

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Tuesday, March 16, 1971

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. George S. Edmunds of Oakland.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem by the Hall-Dale High School Band of the Hallowell, Farmingdale area.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Orders Out of Order

Mr. Shaw of Chelsea presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Molly Alexander and Stephanie Dow of Farmingdale be appointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

Mr. Mahany of Easton presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Shelley Brown of Easton be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

Papers from the Senate

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

**Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Permit the Offering of Group Auto Insurance to Combinations of Persons" (S. P. 216) (L. D. 662)

In accordance with Joint Rule 17-A, was placed in the legislative files.

Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Discrimination in Insurance" (S. P. 294) (L. D. 846) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of the District Court in Proceedings to Quiet Title in Real Estate Matters" (S. P. 82) (L. D. 176) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 437) (L. D. 1147) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the New Draft passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the New Draft read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Group Fishing Permits for Inmates and Patients at State Institutions" (S. P. 177) (L. D. 529)

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Financial Report of State Housing Authority" (S. P. 181) (L. D. 533)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Pertaining to the Salary of the Administrative Hearing Commissioner" (S. P. 237) (L. D. 699)

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 tomorrow assigned.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing Funds for Shalom House, Inc., a Halfway House, in Portland" (S. P. 272) (L. D. 800)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HICHENS of York
GREELEY of Waldo
— of the Senate.
Mrs. PAYSON of Falmouth

Mr. CLEMENTE of Portland
 Mrs. CUMMINGS of Newport
 Mrs. DOYLE of Bangor
 Mr. SANTORO of Portland
 — of the House.

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

Report was signed by the follow-
 ing members:

Mr. MINKOWSKY of Andros-
 coggin
 — of the Senate.

Mrs. BERRY of Madison
 Messrs. LESSARD of Lisbon
 DYAR of Strong
 LEWIS of Bristol
 Mrs. McCORMICK of Union
 — of the House.

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

In the House: Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair
 recognizes the gentlewoman from
 Falmouth, Mrs. Payson.

Mrs. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, I
 move that the Majority Report
 "Ought to pass" be accepted by
 the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentle-
 woman from Falmouth, Mrs. Pay-
 son moves that the House accept
 the Majority "Ought to pass"
 Report in concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentle-
 woman from Madison, Mrs. Berry.

Mrs. BERRY: Mr. Speaker and
 Members of the House: As you
 see I signed this in the minority.
 It was my opinion and some of
 those that signed in the minority
 that this is a church-sponsored
 group and although it has its
 merits we thought if we started
 this sort of thing that there would
 be a lot of things that we could
 contribute to, and this was our
 thinking.

The SPEAKER: The Chair
 recognizes the gentleman from
 Bristol, Mr. Lewis.

Mr. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker and
 Members of the House: As a signer
 of the Minority "Ought not to
 pass" Report, my thoughts coin-
 cide with those of Mrs. Berry. We
 felt that this was another instance
 of getting the foot in the door and
 there would be any number of re-
 quests in the future.

Therefore, I would hope that the
 Minority Report be accepted.

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

Mr. GILL: Mr. Speaker and
 Ladies and Gentlemen of the
 House: I rise to support the motion
 that this bill ought to pass. True,
 this is a church-sponsored group,
 and I personally would rather see
 this work being done by a church-
 sponsored group or by some local
 group than for the State eventually
 to go into this.

The fact that this matter requires
 an appropriation would require it
 to go to the Appropriations Table
 where the action would be on the
 last night in the session. I would
 also point out that this is not the
 first time that we have supported
 some local groups with some help.

This particular document is
 doing a job that apparently cannot
 be done by the State of Maine as
 a whole and so therefore I support
 this and if it passes it will just
 go to the other body where it will
 be placed upon the Appropriations
 Table.

The SPEAKER: The Chair
 recognizes the gentlewoman from
 Newport, Mrs. Cummings.

Mrs. CUMMINGS: Mr. Speaker
 and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
 House: I hope that you will pass
 this bill. Yes, it is church-spon-
 sored, but it is sponsored by many
 churches, and it is a cooperative
 group and is more or less on an
 experimental basis, although the
 experiment has been tried success-
 fully in other states.

I think that you will find it is
 actually the kind of bill that will
 start something in this state that
 we find very valuable. These
 patients when they come out of
 hospitals really don't do very well
 if they are just thrown cold out
 into the community. If they have a
 Halfway House such as this it
 makes their return to a normal life
 much easier and I would hope that
 you would approve of the "ought
 to pass."

