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OF THE

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*Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1971

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**HOUSE**

Thursday, January 28, 1971

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Linwood Welch of Hallowell.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 138)

December 2, 1970

To the Governor,  
Legislature and  
people of Maine:

I am pleased to present this report on proposed departments as approved by the Legislative Research Committee and its Governmental Operations Subcommittee. As Chairman of this Subcommittee, I want to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for a job well done to all who contributed to this effort. This includes members of the Subcommittee, the Legislative Research Committee, the Area Coordinators, the staff of the State Planning Office, and the Governor of Maine.

This report represents a well-considered and valid base for government consolidation and reorganization to correct the inefficiencies that exist in the operation of our State government where too many separate agencies try to carry out related functions.

The State of Maine must now follow up this report with the legislation and administrative action needed to implement these recommendations and provide the people of this State with more responsive, economical and efficient State government to deal with its many needs and problems.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

RAYMOND M. RIDEOUT, Jr.  
Chairman  
Governmental Operations  
Subcommittee  
of the Legislative  
Research Committee

Came from the Senate read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Joint Resolution:

WE, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Fifth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

WHEREAS, a resolution of our nation's myriad and diverse problems is contingent upon a viable partnership between the Federal Government and strengthened State Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, by its extensive reliance on the graduated income tax as a revenue source, has virtually pre-empted the use of this source from state and local governments, thereby creating a disabling fiscal imbalance between the Federal Government and the state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, increasing demands upon state and local governments for essential public services have compelled the states to rely heavily on highly regressive and inelastic consumer taxes and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, federal revenues based predominantly on income taxes increase significantly faster than economic growth, while state and local revenues based heavily on sales and property taxes do not keep pace with economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal crisis at state and local levels has become the overriding problem of inter-governmental relations and of continuing a viable federal system; and

WHEREAS, the evident solution to this problem is a meaningful sharing of federal income tax resources; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, despite the immediate and imperative need therefor, has failed to enact acceptable revenue sharing legislation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That we, your Memorialists, recommend and urge that the Congress of the United States give immediate and favorable consideration to inter-governmental sharing of Federal Income Tax Revenue; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States and to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State. (S. P. 148)

Came from the Senate read and adopted.

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

Bills from the Senate requiring reference were disposed of in concurrence.

#### **Reports of Committees Ought to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Providing Funds for Conservation Education (S. P. 64) (L. D. 129)

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Use of Money Received by the Penobscot Bay and River Pilotage Commission" (S. P. 10) (L. D. 38)

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

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

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,850,000 for Student Housing at Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Eastern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, and the Maine Maritime

Academy, Site Improvements at Washington County Vocational Technical Institute, Heating and Air Conditioning Shop and Laboratory at Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Completion of School Building at Peter Dana Point Reservation and Tribal Halls for Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Reservations" (H. P. 175) (L. D. 233) which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in the House on January 20.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Wednesday, February 3.

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act relating to Cost of School Construction for State Aid" (H. P. 223) (L. D. 305) which was referred to the Committee on Education in the House on January 21.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Porter of Lincoln, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Wednesday, February 3.

From the Senate: The following Order:

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they adjourn to Tuesday, February 2, at 10 o'clock in the morning (S. P. 149)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

#### **Messages and Documents**

The following Communication:

The Senate of Maine  
Augusta, Maine

January 27, 1971

Hon. Bertha W. Johnson  
Clerk of the  
House of Representatives  
105th Legislature

Dear Madam Clerk:

This is to advise that the President of the Senate has appointed the Senator from Waldo, Senator Edwin H. Greeley, as a member of the Health and Welfare Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

HARRY N. STARBRANCH  
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

The following Communication:

The Senate of Maine  
Augusta, Maine

January 27, 1971

Honorable Bertha W. Johnson  
Clerk of the  
House of Representatives  
105th Legislature

Dear Madam Clerk:

Pursuant to Section 1399 of Title 21, Revised Statutes of Maine, the President of the Senate appointed the Senator from Franklin, Senator Elden H. Shute, Jr., and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Ronald L. Kellam, as members of the Campaign Reports Committee.

