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.

Sixty-six having voted in the affirmative and fifty-two having

voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

Thereupon, the Resolve was read once.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question from any member of the Highway Committee concerning this resolve. What happens now that the other resolves have been killed? Are they going to be brought back?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, poses a question through the Chair to any member of the Highway Committee, who may answer if he so desires.

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

Mr. LENT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: I would like to answer the question posed by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert. We take these matters one at a time. At least some of us do. We are not trying to solve all the problems in all of the resolves the state might request at one time. This we felt had a sound basis and that there were \$14,000 worth of federal funds available. So, \$7,000 invested to bring in twenty-one, we feel was a good investment.

The Resolve was then assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Maintenance of State Highways in Certain Municipalities" (H. P. 486) (L. D. 639)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CASEY of Washington
CAHILL of Somerset
— of the Senate.
Messrs. CARTER of Etna
ROSS of Brownville
WALTZ of Waldoboro
STOUTAMYER
— of Madison
DUDLEY of Enfield
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. NORRIS of Oxford
— of the Senate.
Messrs. LENT of Scarborough
NADEAU of Biddeford
— of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Lent of Scarborough, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 16.)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Katz, and inquires for what purpose does he rise?

Mr. KATZ: To make a motion for reconsideration, sir.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. KATZ: On page four, item three, Bill "An Act relating to Community Antenna Television Systems," House Paper 775, L. D. 1029, I move that we reconsider our action of earlier in today's session and would speak to my motion.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Katz, that we reconsider our action whereby this matter was recommitted to the Committee on Public Utilities. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. KATZ: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker and ladies and gentlemen, there are two bills before the Legislature concerning community antennas. I am the sponsor of this bill. I requested leave to withdraw. The other bill, which is the bill the committee would like to work on, is presently in the other branch. Through error this morning we recommitted to the committee and our concern now is that we would like to reconsider our action and have leave to withdraw. Therefore I hope you support the move to reconsider.

Thereupon, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Public Utilities.

The Committee Report on Leave to Withdraw was then accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing Funds for Land Damages and Rights-of-Way for Maine-Quebec Highway" (H. P. 1029) (L. D. 1399) (new draft of H. P. 561, L. D. 731)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. NORRIS of Oxford
CAHILL of Somerset
— of the Senate.
Messrs. CARTER of Etna
WALTZ of Waldoboro
ROSS of Brownville
LENT of Scarborough
NADEAU of Biddeford
STOUTAMYER

of Madison
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. CASEY of Washington
— of the Senate.
Mr. DUDLEY of Enfield
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Haynes of Camden, the two Reports and Bill were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Ross of Brownville to accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 15.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Labor reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Legal Fees in Court Proceeding for Benefits under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 825) (L. D. 1258)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. O'LEARY of Oxford
 Mrs. CHISHOLM
 of Cumberland
 Mr. SMITH of Cumberland
 — of the Senate.
 Messrs. BEDARD of Saco
 GAUVIN of Auburn
 LEVESQUE
 of Madawaska
 DUMONT of Augusta
 — 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.

On motion of Mr. Bedard of Saco, 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 Public Utilities reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Regulate Sewer Utilities" (H. P. 651) (L. D. 879)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BOISVERT
 of Androscoggin
 VIOLETTE of Aroostook
 — of the Senate.
 Messrs. D'ALFONSO of Portland
 PIKE of Lubec
 SEARLES of Bangor
 DOYLE of Caribou
 — of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. LETOURNEAU of York
 — of the Senate.
 Messrs. ERWIN of York
 PENDERGAST
 of Kennebunkport
 SAWYER of Brunswick
 — of the House.

Reports were read.

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

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

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Sawyer of Brunswick, the Reports and Bill were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Berry of Cape Elizabeth to accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 15.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act to Create a Department of Rehabilitation" (H. P. 99) (L. D. 108) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1075) (L. D. 1455) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. STERN of Penobscot
 MAXWELL of Franklin
 WILEY of Hancock
 — of the Senate.
 Messrs. PITTS of Harrison
 DOSTIE of Lewiston
 EDWARDS of Portland
 STARBIRD
 of Kingman Township
 BERRY of Cape Elizabeth
 LIBHART of Brewer
 — of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. KATZ of Augusta
 — of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Katz.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. Speaker, I move that this be tabled until April 20 pending acceptance of either report.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Katz, that this matter lie upon the table assigned for April 20 pending acceptance of either report.

Mr. Berry of Cape Elizabeth requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, requests a division on the tabling motion. All those in favor of this matter lying upon the table assigned for April 20 will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

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

Thereupon, on motion of Mrs. Carswell of Portland, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted, the New Draft read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Marking of Body Capacity of Vehicles Transporting Certain Materials" (H. P. 1035) (L. D. 1407)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. MENDELL of Cumberland
SHIRO of Kennebec
CAHILL of Somerset
— of the Senate.

Messrs. BUSSIÈRE of Lewiston
HUBER of Rockland
CROSBY of Kennebunk
STORM of Sherman
KEYTE of Dexter
BEANE of Moscow
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. LEBEL of Van Buren
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Divided Report

Report "A" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve relating to Fish Screen at Outlet of Rangeley Lake (H. P. 227) (L. D. 294), which was recommitted.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HOFFSES of Knox
McDONALD
of Piscataquis
— of the Senate.
Messrs. POULIN of Skowhegan
CHAMPAGNE
of Fairfield
ROBERTS
of South Berwick
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. MANUEL of Aroostook
of the Senate.
Messrs. BALDIC of Waterville
GAUDREAU of Lewiston
COOKSON of Glenburn
ANDERSON of Ellsworth
of the House.

Reports were read

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

Mr. PALMER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that we adopt the "ought to pass" report and I would speak briefly on this.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Phillips, Mr. Palmer, that we accept Report "A", which is the "Ought to pass" Report. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. PALMER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I received this letter and I would like to have you people hear it.

"Dear George: We believe the replacement of the fish screen at the Rangeley Stream outlet of Rangeley Lake would be advisable for the following reasons:

"The original screen was installed at this location by the W. P. A. program in 1938 at the request of the Rangeley Lakes

Guides' Association in the belief that the screen would stop down stream migration of adult spawners to Mooslookmeguntic Lakes each fall.

"The screen appeared to serve its original purpose well, since a large number of adult spawners were to be found there each fall.

"In 1958 the screen was removed by the . . . biologist, and for the following two summers numerous large salmon were taken from Mooslookmeuntic Lake, a lake not noted for its large salmon. We, therefore, believe these large fish to have come from Rangeley Lake where such size was common.

"In 1957 there were over 400 salmon counted by the biologist at this Rangeley Lake outlet. In 1964, after the screen had been removed for seven years, only four (4) salmon were seen in the same place. Trapping of two salmon spawning inlets in 1964 showed only 70 fish. As a result, 'the year 1964 was poor' salmon fishing in Rangeley Lake 'and all evidence points to 1965 being even poorer.' The above quote was taken from the Fisheries Biologist's Report of February 1965.

"Nearly one year ago Commissioner Ronald T. Speers gave us his verbal permission to stock Atlantic salmon in Rangeley Lake at this association's expense, since it is our belief that such a stocking would improve the strength and quality of existing salmon. Many local business men and camp owners have offered their financial support to this program, support which would be withdrawn if the stocked fish were allowed to escape to the rest of the Rangeley drainage. In order to keep the Atlantic salmon in Rangeley Lake, the screen is necessary.