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

Mrs. DOYLE: Mr. Speaker and
 Members of the House: As you
 know I was also a signer of the
 Majority "Ought to pass" Report.
 I support Mrs. Payson's remarks
 and the bill. I hope that the

Majority Report will prevail. This is a much needed program in the state. The state cannot afford to fund such a program over a continual period of time. However, this group is simply asking for seed money to get a much needed Half-way House program off the ground. Then it will be a completely community operated program.

As you will note, the two health professionals on the Health and Institutional Services Committee were signers of the Majority Report. I hope that the Majority Report will prevail. Thank you.

Whereupon, Mr. Lewis of Bristol requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentlewoman from Falmouth, Mrs. Payson, that the House accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report in concurrence. All those in favor of accepting the Majority Report will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 50 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

The Bill was given its two several readings and tomorrow assigned.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Reducing the Size of the House of Representatives and the Senate (S. P. 53) (L. D. 94)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WYMAN of Washington
JOHNSON of Somerset
— of the Senate.
Messrs. HODGDON of Kittery
FARRINGTON
of Old Orchard Beach
DONAGHY of Lubec
MARSTALLER of Free-
port
STILLINGS of Berwick
STARBIRD
of Kingman Township
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee on same Resolution reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 436) (L. D. 1146) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. CLIFFORD
of Androscoggin
— of the Senate.
Messrs. COONEY of Webster
CURTIS of Orono
Mrs. GOODWIN of Bath
— of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Minority Report accepted and the Resolution passed to be engrossed.

In the House: Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Marsteller.

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

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Marsteller, moves the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report in non-concurrence.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am delighted to be back in action when this little gem appears on our calendar. There is always a group of persons dedicated to any sort of changes, be it annual sessions, the abolition of the Council, the consolidation of departments, and various nefarious revisions.

In 1957, even I was caught up in this web of intrigue and change. I sponsored and saw through this House of Representatives the four-year term for governor. I have regretted it ever since.

Robert Service once wrote a poem about such persons. I quoted it last year; it still applies now, and if you will bear with me I will repeat it.

"They range the fields, they rove the flood,

They enclimb the mountain's crest.

Theirs is the curse of the gypsy blood,

And they don't know how to rest.

If they went straight they might go far,

For they are strong and brave and true.

But they're always tired of things that are,

And they want the strange and the new.

They say 'Could I find my proper groove,

What a deep mark I would make.'

So they chop and change and each fresh move

Is only a fresh mistake."

Now two years ago an innovative group suddenly came up with a dandy new idea, and that was to cut the size of our House from 151 to 96 in the name of efficiency, progress and reform. They said that they could pay higher salaries and attract more qualified people, that we perhaps could all have office space and clerical help.

In my opinion these reasons were not even tempting carrots. This year the other body has been magnanimous. They have only offered to cut us down by 25 while cutting themselves by one.

Our House is very manageable the way it is now. It has earned national acclaim for its decorum and dignity. Visitors who come here with knowledge of other legislative bodies are amazed at the orderly and efficient manner in which this House is run. Maine, as you know, in size is larger than all of the other New England states put together. Still we only have the second smallest House in New England.

We have not always had the same size House of Representatives. When we became a state in 1820 we started with 141 persons. Later this was increased to 200. Still later, with a population of one-half million persons, it was reduced to 151, where it stands now. And by and large our constituents are more demanding now than they were then. Some of you — and you know yourselves all too well — represent anywhere from 10 to 12 towns. How in the world could you possibly do more?

As for the quality of legislators, in my mind many of the present men and women in the House would automatically be out under such a scheme as this. I am not averse to logical changes. I am sure that certain departmental reshuffling is warranted. And later on I fully intend to vote for a new

method of electing the Governor's Council, even though my district will probably never have another Republican on the Governor's Council. And I am doing this because I feel that the present method of electing councilors is very very unfair.

However, this is very different in my opinion, this little dandy before us right now. It only parades under the guise of progress, and I now move that it and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. And when the vote is taken I request that it be taken by the yeas and nays.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It would be impossible to add anything to the remarks of the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross. I simply want to make it known to this group that I concur with him 100 per cent in the position that he is taking in this matter.