Pursuant to Section 2063 of Title 34, Revised Statutes of Maine, he also appointed the Senator from York, Senator Walter W. Hichens, as a member of the Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded.

Pursuant to Section 201 of Title 3, Revised Statutes of Maine, he also appointed the Senator from Somerset, Senator Harvey Johnson as a member of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation.

Pursuant to Section 2803 of Title 20, Revised Statutes of Maine, he re-appointed the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bennett D. Katz as a member of the New England Board of Higher Education.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

HARRY N. STARBRANCH  
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves  
Requiring Reference**

The following Bills, Resolves and Resolution were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee

on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

**Agriculture**

Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Harness Horse Racing and Stipend Fund" (H. P. 321)  
(Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Appropriations and  
Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act relating to Continuation of Accreditation of the Augusta State Hospital (H. P. 322)  
(Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for State Government Internship Program" (H. P. 323)  
(Presented by Mr. Curtis of Orono)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Survey the Boundaries of Passamaquoddy Tribal Lands" (H. P. 324)  
(Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport)

Resolve Providing Funds for the Maine Golf Swing Tour (H. P. 325)  
(Presented by Mrs. Doyle of Bangor)

Resolve in Favor of Town of Haynesville for Development of a Recreational Area (H. P. 326)  
(Presented by Mr. Williams of Hodgdon)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Business Legislation**

Bill "An Act to Authorize Savings Bank Loans Covered by Mortgage Guaranty Insurance" (H. P. 327)  
(Presented by Mr. Clark of Jefferson)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**County Government**

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Full-time Deputies in all Counties" (H. P. 328)  
(Presented by Mr. Dyar of Strong)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of Aroostook County" (H. P. 329)  
(Presented by Mr. Haskell of Houlton)

Bill "An Act Creating County Commissioner Districts for Hancock County" (H. P. 330)

(Presented by Mr. MacLeod of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act to Increase Salaries of Jury Commissioners for Hancock County" (H. P. 331)

(Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Education

Bill "An Act Repealing Size Requirement for Secondary Schools" (H. P. 332) (Presented by Mr. Dyar of Strong)

Bill "An Act relating to School Construction Aid" (H. P. 333) (Presented by Mr. Orestis of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act relating to Secondary Tuition Payments to the Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf" (H. P. 334) (Presented by Mr. Woodbury of Gray)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Election Laws

Bill "An Act relating to Time for Filing Nomination Petition by Candidates for State and County Office" (H. P. 335) (Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket)

Bill "An Act relating to Assistance to Blind Persons in Marking Absentee Ballots" (H. P. 336) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Orono)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Candidates from Notarizing an Absentee Ballot" (H. P. 337) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Driggers in Part of New Meadows River, Sagadahoc and Cumberland Counties" (H. P. 338) (Presented by Mr. Bailey of Woolwich)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Fisher" (H. P. 339) (Presented by Mr. Barnes of Alton)

Bill "An Act relating to Posting Beaver Flowages" (H. P. 340) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve relating to Fishing in Mopang Lake, Washington County" (H. P. 341) (Presented by Mr. Churchill of Orland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act relating to the Administration of Aid to the Aged, Blind, Disabled and Medically Indigent" (H. P. 342) (Presented by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to the Right of Eminent Domain by Electric Power Companies" (H. P. 343) (Presented by Mr. Marsh of Hampden by request)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of District Court Judges" (H. P. 344) (Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act relating to the Detention of Juveniles" (H. P. 345) (Presented by Mrs. Payson of Falmouth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Labor

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Industrial Homework" (H. P. 346) (Presented by Mrs. Doyle of Bangor)

Bill "An Act relating to Switch Targets under Railroad Law" (H. P. 347) (Presented by Mr. Genest of Waterville)