"If the screen should be replaced this association will maintain and clean the screen when necessary as did the original Rangeley Lakes Guides' Association with the old screen during its years of service.

"Finally, since Rangeley is primarily a tourist area, the removal of the screen has also removed an accessible fishing spot and tourist attraction. . .

"We sincerely hope that our opinions will meet with your support and approval."

In checking over the town warrants of Rangeley, I found that in 1935, Article 38, the town raised the sum of \$1,300 to install a fish screen at the outlet of Rangeley Lake. I talked with the contractor who put the screen in and he told me that the federal government had also gone along with this and the total cost was in the neighborhood of \$4,000. I have a list of the amount of moneys paid for labor, trucking and whoever paid to, transportation charges and so forth.

In 1938, in the town warrant the town voted to assume responsibility for the fish screen and the money was to come from the miscellaneous account. In 1951, the town voted to pay the association for the care of the fish screen. In 1955, they raised the sum of \$1,000 to rebuild the foot bridge over the fish screen.

The department gave this fish screen away to — removed it and gave it to some other fish and game association. And since the removal of the fish screen the fishing in Rangeley Lake has become poorer each year. The only way that this can come back is, they believe up there, is for the Atlantic salmon to be restocked. The money must be raised to buy these salmon for a new start and as the Fish and Game Department did remove the screen and give it away, I think it is their duty to install another screen — another fish screen as there still is the cement abutments and everything except the screen itself to be replaced. Thank you.

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The Fish and Game Department took out the screen at the outlet of Rangeley Lake because it was serving no useful purpose. In fact, they found it to be detrimental to the propagation of fish. The chief contention of the group who would put the screen back and feel they know more about

this problem than the state biologist, is that the game fish leave the lake and can't get back because of low water. The biologists say there is always water enough for the fish to return to their natural habitat. It seems to me that we should have confidence in our department which is trying to serve the most with the best, trying to promote and protect one of our big industries. I don't think we should listen to pressure groups.

Mr. Speaker, I now move indefinite postponement of this bill and ask for a division.

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

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

Mr. PALMER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I offered to pay the expenses of the committee if they would go up there to see for themselves. The biologist report that they should have free migration is good, but in this particular instance, migration seems to be one way as during the summer time this river is dry enough to almost walk across it anywhere. And I would like to go on record in saying the report of the biologist in this particular case could be in error.

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

Mr. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: These fish from their natural habitat do go down these rivers and spawn. So, if you put the screen in they're not going to get back, and I just wanted to bring that up. I think that the department should know what they are doing and I must go on record as being in favor of the department.

Mr. Palmer of Phillips requested a division.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Baldic.

Mr. BALDIC: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I wish to table this until April 22.

Mr. Levesque of Madawaska requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, has requested a division on the tabling motion. All those in favor of this Resolve relating to Fish Screen at Outlet of Rangeley Lake, House Paper 227, L. D. 294, lying upon the table assigned for April 22, will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will once again remind the members of the House, it is your duty to vote on all questions.

Four having voted in the affirmative and ninety-three having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Anderson, that this Resolve and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed, and the gentleman from Phillips, Mr. Palmer, has requested 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 made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Sixty-six having voted in the affirmative and fifty-five having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would request the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, to approach the rostrum for the purpose of acting as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon Mr. Levesque assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem and Speaker Childs retired from the Hall.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to the Powers of the Maine Turnpike Authority" (S. P. 457) (L. D. 1394)
Bill "An Act Revising the Dog Laws" (S. P. 481) (L. D. 1436)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Read-

ing, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

At this point, Speaker Childs returned to the rostrum.

Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Wages for Firemen" (H. P. 503) (L. D. 656)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

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

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think that looking at the record of what was said in reference to the minimum wage for firemen bill, that an erroneous impression may have been left that the salaries for firemen in the state are somewhere around sixty-two cents an hour or that a lot of them are under a dollar an hour. I would like to read a few figures from representative cities in the state which are weekly salaries for privates in fire departments. These are varying size cities. They are: Bangor \$92 a week, Lewiston \$91, Portland \$93, Auburn \$84, Augusta \$89, Biddeford \$70, Brunswick \$83, South Portland \$86, Waterville \$82, Bath \$88, Caribou \$82, Limestone \$72, Presque Isle \$84, Rumford \$95, Saco \$88. I haven't skipped any, but I shall not continue. I see Millinocket, \$109. Old Orchard Beach, as the gentleman from there, Mr. Danton, said, apparently appears to pay the lowest hourly rate in the State of Maine. It is, however, eighty-seven cents an hour. There is no one on the list that gets paid sixty-two and the lowest on the list as I said is Old Orchard Beach at eighty-seven.

I think that if we are stepping into the field of the regulation of municipal wages we are going to by setting by state law wages for policemen, public works departments, and the numerous other departments of municipal government.

It was my privilege before my eyes were opened, for three years in another state to be the Fire Commissioner of a fire department which was the size of the City of Portland, work I enjoyed a great deal. The full responsibility for the administration of this department was mine and, just before I was appointed to the position, the firemen had by a local education program changed their hours from seventy-two hours a week to forty-eight hours a week. Now the way fire departments are run, this resulted in one man working two night shifts and two day shifts a week, seven days. He worked two night shifts of fourteen hours each for a total of twenty-eight hours and he worked two day shifts of ten hours each from eight to six for a total of twenty hours, or a total of forty-eight hours.

Now, this was well and good and probably deserved without any question, but the impact upon this city was this, we hired at one fell swoop fifty-three firemen, increased the personnel budget of the fire department \$250,000 and raised the tax rate \$5.00 a thousand. Now, this is perhaps not what happens in this particular legislation, but I think it is important that local affairs of this nature be left to the communities involved. I hope that you would join and support my motion for indefinite postponement.

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 Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Danton.

Mr. DANTON: Mr. Speaker, this bill was given a fair hearing before the committee which submitted an "ought to pass" report. This bill was fully debated in this House this week. I think that the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, is in error and not the membership of this House. Never at any time did I say that most of the cities or towns of this state are getting paid — the firemen are getting

paid less than an hour. I said there are only a few and Mr. Berry in his recitation of figures, I think did a little juggling, and he included towns and cities who are paying over a dollar an hour. In view of the fact that it is very apparent that we need more debate on this, I would like to have this matter tabled until the next legislative day, if someone will so do.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Town, Mr. Binnette.

Mr. BINNETTE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table this bill until the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Old Town, Mr. Binnette, now moves that this matter lie upon the table assigned for the next legislative day.

Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge has requested a division.

All those in favor of this Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Wages for Firemen," lying upon the table until the next legislative day will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Ninety-five having voted in the affirmative and thirty having voted in the negative, the Bill was tabled pending the motion of Mr. Berry of Cape Elizabeth for indefinite postponement and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 13.

Bill "An Act relating to Qualifications and Fees under Nursing Law" (H. P. 581) (L. D. 773)

Bill "An Act Defining Interest on Loans" (H. P. 990) (L. D. 1335)

Bill "An Act relating to Duties of Department of Health and Welfare Concerning Water Supplies" (H. P. 994) (L. D. 1344)

Bill "An Act Defining a Public School" (H. P. 1069) (L. D. 1444)

Bill "An Act relating to Advisory Committee of Health and Welfare" (H. P. 1070) (L. D. 1445)

Resolve Approving Draft and Arrangement of the State Consti-

tution Made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and Providing for its Publication and Distribution (S. P. 94) (L. D. 261)

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.