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

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It makes me sad indeed to hear a gentleman, who has sponsored as much fine progressive legislation as the gentleman from Bath has, take such a negative position on an issue confronting the legislature of state-wide importance such as this one. It makes me feel even sadder indeed to learn that apparently neither the majority nor the minority parties have had the opportunity to consider this matter in their caucuses and to consider whether a position should be taken on it.

We seem to have ample time to discuss many issues that seem to me to be of far less importance to the future of legislative progress in this state. And as reluctant as I am to suggest that a measure which has been debated ought to be tabled, it seems to me before this measure is given such a hasty demise that at least it might be tabled in order to give an opportunity for some discussion in caucus by the respective parties.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi.

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker, I move this be tabled for one day.

Whereupon, Mr. Ross of Bath requested a vote on the tabling motion.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested on the tabling motion. All in favor of tabling for one legislative day will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken. 61 voted in the affirmative and 73 voted in the negative.

Whereupon, Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake requested a roll call.

The SPEAKER: The yeas and nays have been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All members desiring a roll call vote will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken, and more than one fifth of the members present having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: If you are in favor of tabling Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Reducing the Size of the House of Representatives and the Senate, Senate Paper 53, L. D. 94, you will vote yes; if you are opposed you will vote no.

ROLL CALL

YES — Albert, Ault, Baker, Barnes, Bartlett, Bedard, Berube, Bourgoin, Bustin, Carter, Clark Cooney, Cottrell, Cummings, Curtis, T. S., Jr.; Cyr, Dow, Drigotas, Dyar, Emery, D. F.; Farrington, Faucher, Fecteau, Gill, Goodwin, Hancock, Haskell, Hayes, Henley, Hewes, Immonen, Jalbert, Kelley, P.S.; Lawry, Label, Lincoln, Lucas, Lund, Lynch, Manchester, Martin, McCloskey, McTeague, Millett, Morrell, Murray, Norris, Orestis, Parks, Pontbriand, Porter, Shute, Simpson, L. E.; Simpson, T. R.; Smith, D. M.; Smith, E. H.; Susi, Theriault, Trask, Tyndale, Webber, White, Whitson, Wood, M. W.

NO — Bailey, Bernier, Berry, G. W.; Berry, P. P.; Binnette, Bither,

Boudreau, Bragdon, Brown, Brown, Bunker, Call, Carey, Carrier, Churchill, Clemente, Collins, Conley, Cote, Crosby, Curran, Curtis A. P.; Doyle, Dudley, Emery, E. M.; Evans, Finemore, Fraser, Gagnon, Gauthier, Genest, Good, Hall, Hardy, Hawkins, Herrick, Hodgdon, Kelleher, Kelley, K. F.; Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, Lee, Lessard, Lewin, Lewis, Littlefield, MacLeod, Maddox, Mahany, Marsh, Marsteller, McCormick, McKinnon, McNally, Mills, Mosher, O'Brien, Page, Payson, Pratt, Rand, Rocheleau, Rollins, Ross, Scott, Shaw, Silverman, Slane, Starbird, Stillings, Tanguay, Wheeler, Wight, Williams, Wood, M.E.; Woodbury.

ABSENT — Birt, Dam, Donaghy, Hanson, Jutras, Lizotte, Santoro, Sheltra, Vincent.

Yes, 64; No, 77; Absent, 9.

The SPEAKER: Sixty-four having voted in the affirmative and seventy-seven in the negative, the motion to table does not prevail.

The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, that both Reports and Resolution be indefinitely postponed. The yeas and nays have been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman of the House: I am one of the nefarious people that has been identified by the representative from Bath. I am in favor of a change in the size of the House. L. D. 1146 that is before us is a bit of a compromise. The original proposal advocated a Senate of 17 members and a House of 25 members. The L. D. before us advocates a Senate of 31 and a House of 125.

My thinking personally is that perhaps 99 or 100 would be a more efficient size for the House, but I think that any reduction would be an improvement. A House of 125 members would mean that the average constituency would be approximately 8,000 citizens. Some of us already represent more than 8,000 citizens. And I hope that our citizens are not suffering.

Some of the cities, of course, under any change would have fewer representatives, since their representatives are elected at large.

From a cost standpoint, reduction of the House membership makes sense. Although it has been estimated that present fiscal support of the Maine Legislature is well below one per cent of our total state expenditures, it is in reality a very modest figure; yet Maine ranks high among the states in its percentage of legislative support. The combination of a large House and a small population and a poor state explains this paradox in our expenditures on our legislature.