Bill "An Act relating to Size and Construction of Railroad Caboose Cars" (H. P. 348) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Amending and Restating the Act to Incorporate York Institute" (H. P. 349) (Presented by Mr. Bedard of Saco)

Bill "An Act Amending and Restating the Act to Incorporate Dyer Library Association" (H. P. 350) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to Damages Caused by Traveling Circuses, Carnivals and Public Exhibitions" (H. P. 351) (Presented by Mr. Donaghy of Lubec)

Bill "An Act relating to Operation of Snowmobiles During Night-time in Municipalities" (H. P. 352) (Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta)

Bill "An Act relating to Name of The Electronic Technicians' Association, Inc." (H. P. 353) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to Precautions at Railroad Crossings" (H. P. 354) (Presented by Mr. Orestis of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Health and Institutional Services**

Bill "An Act relating to Health Warnings on Labels on Liquor Bottles" (H. P. 355) (Presented by Mr. Barnes of Alton)

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alton, Mr. Barnes.

Mr. BARNES: Mr. Speaker, I would point out that two years ago this bill was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and I would move that it be referred to that committee again this time.

Thereupon, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

**Liquor Control**

Bill "An Act relating to Drinking in Unlicensed Places" (H. P. 356) (Presented by Mr. Maddox of Vinalhaven)

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Wine in Retail Stores" (H. P. 357) (Presented by Mr. Slane of Portland)

Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Business of Liquor Licensees on Election Days" (H. P. 358) (Presented by Mr. Slane of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act relating to the Conduct of Hearings Required by the

State's Environmental Laws" (H. P. 359) (Presented by Mr. Whitson of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Public Utilities**

Bill "An Act Creating the Dexter Utility District" (H. P. 360) (Presented by Mr. Keyte of Dexter)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemptions for Public Utilities to the Revised Boiler Law" (H. P. 361) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Hodgdon)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**State Government**

Bill "An Act relating to Accrued Sick Leave of State Employees" (H. P. 362) (Presented by Mr. Barnes of Alton)

Bill "An Act relating to Maternity Leave for State Employees" (H. P. 363) (Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Pay for One Hundred Percent of Health Insurance Plans for State Employees" (H. P. 364) (Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta)

Bill "An Act Permitting Maine Port Authority to Operate Certain Charter Service in Addition to Maine State Ferry Service" (H. P. 365) (Presented by Mr. Maddox of Vinalhaven)

Bill "An Act relating to Vacation Leave for State Employees" (H. P. 366) (Presented by Mr. Marsh of Hampden by request)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Northfield and Wesley from the Maine Forestry District" (H. P. 367) (Presented by Mr. Kelley of Machias)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

Resolve to Reimburse Anthony Moscone for Loss of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products by Fire (H. P. 368) (Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket)

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

#### Taxation (cont'd)

Resolve to Reimburse Ripley & Fletcher Co. of South Paris for Gasoline Shrinkage (H. P. 369) (Presented by Mr. Immonen of West Paris)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Tabled and Assigned

Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Repealing the Limitation to Highway Purposes for Revenues Derived from Taxation of Vehicles Used on Public Highways and Fuels Used by Such Vehicles (H. P. 370) (Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta)

(On motion of Mr. Wood of Brooks, tabled pending reference and specially assigned for Tuesday, February 2.)

#### Transportation

Bill "An Act Providing Additional Driver License Examiners in the Division of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 371) (Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket)

Bill "An Act relating to Length of Combination of Motor Vehicles and Semitrailers Transporting Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 372) (Presented by Mr. Wood of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Veterans and Retirement

Resolve Providing a Minimum Service Retirement Allowance under the State Retirement Law for Ernest F. Miller (H. P. 373) (Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta)

Resolve Providing a Minimum Service Retirement Allowance under the State Retirement Law for Grace V. Pullen (H. P. 374) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Orders

Mr. Clemente of Portland presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its adoption:

WE, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine of the One Hundred and Fifth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, the planned closure of the Public Health Service Clinic in Portland would affect some 20,000 area service patients on a yearly basis; and