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of State for Guaranteed Loans for Recreational Purposes (H. P. 582) (L. D. 774)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the second time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Littlefield.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This resolve proposes an amendment to the Constitution pledging the credit of the state for guaranteed loans for recreational purposes to the amount of ten million dollars. If we are going to pass the bill, I would request a division.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on this bill being passed to be engrossed. All those in favor of this bill being passed to be engrossed will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred eighteen having voted in the affirmative and eight having voted in the negative, the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Increasing the Number of Justices of the Superior Court" (S. P. 290) (L. D. 852)

Bill "An Act relating to Labeling of Imported Meats Sold in Retail Stores" (S. P. 360) (L. D. 1122)

Bill "An Act relating to Credit for Military Service under State Retirement Law" (S. P. 366) (L. D. 1133)

Bill "An Act Providing a Bond Issue in the Amount of One Million Two Hundred and One Thou-

sand Dollars for a Vocational Educational Institute in Penobscot County" (H. P. 4) (L. D. 4)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funds for Expansion of Home Teaching Programs for the Blind" (H. P. 12) (L. D. 12)

Bill "An Act relating to Death Benefits for Members of the State Police" (H. P. 13) (L. D. 13)

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

Amended Third Reader Amended

Bill "An Act Providing for a Legislative Conference Prior to the Convening of the 103rd Legislature" (H. P. 265) (L. D. 347)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge.

Mr. KITTREDGE. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I submit House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" to L. D. 347 and move its passage.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge, now offers House Amendment "A" and moves it be adopted.

The Chair understands that the gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge, now moves that we reconsider our action whereby we adopted Committee Amendment "A."

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

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker, if I may debate the motion for reconsideration.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge, and inquires for what purpose does he rise?

Mr. KITTREDGE: If I am in order, sir, I would like to make a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may make his inquiry.

Mr. KITTREDGE: My motion is not a motion for reconsideration. It's a motion to apply an amendment to the committee amendment which I believe I can do under —

The SPEAKER: In order for House to entertain a motion to amend a committee amendment which has already been adopted it is necessary to reconsider our action whereby we adopted Committee Amendment "A" and at that time this House amendment would be in order.

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

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think we can discuss this right now instead of waiting for further action.

It seems to me that the Legislative Research Committee should have as it has had the prerogative of selecting the site and I as a member of the Minority Party am in perfect agreement with the proposal to let the Legislative Research Committee do the selection with the full knowledge that the members of the Majority Party are fully capable of making this decision and that members of our group will be on it too. It seems to me that this is an unwarranted intrusion on the rights and prerogatives of the Legislative Research Committee and I hope we do not reconsider this matter.

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

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, this was in the original bill and we discussed this quite thoroughly in the Appropriations Committee and we felt the same way that the previous speaker felt, that this would be an invasion on the rights of the Legislative Research Committee and this is why we decided at that time to remove the location from the bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge.

Mr. KITTREDGE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think it is quite well

within the prerogatives of this body to determine where their pre-legislative conference is going to be. Now, I am not prepared to debate this fully today, but in view of the fact that it is our prerogative I would request someone to table this particular matter because if the pre-legislative conference shouldn't be in Augusta, perhaps the Legislature should not meet in Augusta.

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

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, I request a division on the motion.

The SPEAKER: There has been no motion.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Payson.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker I move that this be tabled until a week from today.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is on the motion of the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Payson, that this matter lie upon the table pending the motion of the gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge, that we reconsider our action whereby we adopted Committee Amendment "A."

Mr. Levesque of Madawaska requested a division.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Mills, and reminds the gentleman that a tabling motion is not debatable.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, I am simply asking for a point of information. I would like to have the Clerk read that amendment that was sent up there.

The SPEAKER: The amendment is not before the House at this time. The motion before the House is on the motion for reconsideration.

Question before the House now is on the motion of the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Payson, that this matter lie upon the table assigned for one week from today and the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, has requested a division. All those in favor of this matter lying upon the table will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Forty-six having voted in the affirmative and eighty having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is on the motion of the gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge, that we reconsider our action whereby we adopted Committee Amendment "A".

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would be very much in favor of reconsidering. I went before Appropriations and spoke for the bill as written. I would be in favor of it if we could have it here in Augusta. I think the — I couldn't help but notice this time when we come to the Legislature how poorly prepared some of the new members were. I remember when I came here we had a school here in Augusta with the Director of Legislative Research and many others and we got acquainted with each other and I'm for this provided, as I told the Committee on Appropriations, I favor the bill only if it was held here in Augusta. Now, if we reconsider this, we can add an amendment and it seems so we here can make up our minds where we want to have our pre-legislative conference. Now, for me, a pre-legislative conference is where the new members come to learn procedure, know something about what is going on, get acquainted with the other members. And if the Legislature is going to meet in Augusta, which I hope they will two years hence, then I hope we'll have the pre-legislative conference here. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guilford, Mrs. White.

Mrs. WHITE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My only comment is that three years ago I worked on a similar bill and in talking with the members of the Legislature at that time I found many, I would say a majority, would like to attend it in Augusta. And I have found it to be true this time. That doesn't mean I

didn't really enjoy the conference at the University of Maine, but I do feel that it would be well to try having it here once.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Bishop.

Mr. BISHOP: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: The feeling of the Committee on Appropriations was that this is a tremendous job for the Legislative Research Committee and they know they have to do a lot of staffing and a lot of planning, and I think it would be an unfair burden to put on them to dictate where they are to hold it. They should be free to decide where the most convenient place to hold it is.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Town, Mr. Binnette.

Mr. BINNETTE: Mr. Speaker, Members of House: I am cosponsor with Mr. Kittredge from South Thomaston, on this bill. It is on a very rare occasion we see the same pictures. We both look out the window, but we see different objects. In this case here, I have to agree with him that they have all the facilities down here to Augusta to brief us in regards to the methods needed to inform the new legislators in regards to passage of bills. They do a nice job up to Orono, I'll agree with them, but I think over here we have the same facilities and it could be done much easier and we could get acquainted just as well down here as we could up to Orono. I believe that this motion to reconsider should be accepted.

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

Mr. Edwards of Portland requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Edwards requests a division on the reconsideration motion.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Payson.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think it would be a very good idea to have a legislative conference in Augusta and I would suggest that one of the leadership of both parties be in attendance to

explain some of the tricks of the trade, and I mean nothing derogatory in use of the word trade. I would also like to have samples of the daily literature appearing on our desks to be available for explanation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge.

Mr. KITTREDGE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I don't think that the question here is really what are the prerogatives of the Legislative Research Committee or any other committee. I think the question is where do we as legislators want to have our conference, provided those of us are lucky enough to come back next year or two years from now. And I think this thing really boils down to are we talking about an education conference or a conference at the University of Maine, or a pre-legislative conference for legislators. Now I have nothing against having a pre-education conference if that is what you want to call it. In fact, by all means have it at Orono, but I would submit to you that the history of the last conference we had there was not truly a legislative conference. It was, and I will speak frankly and fairly to this subject, it was a lobbying attempt by the University of Maine to procure funds in their behalf and I was never so convinced of this as the last night there. At the banquet, when I was offered the choice of lobster newburg or rare roast beef on taxpayers' money. Now, I submit to you, that this would not happen in Augusta, if for no other reason than the cafeteria in the other building would not have lobster newburg on its menu.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: As a graduate of the University of Maine, of course I am always very happy to return to Orono to visit my alma mater and I agree perhaps that there may be some logic in holding a conference in Augusta, but I should like to join in support of my good friend from

Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, urging the House not to hamstring the committee and to permit them to make the selection giving consideration to the availability of lobster Newburg in the state cafeteria and other important issues.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge, that we reconsider our action whereby we adopted Committee Amendment "A" and the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Edwards has requested a division. All those in favor of reconsidering our action whereby we adopted Committee Amendment "A" will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Seventy-one having voted in the affirmative and fifty-five having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston offered House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 265, L. D. 347, Bill, "An Act Providing for a Legislative Conference Prior to the Convening of the 103rd Legislature."