From a governmental standpoint, the pros and cons of the 1969 bill to reduce the House to 196 were fully debated. One legislator complained that if the bill passed his district would measure the size of Rhode Island. Another responded that his district was already 30 by 44 miles. Still another countered that one Senator was ably servicing a district 230 miles in length. But these views serve to illustrate the point that all distances are, after all, relative, and that today's instant communications and improved travel do make large districts manageable.

I cannot read from Robert Service this morning, but I would like to read a short section of the Federalist Papers that contain a warning, I think, that applies today.

"In all legislative assemblies the greater the number comprising them may be, the fewer will be the men who will in fact direct their proceedings. The people can never err more than in supposing that by multiplying their representatives beyond a certain limit they strengthen the barrier against the government of the few. Experience will forever admonish them that on the contrary, after securing a sufficient number for the purpose of safety of local information, and of diffusive sympathy with the whole society, they will counteract their own views by every addition to the representatives."

Ladies and gentleman, may I urge you to support some kind of a reduction in the size of the House.

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

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am probably the one that Representative Curtis is referring to on territory the size of the State of Rhode Island. The State of Rhode Island has got 32,000; I have got 88 miles long, 40 miles wide. The same territory here in the State of Maine supports the full state government in the State of Rhode Island.

As Representative Ross from Bath has said, this gem has been before the legislature several times in varied forms. I think it ought to have the same treatment now as it did then, for the simple reason that to drive my territory from one end to the other is an hour and a half. In one part of it I travel through Canada for 62 miles to get to the shortest route into part of my district.

If you consider this giving representation to the people, then I can't agree.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Goodwin.

Mrs. GOODWIN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As a signer of the progressive "ought to pass" report, I would like to remind the gentleman from Bath that he was himself responsible for one of the most nefarious changes ever to take place in this legislature. It was he who first urged me to run. (laughter)

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

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My position is exactly as that of the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon. I am against the motion of "ought to pass," and I am not going to say any more because, as Mr. Bragdon feels, I feel that Mr. Ross covered the situation very adequately and very thoroughly. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: All in favor of a roll call vote will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken, and more than one fifth of the members present having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, that both Reports and Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Reducing the Size of the House of Representatives and the Senate, Senate Paper 53, L.D. 94, be indefinitely postponed. If you are in favor of the motion you will vote yes; if you are opposed you will vote no.

ROLL CALL

YEAS — Albert, Bailey, Barnes, Bartlett, Bedard, Bernier, Berry, G. W.; Berry, P. P.; Berube, Binnette, Bither, Boudreau, Bragdon, Brawn, Brown, Bunker, Call, Carey, Carrier, Churchill, Clark, Clemente, Conley, Cote, Crosby, Curran, Curtis, A. P.; Doyle, Emery, E. M.; Evans, Farrington, Faucher, Fecteau, Finemore, Gagnon, Gauthier, Genest, Good, Hall, Hancock, Hardy, Haskell, Hawken, Hayes, Henley, Hodgdon, Immonen, Kelleher, Kelley, K. F.; Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, Lebel, Lee, Lessard, Lewin, Lewis, Lincoln, Littlefield, MacLeod, Maddox, Mahany, Marsh, Marstaller, McCormick, McKinnon, McNally, Millett, Mills, Mosher, O'Brien, Page, Parks, Payson, Pratt, Rand, Rocheleau, Rollins, Ross, Scott, Shaw, Shute, Silverman, Simpson, L. E.; Simpson, T. R.; Slane, Starbird, Stillings, Tanguay, Theriault, Trask, Tyndale, Webber, Wheeler, White, Wight, Williams, Wood, M. W.; Wood, M. E.; Woodbury.

NAYS — Ault, Baker, Birt, Bourgoin, Bustin, Carter, Collins, Cooney, Cottrell, Cummings, Curtis, T. S., Jr.; Cyr, Dow, Drigotas, Dyar, Emery, D. F.; Fraser, Gill, Goodwin, Herrick, Hewes, Jalbert, Kelley, P. S.; Lawry, Lucas, Lund, Lynch, Manchester, Martin, McCloskey, McTeague, Morrell, Murray, Norris, Orestis, Pontbriand, Porter, Smith, D. M.; Smith, E. H.; Susi, Whitson

ABSENT—Dam, Donaghy, Dudley, Hanson, Jutras, Lizotte, Santoro, Sheltra, Vincent.