WHEREAS, the need for better medical care is such a vital concern and the closing of said clinic could only add greatly to the public and private clinics available; and

WHEREAS, this clinic in Portland is the only one of its type in Maine serving service people and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the said clinic will render undue medical hardship to our Maine service people and their dependents, in seeking care and badly needed medical attention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, do protest the closure of the Public Health Service Clinic at Portland and request the Bureau of the Budget to reconsider such a move to close said clinic because of its vital program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Members of the United States Congress from the State of Maine are hereby urgently requested to use every possible means to cause the possible decision to close said clinic to be reversed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, to the Members of the United States Congress from the State of Maine and to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, Washington, D.C. (H. P. 375)



The Joint Resolution was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

#### House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Lawry from the Committee on Education reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing a Bond Issue in the Amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars for a Vocational Institute in Knox County" (H. P. 110) (L. D. 154)

Mr. Tyndale from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for Voting in School Administrative District by Residents of Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 95) (L. D. 139)

In accordance with Joint Rule 17-A, were placed in the legislative files and sent to the Senate.

#### Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Scott from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Credit Reports" (H. P. 27) (L. D. 36) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Farrington from the Committee on State Government reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Toll - free Use of the Maine Turnpike by Members of the Legislature" (H. P. 80) (L. D. 120)

Mr. Keyte from the Committee on Transportation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Provisional Motor Vehicle Operator's Licenses" (H. P. 33) (L. D. 57)

Mr. Lebel from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Registrations by Municipal Tax Officers" (H. P. 86) (L. D. 126)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Maddox from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Certificates of Authority to Inspect Elevators for Insurance Purposes" (H. P. 57) (L. D. 98)

Mr. Murray from the Committee on Education reported same on Bill "An Act Clarifying School Construction Aid on a Special Project in School Administrative Dis-

trict No. 22" (H. P. 184) (L. D. 242)

Mr. Simpson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Annual Meeting of Mount Desert Island Regional School District" (H. P. 111) (L. D. 155)

Mr. Bartlett from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Holding Property by Greenville Water Company, formerly Greenville Light and Power Company" (H. P. 159) (L. D. 214)

Mrs. Berube from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Capital Stock and Indebtedness of Northern Water Company" (H. P. 104) (L. D. 169)

Mr. Conley from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Property, Capital Stock and Indebtedness of the Skowhegan Water Company" (H. P. 121) (L. D. 165)

Mr. Marsh from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Property, Capital Stock and Indebtedness of Eastport Water Company" (H. P. 79) (L. D. 119)

Mr. Mosher from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Capital Stock, Property and Indebtedness of North Berwick Water Company" (H. P. 157) (L. D. 212)

Mr. Rand from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Property, Capital Stock and Bonds of the Hartland Water Company" (H. P. 156) (L. D. 211)

Mr. Shute from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Capital Stock of Southwest Harbor Water Company" (H. P. 158) (L. D. 213)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Capital Stock and Indebtedness of the Waldoboro Water Company" (H. P. 105) (L. D. 170)

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

#### Recommended

Mr. Hodgdon from the Committee on State Government

reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Vacancies in State and County Offices Before Officers - elect Die or Resign" (H. P. 122) (L. D. 166)

Report was read.

On motion of Mr. Donaghy of Lubec, the Report and Bill were recommitted to the Committee on State Government and sent up for concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mrs. Boudreau from the Committee on Election Laws on Bill "An Act relating to Boards of Registration for Certain Municipalities under Election Laws" (H. P. 61) (L. D. 102) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mr. Starbird from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws of the Department of Veterans Services" (H. P. 49) (L. D. 83) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills read twice. Committee Amendment "A" (H-7 and H-8) to each was read by the Clerk and adopted, and the Bills assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

#### Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Designating November 11th as Armistice Day" (H. P. 32) (L. D. 56) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. JOHNSON of Somerset  
CLIFFORD of  
Androscoggin  
of the Senate.  
Messrs. HODGDON of Kittery  
FARRINGTON  
of Old Orchard Beach  
Mrs. GOODWIN of Bath  
Messrs. STARBIRD  
of Kingman Township  
CURTIS of Orono  
STILLINGS of Berwick  
HANSON of Gardiner

MARSTALLER of  
Freeport  
DONAGHY of Lubec  
- of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. WYMAN of Washington  
- of the Senate.  
Mr. COONEY of Webster  
- of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Donaghy of Lubec, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted.