Amend said Amendment by inserting at the end of the 4th line, before the single quotation mark, the following: 'Such conference shall be held in Augusta in lieu of Orono.'

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

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, I move the indefinite postponement of the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, now moves that House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Kittredge of South Thomaston requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Thomaston, Mr. Kittredge requests a division. All those in favor of indefinitely postponing House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" to Bill, "An Act Providing for a Legislative Conference Prior to the Convening of the 103rd Legislature, House Paper 265, L. D. 347 will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Fifty-one having voted in the affirmative and seventy-seven having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Sale or Compounding of Drugs by Apothecary Only" (H. P. 772) (L. D. 1015)

Bill "An Act relating to Repeal of Sardine Tax on Exports" (H. P. 848) (L. D. 1261)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Bear" (H. P. 886) (L. D. 1183)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

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

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, I request that this item 20 be tabled until Wednesday, April 14.

Mr. Ross of Brownville requested a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested on the tabling motion. All those in favor of this matter being tabled pending engrossment and assigned for April

14, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Twenty-five having voted in the affirmative and ninety-six having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, I present House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and move its adoption. Filing 193.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, now moves that we reconsider our action whereby we adopted Committee Amendment "A".

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The Fish and Game Committee granted a special hearing last week to a group that felt that keeping the bear season closed until August resulted in loss of revenue to their respective towns, as many bear hunters who came there year after year enjoyed the early summer hunting. We respected their arguments and compromised giving them a break, as well as the bear by opening the season June 1st. At that hearing, testimony was offered by the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Birt and the gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm. I think they will corroborate that.

As you undoubtedly know, bear breed only every two years. The young are born in hibernation and when they emerge from the den, are very tiny, probably not weighing over a pound. They stay with the mother bear about a year before leaving to forage on their own. You can imagine how helpless they are for a few months after they come out of the den. Hunters coming upon them shoot the mother and don't bother to waste a bullet on the cubs, they kill them with clubs.

This closing until June 1st does give them a chance to get their legs under them and follow their

mother out of danger. Mr. Speaker, I move that House Amendment "A" under filing H-193 be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin that we reconsider our action whereby we adopted Committee Amendment "A".

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is indeed a switch for me. Previously I have been in favor of a bear bounty. As everybody in here knows or most of them know, I trap bear. I do not trap them in the spring when the cubs are too small to take care of themselves, only in the fall, and at that time, before I get castigated for cruelty, I would say that I trap them in such a way that unless a cub is intent on getting caught, I don't catch any cubs.

Originally, the Fish and Game Department came up with a bill to close the bear season in January, February and March. That's like saying there should be no water skiing on Moosehead Lake in February. I mean the bear has already closed that season, he is in bed. To test their sincerity, I appeared before the Fish and Game Committee and said if you want to really close the season on the bear and protect them, let's close it until August 1st, at which time the cubs can take care of themselves. If any of you have ever heard a little cub cry, I can guarantee that you would be very sympathetic towards them. (Pointing to toy stuffed cub bear holding handkerchief) (Applause) He's crying because somebody killed his mother.

But in all seriousness, we came to a compromise to close the season until the first of June. Now that is not going to affect the spring bear hunters this year. The guides that have advertised for them can still have them. The following year they can have them as of June 1st, at which time the cubs have got at least a fifty-fifty chance of surviving. Before that, it's my personal opinion that

they haven't. I hope that you will go along with the Committee bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Camden, Mr. Haynes.

Mr. HAYNES: Mr. Speaker, I would hope that this House Amendment would not be accepted. This is a bill to conserve a natural resource of Maine. No money is involved, except a potential income to Maine from sportsmen's dollars over the future. This L. D. concerns the management of a property which is of interest to all of the people of Maine.

This is reasonable and practical for a state which is peculiarly dependent on recreational economy. Our wildlife is money in the bank. As the gentleman from Brownville has said, when a female with young cubs is killed in the spring, the cubs die of hunger. The Department of Inland Fish and Game has three winter born cubs that are being bottle-raised at the game farm. They can't make a living alone for several months.

No one would expect to kill doe deer with nursing fawns in the spring. Why bear? They are not as prolific as a deer anyway. Maine is one of the last states to make a practical appraisal of the value of this big game animal in recreational economy, and to take positive protective action to insure its future.

Our neighboring states consider bear to be a valuable game animal and provide protective closed seasons. New Hampshire provides from December 10 to September 1st, eight months; Vermont closed November 30th to September 1st, nine months; New York, closed December 1st to October 25. I have just learned that Wisconsin proposes a two year closed season on bear because the bear are getting so scarce there that the hunters are concerned.

As we have already heard, at the hearings L. D. 1183 was supported by officials of state-wide fish and game associations. There were no opponents, and the Committee set these dates.

I hope that you will not vote for this House Amendment.

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

Mr. STORM: Mr. Speaker, who says that history doesn't repeat itself? After we finally laid the bear bounty to rest in 1957, I didn't ever expect to stand on the floor of this House and mention the word 'bear' again, but here I am.

It is very true, as my good friend from Camden has said, that no one appeared in opposition to this bill at the original hearing, but I hadn't any more than landed at home the following weekend when my telephone wires began to warm up and they stayed heated up until I left there on Monday. I had complaints from camp owners and guides and what not from the whole area; part of it in my own jurisdiction, and some of it from across the line in Penobscot County. And as has been said, we were granted a review of the hearing and had a chance — the gentleman from East Millinocket and myself, as well as a former representative from that area, to present the case of these camp owners to the Fish and Game Committee.

These people requested the closed season to not extend beyond May 1st, and that was what we put up to the committee. The Committee saw fit, however, to move it back one month beyond that to June 1st as has been stated, and the amendment presented this morning by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, would move it ahead to May 1st, and I heartily support that amendment. Thank you.

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

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, there is a long departure from the normal of going from a bear bounty situation to a closed season. I understand that the Department's original desire was to make it a game animal by doing this. They did want a closed season. But I have here a whole sheaf of petitions from all over northern Maine of people who are opposed

to going back earlier than the first of May. They feel that this will have quite an impact on their business up there, and apparently these people have done quite a business because they have about 142 bear hunters who have gone up into that area and they feel that the total license money to the state is \$9,694. This is only the license money, and doesn't take into consideration the other impact on their economy up there, and I feel that they will be quite badly hurt if this season is shortened any more than the first of May, and I would heartily support the amendment of the good gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, this was brought out before, this won't affect their business this spring. The following spring they can advertise that the season opens a month later, and they will have more bears for their sports.

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

Mr. HUNTER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise in support of the gentleman from Brownville, Mr. Ross, and I am going to vote for the bear cubs.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, I certainly hope that we reconsider this morning so that this amendment could be applied. It is not my intention to prevent a closed season on bear, but rather to close it from January to May instead of January to June. I would suggest to the gentleman from Brownville, Mr. Ross, that probably I should have had my handkerchief out while he was talking about the poor mothers, but I fear that this really was going a little bit too far.

I would certainly hope that the House would reconsider, or if not this morning, that someone would table this bill since I really was

not prepared to debate it this morning.