Yes, 100; No, 41; Absent 9.

The SPEAKER: One hundred having voted in the affirmative and forty-one voted in the negative, nine being absent, the motion does prevail in non-concurrence.

Sent up for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Report of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act to Revise Eligibility Requirements for Unemployment Compensation Benefits" (H. P. 423) (L. D. 557) reporting Leave to Withdraw which was accepted in the House on March 10.

Came from the Senate recommended to the Committee on Labor in non-concurrence.

In the House: In motion of Mr. Good of Westfield, the House voted to recede and concur.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Issuance of Malt Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 429) (L. D. 563) reporting Leave to Withdraw which was accepted in the House on March 10.

Came from the Senate recommended to the Committee on Liquor Control in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Stillings of Berwick, the House voted to recede and concur.

Messages and Documents

THE SENATE OF MAINE AUGUSTA, MAINE

March 12, 1971

Hon. Bertha W. Johnson

Clerk of the House
of Representatives
105th Legislature

Dear Madam Clerk:

The Senate today voted to join in a Committee of Conference on Bill, An Act Relating to Record of Plans by Registers of Deeds. (H. P. 728) (L. D. 816)

The President appointed the following members of the Senate to the Committee:

Senators:

PEABODY of Aroostook
SCHULTEN of Sagadahoc

MARTIN of Piscataquis
Respectfully,

(Signed)

HARRY N. STARBRANCH

Harry N. Starbranch
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read
and ordered placed on file.

On the part of the House, the
Speaker appointed the following
Conferees on the disagreeing
action of the two branches of the
Legislature on Bill "An Act
relating to Record of Plans by Regis-
ters of Deeds", House Paper 728,
L. D. 816:

Messrs. FRASER of Mexico

DYAR of Strong

CURRAN of Bangor

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolu-
tion were received and, upon rec-
ommendation of the Committee on
Reference of Bills, were referred
to the following Committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Authorize Bond
Issue in the Amount of \$3,213,000
for the Development, Expansion
and Improvement of State Park
Facilities" (H. P. 1108) (Presented
by Mr. Lund of Augusta)

Bill "An Act relating to Aid to
Municipalities for Outdoor Recre-
ational Facilities" (H. P. 1109)
(Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The following Bill approved by
a majority of the Committee on
Reference of Bills for introduction:

Bill "An Act to Authorize Bond
Issue in the Amount of \$1,440,000
for Parking Garage Facility for the
Capitol Complex at Augusta"
(H. P. 1110) (Presented by Mrs.
Lincoln of Bethel)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Authorizing Savings
Banks to Convert to Trust Compa-
nies to Issue Checking Accounts"
(H. P. 1111) (Presented by Mr.
Ault of Wayne)

Bill "An Act Establishing a Home
Improvement Bonding Act" (H. P.
1112) (Presented by Mr. Evans of
Freedom)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

County Government

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries
of County Officers of Cumberland
County" (H.P. 1113) (Presented by
Mrs. Boudreau of Portland)

Bill "An Act relating to the
Transition to the Somerset County
Commissioner Districts" (H. P.
1114) (Presented by Mr. Dam of
Skowhegan)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act Authorizing the
Bureau of Public Improvements
to Assist Municipalities and School
Administrative Districts in the
Construction of School Buildings"
(H. P. 1115) (Presented by Mr.
Dam of Skowhegan)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act to Provide for
Thirty Days' Notice When a Nurs-
ing Home is Being 'Voluntarily
Closed'" (H. P. 1116) (Presented by
Mr. Lucas of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Im-
munity of Government Employees
under Civil Defense Law" (H. P.
1117) (Presented by Mr. Starbird
of Kingman Township)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to Arbitra-
tion under Public Employees La-
bor Relations Law" (H. P. 1118)
(Presented by Mr. Bustin of Au-
gusta)