The Bill was given its two several readings.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Administrative Hearing Commissioner for Subpoenas to Parents of Minors" (S. P. 9) (L. D. 23)

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

#### Third Reader

##### Indefinitely Postponed

Bill "An Act Authorizing Secretary of State to Issue Summary of Motor Vehicle Laws to Tourists" (S. P. 5) (L. D. 19)

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

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

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill is small in nature, and it was before the Transportation Committee, of which I am a member. It seems to have a unanimous support. However, I had to be at another hearing. I was not present when it was reported out.

I saw no good reason for the passage of this measure, and so I inquired from other members on what method they decided this issue. One member told me it

wasn't coming from Highway funds so it probably would be all right, it would die on the Appropriations Table. I asked another member what method he used in signing this type of bill out it ought to pass. He said, well, the sponsor had five bills before the committee and they were all no good, but they thought they ought to pass one of his bills, so they passed this one.

Now I don't pass bills out of this House for any of these reasons. Now I would like to tell you what this bill does. It is really minor in nature, and it only involves a few thousand dollars. But this House has a tendency to keep letting a few thousand dollars slip through their fingers. This is not my intention.

Well let me tell you what it does. This prints a small book of laws to pass out to people that enter our state telling them what the laws of Maine's highway are. And I suspect they will accept them and toss them out the windows as soon as they get up the road a piece. This causes litter on the highway, of which we already have plenty. This is one reason why I wouldn't pass the bill out. The cost is there.

Now the Highway Department says they have no objections to the bill because it wasn't coming out of their funds. However, they said if any member of this House would like to have any more of their motor vehicle laws printed on the road map, of which they now print most of the laws that differ from other states, they would be more than glad to do it because they have room. Especially this year, where they put the governor's picture, they didn't know whose picture to put on the front so there is plenty of space there. As a matter of fact, they were looking for something to put in the void space.

So might I suggest that if you members have some laws that you would like to inform these people, that it could be very well put on the road map, which is already being printed, at no extra cost to the State of Maine or its taxpayers.

And I would further like to state while I am on my feet that I am here to serve the people of Maine, and if I am going to spend a few thousand dollars it is going to be to benefit the people that I represent, not some people that are coming in here from out of state. And for these few reasons, and to expedite matters, I would move that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

Now I will tell you how this will expedite matters. If we put this on the Senate table it will be carried there until the last days of this body's meeting, at which time the Appropriations Committee will probably kill it anyway. But it will be carried and reprinted on every calendar of the Senate calendar on the Appropriations Table until we adjourn the final adjournment. So I think this would expedite matters, to indefinitely postpone the bill, and I so move.

Mr. Fraser of Mexico asked for a vote.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is the motion of the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, that this bill be indefinitely postponed. If you are in favor of indefinite postponement you will vote yes; if you are opposed you will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

100 having voted in the affirmative and 23 having voted in the negative, the Bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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#### Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Open Season for Bass by Ice Fishing (H. P. 38) (L. D. 70)

An Act relating to Daily Bag Limit of Certain Fish Taken by Ice Fishing (H. P. 40) (L. D. 72)

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.

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#### Orders of the Day

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

An Act relating to Political Advertisements on State Property (H. P. 18) (L. D. 27)

Tabled — January 26, by Mr. Henley of Norway.

Pending — Passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. Henley of Norway, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action of January 14 whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same gentleman then offered

House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-6) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Susi of Pittsfield,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 2, at ten o'clock in the morning.