Mr. Haynes of Camden requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Camden, Mr. Haynes, requests a division on the motion of the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, that the House reconsider its action.

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

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, I move this be tabled until the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, now moves this matter lie upon the table assigned for the next legislative day.

Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth requested a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. All those in favor of this matter being tabled until the next legislative day will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Forty-three having voted in the affirmative and seventy-seven having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, that the House reconsider its action whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted. A division has been requested by the gentleman from Camden, Mr. Haynes.

All those in favor of the reconsideration motion will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Four having voted in the affirmative and one hundred and four having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Bear," H. P. 886, L. D. 1183, was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Bill "An Act Establishing a Commercial Standard for Maine White-Cedar Shingles" (H. P. 947) (L. D. 1283)

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

Resolve Allocating Money to Repair Fish Screen at Outlet of Kezar Lake (H. P. 118) (L. D. 142)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the second time.

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

Mr. GILBERT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The thing that brought me to my feet was the two words 'fish screen.' It seems to me that this is the second fish screen we have had this morning. Now if the arguments which were used to indefinitely postpone the other fish screen, and they got a square deal, then those same arguments should hold true now and this one should be indefinitely postponed.

It just could be that the reason this one got here and the other one got there is the fact that it came from two different committees. This one has come I discovered in the amendment from the Appropriations and Financial Affairs; the other one was a divided report from Inland Fisheries and Game. However, the amendment here says that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game is directed to expend from its funds the sum of \$850 for this purpose. Now I think perhaps maybe the two committees might be inconsistent, but I think this body had better make up its mind, and I'll move that this bill and 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 resolve be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Pitts.

Mr. PITTS: Mr. Speaker, this bill about Kezar Lake is an altogether different situation. Now at Rangeley they tell me that the salmon spawn down river. In Kezar Lake they spawn in the streams, the small streams and rivers that run into Kezar Lake. They don't spawn in the Saco River, so I think this is — they should have the screen there. It is great fishing there. It's one of the best salmon lakes for fishing in the whole state, and they really need the screen there.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Denmark, Mr. Dunn.

Mr. DUNN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: There is quite a bit of difference between this one and the other bill in the fact that this one was drawn up by the Department of Inland Fish and Game, and of course when they drew it up at the request of this sportsmen's club, they as some would expect asked for funds to be taken from the unappropriated surplus rather than Fish and Game funds. There was at one time a screen in this lake and the framework is still there, the screen has to be replaced. This sportsmen's club, and this also has the sanction of all the fish and game clubs in the area, have agreed and have the money ready to pay for half of the installation of this screen. The engineer from the Fish and Game Division has set the price at \$1700 for replacing this screen. The club has agreed to pay one-half of the cost, and also assume the duties of keeping it free from sticks and leaves when — it only has to be used part of the year, and they have agreed to assume this duty. I certainly hope we do not indefinitely postpone this bill.

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

Mr. PALMER: Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, but I will admit that the differences are not there. The same is true in Rangeley Lake.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Denmark, Mr. Dunn.

Mr. DUNN: Mr. Speaker, one fact that I didn't mention, when this came up and was discussed in the Appropriations Committee, they felt that the funds should come from Fish and Game funds to replace the screen. That was the consensus there, that is why the amendment was put in.

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

Mr. GILBERT: Mr. Speaker, I have got my explanation. I will withdraw the motion, but I also feel that it would be proper to reconsider the one at Rangeley Lake come about next Tuesday because I feel that they have got just as valid arguments as these have here. I withdraw my motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Turner, Mr. Gilbert, now withdraws his motion.

Thereupon, the Resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act Providing Moneys for National Legislative Conference to be Held in Maine in 1966 (S. P. 37) (L. D. 377)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 121 voted in favor of same and one against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Finally Passed Emergency Measure

Resolve Creating an Advisory Commission for the Higher Education Study (S. P. 480) (L. D. 1428)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 124 voted

in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Constitutional Amendment

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of the State for Guaranteed Loans on Personal Property for Industrial Purposes (S. P. 222) (L. D. 681)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Littlefield.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to make a brief comment on this Resolve. This is for a Constitutional amendment, L. D. 681, and it is possible under this L. D. to pledge the credit of the state for guaranteed loans on personal property for industrial purposes to the tune of \$40,000,000. I hope you will bear this in mind when you vote for the amendment.

Thereupon, this being a Constitutional Amendment and a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a division was had. 112 voted in favor of same and 15 against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Enactor Tabled and Assigned

An Act Clarifying the Laws Relating to the Division of Geological Survey in Department of Economic Development (S. P. 117) (L. D. 343)

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

(On motion of Mr. Mills of Eastport, tabled pending enactment and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 13.)

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Executions on Civil Judgment (S. P. 232) (L. D. 690)

An Act relating to Sick Leave Benefits for Employees of the Department of Public Works of the City of Lewiston (S. P. 234) (L. D. 692)

An Act to Repeal the Fish Packing Wage Board Law (S. P. 293) (L. D. 908)

An Act relating to Licensing Small Loan Agencies (S. P. 350) (L. D. 1125)

An Act relating to Number Plates on Motorcycles (S. P. 370) (L. D. 1137)

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

Amendment Indefinitely Postponed Passed To Be Engrossed

An Act relating to Operation of Motorcycles While Learning to Drive (S. P. 371) (L. D. 1138)

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

On motion of Mrs. Ruby of Bangor, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" on April 7.

On further motion of the same gentlewoman, the House voted to suspend the rules and to reconsider its action whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted on April 6.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bangor, Mrs. Ruby.

Mrs. RUBY: Mr. Speaker, I now move the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment "A", and I would like to address the House briefly.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is the motion of the gentlewoman from Bangor, Mrs. Ruby, that Committee Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed. The gentlewoman may proceed.

Mrs. RUBY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: If we accept this amendment, this will allow any fifteen year old who has a driver's license to operate a motorcycle for a year without having been properly examined as to his qualifications to drive said machine. If, at the end of the year, he decides he does not want to apply for a license, he has had one year to drive a motorcycle,

has had his fun and worked out his energy. Statistics by the Secretary of State Department prove that the accident rate has risen in regard to motorcycles. I therefore ask you to consider these facts and pass this bill to be engrossed without the amendment. Thank you.

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed, the Bill passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

An Act relating to Time of Ordering Liquor by Certain Licensees (S. P. 403) (L. D. 1227)

An Act relating to Closing State Liquor Stores and Licensees in Case of Riots, Hurricanes and Floods (S. P. 407) (L. D. 1230)

An Act relating to Grouping of Certain School Administrative Units (S. P. 412) (L. D. 1308)

An Act Appropriating Moneys for Dredging Project at New Harbor (H. P. 22) (L. D. 25)

An Act relating to Hours of Moving Pictures on Sunday (H. P. 421) (L. D. 533)

An Act relating to Vacation Time and Retirement Pensions for Employees of City of Lewiston (H. P. 514) (L. D. 667)

An Act relating to Retirement of Employee Option by Local Districts under Maine State Retirement System (H. P. 535) (L. D. 709)

An Act to Clarify the Civil Liability of Civil Defense Shelter Owners (H. P. 633) (L. D. 858)

An Act relating to Inmates at Reformatories Attending Funerals (H. P. 800) (L. D. 1077)

An Act relating to Right to Hold Property of Corporations for Facilities for Elderly Persons (H. P. 802) (L. D. 1094)

An Act relating to Suspension of Lobster License for Molesting Lobster Traps (H. P. 850) (L. D. 1149)

An Act relating to Stickers on Windshields of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Civil Defense and Public Safety (H. P. 876) (L. D. 1172)

An Act to Incorporate Security Corporation (H. P. 903) (L. D. 1213)

An Act to Authorize the Adoption of a System of Marking the Waters of the State (H. P. 952) (L. D. 1288)

An Act relating to School Construction Aid in Administrative Units (H. P. 1052) (L. D. 1427)

An Act relating to Definition of Cord under Weights and Measures Law (H. P. 1053) (L. D. 1429)

An Act to Provide Funds for Expansion of Vending Stand Program for the Blind (H. P. 1054) (L. D. 1430)

Finally Passed

Resolve Providing for a Maine Key Number Digest Committee (S. P. 161) (L. D. 491)

Resolve Appropriating Money for Support of the Civil Air Patrol Program (H. P. 119) (L. D. 143)

Resolve Authorizing Preparation and Sale of Index to Private and Special Laws (H. P. 189) (L. D. 244)

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.