Bill "An Act Providing Collective
Bargaining Rights for Employees
of the State and the University of
Maine (H. P. 1119) (Presented by
same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to Com-
pensation from Nonassenting Em-

ployer under Workmen's Compensation Law" (H. P. 1120) (Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act relating to Transfer to Suitable Work During Rehabilitation or Treatment Under Workmen's Compensation Law" (H. P. 1121) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to Fair Minimum Rate of Wages for Construction of Public Improvements by the State of Maine" (H. P. 1122) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Control over Abandoned Automobiles" (H. P. 1123) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act relating to the Powers and Duties of the Environmental Improvement Commission" (H. P. 1124) (Presented by Mr. Curran of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Provide Certain State Level Land Use Controls" (H. P. 1125) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act Regulating the Application of Pesticides in Water" (H. P. 1126) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Waterville)

Bill "An Act Revising the Air Pollution Laws" (H. P. 1127) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Appalachian Trail Authority" (H. P. 1128) (Presented by Mr. Lucas of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Direct Funding of the Indian Tribes" (H. P. 1129) (Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport)

Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Even-year Legislative Budget Sessions (H. P. 1130) (Presented by Mr. Morrell of Brunswick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Exemptions from Real and Personal Property Taxation for Industrial Disposal Systems" (H. P. 1131) (Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan)

Bill "An Act relating to Property Tax Relief for the Elderly" (H. P. 1132) (Presented by Mr. Pratt of Parsonsfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act Providing for a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,960,000 to Reconstruct Route 161 from St. Francis to Canada" (H. P. 1133) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Emery of Rockland presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, Nathan A. Farwell was the only United States Senator from Maine to reside in Rockland; and

WHEREAS, his contributions to the State and the Nation deserve to be remembered through his image; and

WHEREAS, his portrait is presently obscured by a coat rack located adjacent to Room 228 at the State House; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Maine Art Commission and Bureau of Public Improvements be directed to relocate the portrait of this distinguished United States Senator to a more honorable and conspicuous location within the State House; and be it further

ORDERED, upon joint passage of this Order, that copies be transmitted forthwith to said Commission and Bureau as notice of the directive contained herein. (H. P. 1134)

The Joint Order was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Trask of Milo, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Donaghy of Lubec be excused from attendance for the duration of his illness.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Authorizing a Mortgagee to Bid and Purchase Real Estate Sold under Power of Sale" (S. P. 117) (L. D. 296)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Extend Unemployment Compensation Benefits during High Periods of Unemployment" (S. P. 156) (L. D. 425)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Marstaller.

Mr. MARSTALLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Mr. Donaghy, who is absent at present, thought this bill needed some amendment, and I would like to ask someone to table this for two legislative days.

(On motion of Mr. Lee of Albion, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Thursday, March 18.)

Bill "An Act relating to Computation of Housing Expenses for Members of the Legislature" (S. P. 241) (L. D. 702)

Bill "An Act relating to Trust Assets of Banks and Trust Companies" (S. P. 427) (L. D. 1125)

Bill "An Act relating to Weekly Closed Season on Taking Alewives in Town of Orland" (H. P. 129) (L. D. 184)

Bill "An Act relating to Turn and Stop Signals on Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 312) (L. D. 412)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Registration under Motor Vehicle Law" (H. P. 314) (L. D. 414)

Bill "An Act to Relieve Pollution Resulting from Malt Liquor Sales" (H. P. 397) (L. D. 509)

Bill "An Act relating to Certificate for Transportation of House Trailers" (H. P. 407) (L. D. 520)

Were 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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Limit the Taking of Smelts in the Eastern River in the Town of Dresden to Hook and Line" (H. P. 413) (L. D. 540)

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

(On motion of Mr. Bourgoin of Fort Kent, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Conservation and Development Control Act" (H. P. 499) (L. D. 645)

Bill "An Act Upgrading the Classification of Certain Waters of the State" (H. P. 500) (L. D. 646)

Bill "An Act relating to Cultivation of Fish in Private Ponds" (H. P. 1107) (L. D. 1168)

Were 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

Tabled and Assigned

Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Election of Members of the Executive Council (H. P. 207) (L. D. 273)

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

(On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.)

Third Reader

Tabled and Assigned

Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Authorizing the Legislature to Enact Self-amortizing Bonds Upon Petition or Referral by the Legislature (H. P. 209) (L. D. 275)

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

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

Through the unfortunate fact that the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Donaghy, cannot be here today, and knowing that he wanted to speak on this Friday, and inadvertently I moved the previous question, which is something I wouldn't do to stop debate, and the fact that besides he signed a report against my measure, I would like to ask somebody to table this for two legislative days.

(On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Thursday, March 18.)

Amended Resolve

Resolve Reimbursing Certain Municipalities on Account of Property Tax Exemptions of Veterans" (S. P. 88) (L. D. 217)

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

Emergency Measure Failed of Enactment

An Act Appropriating Funds for Defaulted Maine Sugar Industries, Inc. Loans (S. P. 370) (L. D. 951)

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

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

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: We spent some time last week debating this issue. I don't see any real purpose in my making a long-winded speech except to say that it is, in my opinion, shortsighted legislation and I would hope that everyone would vote against it, and I ask that when the vote be taken it be taken by the yeas and nays.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I don't expect to change the vote any on this matter, but I think the majority signers of the report to take the money out of surplus was good, sound fiscal policy. There was money in the surplus that could have been used for this pur-

pose; it is a logical purpose to use it. It is an obligation to the state.

There is going to be a matter if we bond this, we are going to pay an extra \$500,000 over what we would have to pay to take the money out of surplus and take care of it. I think this was the only reason that the majority signers of the report had in mind in going along the way they did.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I was extremely happy this morning to see the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon, appear on the scene; as a matter of fact, I was so happy that I hugged him. By the same token, now that I have stated to the House how happy I am that he is here, I also want to inform the membership of the House that in my humble opinion he could never be more wrong than he is. Because of the one fact, as I stated in a lengthy speech last week, because of the one fact that the intent of the bonding issue of the program that was set forth, on the program of MIBA, the intent was exactly in the opposite of what we are doing now.

And just as an example, I just refer myself to the fact that we did spend one day here without one word of debate, hopefully, thankfully hopefully, giving a check of \$50 million in credit to the Bath Iron Works for their proposal on the DX program. Whether it is one million dollars or fifty million dollars, it was right then and it is right now. And I think that frankly, strictly aside from the issue, we sometimes really like to waste our time here, because this needs two-thirds, it hasn't got a prayer of getting two-thirds, and if it did get two-thirds it would get vetoed and it would come back here and would get whacked anyway.

When the vote is taken I vote it be taken by the yeas and nays.

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

Mr. GILL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I will be brief. I would simply say if you want to save four to five hundred thousand dollars, please go along and vote for this measure.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The last speaker and one of the previous speakers made a mention that this would cost us, if we did do it in this fashion, it would cost us \$500,000. I would like to ask them to break it down for me arithmetically please, right now.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am sure that the gentleman from Lewiston probably has the report of the State Treasurer and his recommendations to the Appropriations Committee which he presented, offering alternative ways of financing this obligation of the state. And if he hasn't got it with him, it won't take but a minute to read it. It says, "I would appreciate the early consideration of your committee concerning the above subject." And that is borrowing a million dollars to pay up the sugar beet loan.

"Three alternatives are possible to meet the payment of the subject, borrowing on April 1, 1971.

A direct appropriation from surplus; a five-year serial bond issue; the interest cost on this option is based on three thousand bond years per million." The rate, and so forth, would project \$96,000. A twenty year serial bond issue, without going all through it, would cost \$504,000 in addition to the million which we borrowed.

Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston was granted permission to speak a third time.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My very dear friend from Perham, Mr. Bragdon, just read you the second alternative. The second alternative over a five-year period means that it would be \$96,000 on interest, not \$504,000. That is what I want-

ed to bring forward. Let's not just drop statements here without laying the facts out as they are. If anybody would make a statement that it would cost us that kind of money is not making an accurate statement.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I thought I made it clear, at least I intended to. And I assume that when these bonds are floated they will be floated on a twenty-year serial issue. I did call attention to the fact it could be floated on a five-year period and I stated the cost would be \$96,000. If I didn't make myself clear, I am sorry.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Bourgoin.

Mr. BOURGOIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My idea is that a bond issue costs interest, whether it is three or four percent. But the revenues that we have ahead of us, \$20 million, is still earning interest, too, which would defray some of the interest on the bond issue.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been requested. All members desiring a roll call vote will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken, and more than one fifth of the members present having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is enactment of this Bill as an emergency measure, which would require a two-thirds vote of all members elected to the House. All in favor of this Bill, An Act Appropriating Funds for Defaulted Maine Sugar Industries, Inc. Loans, Senate Paper 370, L.D. 951, being enacted as an emergency measure will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Albert, Ault, Bailey, Baker, Barnes, Bartlett, Berry, G. W.; Birt, Bither, Bragdon, Brawn, Brown, Bunker, Churchill, Clark, Clemente, Collins, Crosby, Cummings, Curtis, A. P.; Curtis, T. S., Jr.; Dudley, Dyar, Emery,