Mr. Bragdon of Perham was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to call your attention to the notices that were on our desks this morning, especially the second notice which says that Wednesday, April 14, the Reference of Bills Committee will not entertain any more bills or resolves for submission unless it is of a dire and unusual emergency. As I understand it, that means that at the conclusion of next week it is going to be almost impossible to get a bill in. I want to call your attention also to the action of the House this morning regarding special road resolve bills. I find myself in a somewhat embarrassing and peculiar position and I wonder if many members of the House in view of the action of the House this morning may not find themselves in the same situation.

Only last week I was approached by some of my con-

stituents from one of the towns in my district with a very worthy special road resolve. I, assuming that we would follow procedures of past sessions, informed them that I felt the special road resolve had gone the way of the dodo bird and that they had better look to other means, the usual means, namely the prescribed methods by the Highway Commission and prescribed by past procedure to get their road built. This road was very similar to the situation which the House approved this morning. Now, this is my point, and I am calling attention to all members of the House, to take a careful look because they may find themselves in the same position. I am going to have to go back and tell my people that I will present their road resolve. I just make these remarks to the members of the House so they may govern themselves accordingly.

Orders of the Day

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

DIVIDED REPORT — Majority (8) — "Ought not to pass" — Minority (2) — "Ought to pass" — Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act relating to Expenses and Travel of County Commissioners of Aroostook County." (H. P. 900) (L. D. 1210)

Tabled — March 26, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Crommett of Millinocket to accept Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

On motion of Mr. Bishop of Presque Isle, retabled pending motion of Mr. Crommett of Millinocket to accept Majority "Ought not to pass" Report, and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 14.

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

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

Tabled—March 26, by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska.

Pending—Final Passage.

The SPEAKER: The chair recognizes the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Doyle.

Mr. DOYLE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Over the years the powers of the State Treasurer have been taken away so that today all we have left is a cashier. Our Constitution says we should have a Treasurer. All this bill does is to clear the way for another bill to establish a treasurer with the power of dual controls.

In the early 1930s under former Governor William Tudor Gardiner, a complete professional survey of Maine State Government was made by the Public Administration Service. Chapter Three of the survey recommended setting up a Department of Finance under a commissioner named by the Governor. In this Department would be four bureaus, Accounts and Control, Purchases, Taxation and Treasury — each under a bureau head who would be a professional state employee.

In 1953 the Citizens Committee on State Government reported to the 96th Legislature to the effect that the Department of Finance should be expanded to the Department of Finance and Administration and that this new department should include in it a Bureau of the Treasury.

The Public Administration Service again made a complete survey of state government. On page 60 of this report the committee noted that "The routine functions of the Treasurer pertain essentially to that of a cashier and such being the case the office of the Treasurer might well be made ultimately a component of the Department of Finance and Administration."

Certainly this bill is no reflection on the ability of the present or of any previous treasurer; however, these surveys and study groups have carefully reviewed the situation and come to the conclusion that the duties of this office can be and should be transferred to a central department in charge of several aspects of state finances. This bill would carry out the necessary constitutional change

and would of course have to be followed by another bill spelling out the specific details of the change-over.

I hope that this bill receives passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: While we are on the subject of the abolishment of the State Treasurer, perhaps it would be wise to review some of the things that have occurred and can occur in this office. To a degree this may be overlooked. However, as a student of government, it is indeed appalling to me to find studies which have cost the people of the State of Maine a large sum of money not even being implemented and going unused. This is what is so disturbing. Of course, I can go on and refer to such studies as the P.A.S. and the Mount and Carter study of December 1958. May I point out a few examples to the members of the House?

In the Mount and Carter special report of December 1958, a number of these were pointed out quite clearly. This report was completed by Certified Public Accountants from New York as requested by the Governor and Council. On Page 12 of this report from which I quote verbatim, it says:

"We do not understand why the State Treasurer should retain physical possession of several millions of dollars in securities when a bank with adequate facilities acting as custodian and trust agent for the state could handle these investments with greater security and efficiency."

They recommend, and I quote, "A bank with adequate facilities should act as custodian and trust agent for all securities owned by the state."

Past Treasurers have made a big production over the volume of securities held. The present Treasurer, I understand, prefers to get this function into the hands of professionals at little cost and probably no cost to the State of Maine. Since I understand that unused

space is available locally and the prestige that goes with being the safekeeper for the State of Maine is apparently of value to that bank, I might ask — Why have we waited until the present Treasurer has come into office to implement this or even thinking of implementing it?

I further quote from the same report:

"Checks to disburse funds are prepared by the Controller's office, passed through the check-signing machine, and then delivered to the Treasurer. No representative of the State Treasurer is present during this operation as has been previously recommended."

In other words, the State Treasurer has no control over his signature and I further quote the recommendation it gives. "The check signing machine should be operated jointly by representatives of the Bureaus of Accounts and Control and the State Treasurer. The Treasurer's representative should take possession of the checks after the machine signature."

It is my understanding that after the early 1940's, after trouble with a certain controller, the Legislature purchased for the Treasury Department such a check signing machine which was never used in the Treasury Department, but it was loaned to the Controller's office and was never replaced. Therefore, the 100,000 checks per month that pass through this office are not even seen by the Treasurer. In this respect, the Treasurer does not have control over his own signature. Good government results only when dual control is established. If you do not have this dual control, there is no real reason nor authority for the State Treasurer.

The PAS survey report of 1956 asserted that a substantial amount of income was being lost each year through failure to invest funds on hand in excess of immediate cash requirements. Subsequent to the release of the PAS report very little action was taken to invest most of the surplus cash. The Mount and Carter report of 1958 recommended that:

"All cash funds of the State of Maine should be consolidated into one central cash pool. Surplus cash in the central cash pool should be invested to produce additional income for the state."

I would like to point out that this is what the present State Treasurer is doing and I am sure you are quite aware of the money that he has saved for the State of Maine as a result.

The survey also recommended that some of the deposit accounts be dropped. It is interesting to note that on January 7, 1965, the new Treasurer found 114 accounts with funds totaling over 12 million dollars. It is my understanding that this has now dropped to approximately 3 million in 43 accounts. In other words, it has dropped from 114 to 43. A number of these checking accounts have been consolidated by the present Treasurer among the banks of Maine and has dropped patronage accounts which had had no activity for years. In other words, the money was gathering dust, but no interest.

There are no laws providing for the State Treasurer to invest the funds. This is one of the weaknesses that we have in the present law. There is a great need for a new look in the planning, financing and management of the government of the State of Maine. The recipients of these actions will be the people we represent. If this is to be done then it has to be done through way of governmental improvement. I would like to point out one thing in particular which does not result in good government for anyone concerned. You cannot really expect a State Auditor to be too critical of a State Treasurer when that Auditor happens to be Treasurer for the political party while at the same time it appears that the State Treasurer was a fund raiser for the same political party. In my opinion it would tend to put both these individuals in a rather embarrassing situation. Of course, if good government proves to be good politics and this is legitimate then I encourage it, but poli-

tics should be played only to this degree. The purpose of this bill is not necessarily to dispose of the functions of state treasurer. The main intent of this bill is to remove it as a constitutional provision. This is necessary before any action is taken further in this office. Whatever is done after that time depends upon the duties which we wish to be performed by that department and whatever it is, whether it be appointive or whether it be replaced into or consolidated into another department is something that will come later. But if you are to strengthen this department, then it must be removed from the present position. It would, of course, insure a greater improvement of government for the entire State of Maine. In my opinion, every attempt should be made to make and insure better government in the state.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bethel, Mrs. Lincoln.

Mrs. LINCOLN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I feel that we should retain the office of Treasurer of the State. To abolish it would be making a change just for the sake of a change. No progress would be made. You would simply be doing away with the name and not the position.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund.

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the passage of this amendment to the State Constitution which would do away with the Office of State Treasurer. In doing so, I would like to call the attention of the members of the House to the remarks of the gentleman from York, Mr. Erwin, on the floor of this House the other day, when he called attention to the need for a constitutional convention to attempt to do a comprehensive revision of our Constitution if that is needed. If a revision is needed in this regard, it seems to me we should not do a cut and patch job, but a comprehensive job which should be carried out.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Truman.

Mr. TRUMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have in my hand a copy of a Commission Report of the Advisory Commission of intergovernmental relations of which our own Senator Edmund S. Muskie is a member. The report is entitled: Investment of Idle Cash Balances by State and Local Governments. The report is dated January, 1961. I would like to refer to a page in this report: "Historical Developments Regarding the Custody and Investment of Government Funds. A drastic change has occurred over the past quarter century in public attitudes and private ethics with respect to the custody and handling of government funds. The late Leonard D. White made the following observation in 1955: It is impossible to estimate the amount of private gain that has been pocketed by custodians of public money during the nineteenth and early part of the twentieth century. The sum would certainly be great. . . This aspect of treasury management has now passed into the more staid. . . period of accurate accounting and public control."

During the month of March past, according to our present Treasurer's monthly exhibit which is today posted in the office of the Secretary of State, the average amount on demand deposit at no interest, was \$3,300,000 during the month of March.

During the month of March of the year in which the above statement was made, the average daily balance on demand deposit at no interest was \$14,255,000. If Mr. Elwell had been Treasurer during that year, and had he maintained the current year's March balance and invested the difference at three percent, he would have earned for the state approximately \$25,000 for that one month of March. This confirms the Public Administration Service estimates in their report of \$300,000 annually. During the past month of March, while this program of reinvestment was being instituted, the new Treasurer was able to reduce the average checkbook balance by approxi-

mately \$4,000,000 over March of last year and had \$5,000,000 in new investments during the last two weeks of the month, earning four percent for the state.

Decisions not to invest idle funds may be taken for a variety of reasons — financial, administrative and political. The county treasurer in explaining which banks received deposits of county funds stated: "You're in politics, basically; we've been trying to keep them all appealed along those lines—its a matter of the wheel that squeaks hardest."

It has been argued in the past that banks would not go along without these large balances, without a service charge. There has been a fair and adequate balance left with every bank on each of the 43 checking accounts in place of the original 114, and there has not been one cent in service charge fall upon the State of Maine, up to and including our April 1st bank statements that have been recently reconciled. It may be a long time before a treasurer will be willing to support the recommendation of the Public Administration experts to the extent that it will eliminate his own position in the interest of insuring better state government in future years and preventing a repetition of loss of interest that runs into millions of dollars during the last ten years.

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

Mr. KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Listening to the comments here this morning by the Majority Party, I personally am more convinced than ever that we should retain the position and the authority of a Treasurer of State. I think the value of this office has been proven by the statements here.

I was interested in the comments of the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, when he finally conceded in his remarks that even though the title and office might be abolished, that we would need officers of this capacity in state government. I agree with the gentlewoman from Bethel, Mrs.

Lincoln, that this is a change just for the sake of change, because in the remarks, I understand that this is what will evolve from the abolition of the title of Treasurer of State, because we will need financial advisors; we will need the position if not the name, and due to the good offices of the incumbent in saving the state this tremendous amount of money, I would hope that we would vote against the final passage of this resolve, and when the vote is taken, I move that it be taken by the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER: This being a Constitutional Amendment, under the Constitution it requires for its final passage a two-thirds vote of the membership of the House, and the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy, has requested that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays.

In order for the Chair to order a roll call, it must have an expressed desire of one-fifth of the members present. All those in favor of the vote being taken by the yeas and nays will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

More than one-fifth of the members present arose.

The SPEAKER: Obviously, more than one-fifth having arisen, the yeas and nays are in order. The question before the House is on the final passage of Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Eliminate the Office of Treasurer of State, H. P. 256, L. D. 326. If you are in favor of the final passage of this Constitutional Amendment, you will say yes; if you are opposed to it, you will say no. The Clerk will call the roll.

ROLL CALL

YEA—Anderson, Orono; Baldic, Beane, Bedard, Benson, Mechanic Falls; Bernard, Binnette, Bishop, Boissonneau, Bourgoin, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bussiere, Carroll, Carswell, Champagne, Childs, Cote, Cottrell, Crommett, Curran, Danton, Doyle, Drigotas, Drouin, Dudley, Dumont, Edwards, Eustis, Faucher, Fecteau, Fortier, Fraser, Mexico; Fraser, Rumford; Gauvin, Graham, Harvey, Bangor; Harvey,

Windham; Harvey, Woolwich; Haugen, Healy, Hunter, Durham; Jordan, Keyte, Kilroy, Knight, La-berge, Lebel, Lent, Levesque, Libhart, Lowery, Martin, McKinnon, Mills, Mitchell, Nadeau, Palmer, Pitts, Poulin, Roy, Ruby, Sawyer, Searles, Starbird, Stoutamyer, Truman, Wheeler, Whittier, Wuori.

NAY — Anderson, Ellsworth; Avery, Baker, Orrington; Baker, Winthrop; Benson, Southwest Hbr.; Berman, Berry, Birt, Bragdon, Brewer, Buck, Burwell, Carter, Cookson, Cressey, Crosby, Cushing, Dunn, Erwin, Evans, Farrington, Gifford, Hammond, Hanson, Gardiner; Hanson, Lebanon; Harriman, Hawes, Hawkes, Haynes, Huber, Hunter, Clinton; Jewell, Katz, Kennedy, Kittredge, Lang, Lewis, Lincoln, Littlefield, Lund, Meisner, Millay, Mosher, Payson, Peaslee, Pendergast, Pike, Prince, Rackliff, Richardson, Cumberland; Richardson, Stonington; Roberts, Ross, Bath; Ross, Brownville; Sahagian, Scott, Storm, Susi, Waltz, Watts, White, Guilford; Wight, Presque Isle; Wood, Young.

ABSENT—Blouin, Conley, D'Alfonso, Davis, Dickinson, Dostie, Gaudreau, Gilbert, Gillan, Glazier, Hoy, Jalbert, Lane, Lycette, Norton, Sullivan, Ward.

Yes, 70; No, 64; Absent, 17.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will announce the vote. Seventy having voted in the affirmative, sixty-four in the negative, seventeen being absent, seventy not being two-thirds of the members present and voting, this Constitutional Amendment fails to receive passage.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the third 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 26, by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland.

Pending—Acceptance.

Thereupon, the “Ought not to pass” Committee Report was ac-

cepted and sent up for concurrence.

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

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

Tabled — March 26, by Mr. Danton of Old Orchard Beach.

Pending — Acceptance of Either Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund.

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: A majority of the Committee on Liquor Control felt this bill presented some serious hazards. Subsequent, however, to it being reported out, I have discussed the bill with its sponsor, the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Danton, and he has some amendments which I believe would overcome the objections of the majority of the Committee, and I therefore move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Liquor Control.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund, that this Bill and its accompanying papers be recommitted to the Committee on Liquor Control. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the fifth 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 26, by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

Pending — Acceptance.

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

The Chair laid before the House the sixth 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) (H. "A" H-144)

Tabled — March 26, by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Thereupon, the Resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

SENATE REPORT — "Ought to pass" in New Draft under Same Title — Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act relating to Schooling of Children on Indian Reservations." (S. P. 466) (L. D. 1404)

Tabled — March 30, by Mr. Binnette of Old Town.

Pending — Acceptance in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cookson of Glenburn, the "Ought to pass" Report was accepted in concurrence, the New Draft read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

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

HOUSE REPORT — "Ought to pass" as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" — Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act to Create the Maine Indian Housing Authority." (H. P. 933) (L. D. 1270) (C. "A" H-163)

Tabled — March 30, by Mrs. Carswell of Portland.

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. 933, L. D. 1270, Bill, "An Act to Create the Maine Indian Housing Authority."

Amend said Bill, in that part designated Sec. 4739, by adding at the end before the single quotation mark the following underlined sentence: "The term "Governor" as used in this chapter means the Governor of the State of Maine."

Committee 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:

SENATE REPORT — "Ought not to pass" — Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Authorizing Expenditure from Funds of Passamaquoddy Tribe for Legal Services to Protect Lands." (S. P. 405) (L. D. 1228)

Tabled — March 31, by Mrs. Carswell of Portland.

Pending — Acceptance in concurrence.

Thereupon, the "Ought not to pass" Committee Report was accepted in concurrence.

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

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT — Majority (7) — "Ought not to pass" — Minority (3) — "Ought to pass" — Committee on State Government on Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Lower the Voting Age to Eighteen Years. (S. P. 153) (L. D. 394)

Tabled — March 31, by Mr. Edwards of Portland.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Edwards of Portland to accept Minority "Ought to pass" Report in concurrence.

Thereupon, the Minority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted in concurrence, the Resolve read once and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

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

Resolve, to Provide Funds for the Purchase of Copies of the "History of Madison." (H. P. 1055) (L. D. 1431) (H. "A" H-174)

Tabled — April 2, by Mr. Bishop of Presque Isle.

Pending — Adoption of House Amendment "A".

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

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

DIVIDED REPORT — Majority (8)—"Ought to pass" in New Draft under title of Bill, "An Act to Liberalize Credit for Out-of-State Service for Teachers under State Retirement Law." (H. P. 1047) (L. D. 1418)—Minority (2)—"Ought not to pass" — 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)

Tabled—April 2, by Mr. Buck of Southport.

Pending—Motion of Mrs. Carswell of Portland to accept Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southport, Mr. Buck.

Mr. BUCK: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: This bill commits the retirement system on the part of the state to an undisclosed sum. We don't know whether there will be one person or two hundred for any one year. How much we pay will be according to what that individual teacher received for up to ten years they worked out of state. In other words, this bill proposes to pay five per cent of their wages received while working out of state. The teacher also pays five per cent of their

own money into the retirement system. If a person were receiving \$9,000 per year for teaching out of state for a ten year—their five per cent for the year would be \$450 and if they received ten years of out-of-state credit there would be \$4,500 payable by the state into this system. Now, the state, as I understand the bill, and I could be wrong in this matter, the school boards in the state can hire any out-of-state teacher they wish if they so vote. And if the school boards of the State of Maine hire, let us say a hundred and fifty teachers, the bill to be taken out of the General Fund would amount to about \$675,000. I do not believe that this House of Representatives, Mr. Speaker, should pass such legislation.

My second reason for questioning such legislation, is that it will reduce jobs available for graduates of our own state colleges. Why do we have these educational institutions if we do not use their graduates? We might just as well close these institutions as train them to be teachers and then offer them no jobs. Here we are training them on one side and then indirectly saying, you are not well-trained so we must hire someone from out-of-state.

This type of legislation, I believe, is more or less unfair to the other teachers of Maine. Teacher training on one side and no jobs on the other. There is no trial period in this arrangement to see if the teacher is well adapted to her work. No evidence was brought to my attention indicating the need of teachers. I belong on the Committee on Retirement and Pensions. It is a very fine committee and I have agreed with every bill we have had before it up to this time. I have gone along with them because I believe what we have done is for the benefit of the teachers of the State of Maine. The people in it, in this committee, are dedicated to helping and doing what they can to improve the lot of their fellowmen in the pension field. Now, I as a beginner am sometimes lost in the discussions which

take place and I suppose that is because I am hard of hearing and am not aware of everything. I believe that we have been very liberal in all the cases which are deserving that have been brought before us.

But, finally in the case at hand it would seem to me that we should know more about the situation. No evidence was brought before the committee at this time, to my knowledge, of the number of teachers that would come in under this bill. I think we ought to know somewhere near the number of teachers. We ought to know what it would cost. It appears to me that this legislation from all the evidence I can gather, at the present moment, ought to be rejected or some limit put on the sum of money the state will raise to pay the retirement fund for out-of-state teachers.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on the motion of the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Carswell, that we accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report. All those in favor of accepting the Majority "Ought to pass" report will say aye, those opposed will say no.

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair, a division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy, and inquires for what purpose the gentleman rises.

Mr. KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I am disturbed about the presentation the gentleman from Southport, Mr. Buck, has presented this House this morning and before the vote is declared, I hope that someone might table this matter until evidence of how much this will cost is brought before this body.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will have to rule that it cannot be tabled now before the vote is declared, the vote has been taken. This could be held up for reconsideration.

Fifty-four having voted in the affirmative and sixty-three having

voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is, shall we accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. KENNEDY: I move that the acceptance of the Minority Report be tabled until one week from today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy, now moves that this matter lie upon the table assigned for one week from today pending acceptance of the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report.

Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Annual Legislative Sessions." (S. P. 44) (L. D. 215) (C. "A" S-68)

Tabled—April 2, by Mr. Cote of Lewiston.

Pending—Final Passage.

On motion of Mr. Ross of Bath, retabled pending final passage and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 28.

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

Resolve, Providing Increase in Retirement Allowance for Fred G. Smith of Ellsworth. (H. P. 1060) (L. D. 1435)

Tabled—April 6, by Mr. Meisner of Dover-Foxcroft.

Pending—Engrossment.

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

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is my opinion that we cannot pass fair judgment on this bill until we have before us two other documents pertaining to the same thing, namely, L. D. 316, and L. D. 675. I would hope that some-

one would table this so that we could have these three bills together.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth, tabled pending engrossment and specially assigned for Thursday, April 15.

The Clerk read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Binnette of Old Town,

Adjourned until Tuesday, April 13, at ten o'clock in the morning.