D. F.; Emery, E. M.; Evans, Fine-more, Gagnon, Gill, Good, Hall, Hardy, Haskell, Hawkens, Hayes, Henley, Herrick, Hewes, Hodgdon, Immonen, Kelley, K. F.; Kelley, R. P.; Lee, Lewin, Lewis, Lincoln, Littlefield, Lund, MacLeod, Maddox, Marstaller, McCormick, McNally, Millett, Mills, Morrell, Mosher, Norris, Page, Parks, Payson, Porter, Pratt, Rand, Rollins, Ross, Scott, Shaw, Shute, Silverman, Simpson, L. E.; Simpson, T. R.; Slane, Stillings, Susi, Trask, Webber, White, Wight, Williams, Wood, M. W.; Wood, M. E.; Woodbury, The Speaker.

NAY — Bedard, Bernier, Berry, P. P.; Berube, Binnette, Boudreau, Bourgoin, Bustin, Call, Carey, Carrier, Carter, Conley, Cooney, Cote, Cottrell, Curran, Cyr, Dow, Doyle, D r i g o t a s, Farrington, Faucher, Fecteau, Fraser, Gauthier, Genest, Goodwin, Hancock, Jalbert, Kelleher, Kelley, P. S.; Keyte, Kilroy, Lawry, Lebel, Lessard, Lucas, Lynch, Mahany, Manchester, Marsh, Martin, McC l o s k e y, McKinnon, McTeague, Murray, O'Brien, Orestis, Pontbriand, Rocheleau, Smith, D. M.; Smith, E. H.; Starbird, Tanguay, Theriault, Tyndale, Wheeler, Whitson.

ABSENT — Dam, Donaghy, Hanson, Jutras, Lizotte, Santoro, Sheltra, Vincent.

Yes, 84; No, 59; Absent, 8.

The **SPEAKER**: Eighty-four having voted in the affirmative and fifty-nine having voted in the negative, the Bill fails of enactment and will be sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Salary of Executive Secretary of the Board of Barbers (H. P. 65) (L. D. 106)

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 total was taken. 102 voted in favor of same and 24 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Validate Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by School Administrative District No. 22 (H. P. 645) (L. D. 875)

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 total was taken. 130 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Clarify the Recreation Authority Act (H. P. 81) (L. D. 121)

An Act Regulating Imitation Milk and Milk Products (H. P. 376) (L. D. 491)

An Act to Authorize the Beaver Cove Water Company to Utilize the Water of Moosehead Lake (H. P. 541) (L. D. 713)

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.

Orders of the Day

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

An Act Increasing the Number of Members on the Board of Trustees of the Bath Water District (H. P. 539) (L. D. 712) (Emergency)

Tabled — March 11, by Mr. Ross of Bath.

Pending — Passage to be enacted.

Thereupon, this being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 125 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

An Act relating to Operation of Snowmobiles in Cemeteries (H. P. 299) (L. D. 399)

Tabled—March 11, by Mr. Norris of Brewer.

Pending—Passage to be enacted.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Norris of Brewer, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Thursday, March 18.

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

An Act relating to Candidates by Primary Election or Nomination Petition and Time for Filing Nomination Petition (H. P. 952) (L. D. 990)

Tabled—March 11, by Mr. McCloskey of Bangor.

Pending—Passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. McCloskey.

Mr. McCLOSKEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I asked that this be tabled last week because it was my impression that this bill would work against third party candidates. I am still investigating this matter, and I would hope somebody would table this for two more days in order for me to continue my investigation.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Thursday, March 18.

Mrs. Brown of York presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the 1968 national election gave the United States its only First Lady from the West Coast, Patricia Ryan Nixon, the wife of Richard M. Nixon, the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, her devotion to the President and her family and her determination to maintain their home as a quiet sanctuary have earned her general admiration of the public; and

WHEREAS, she pursued her active interests in various causes, including educational programs, community self-help undertakings and volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, she has proven herself a woman of indomitable will and spirit who has shown her strength of character in the many situations which have confronted her; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that in acknowledgment of the energy, grace, skill, and charm which has characterized her service as the First Lady, that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of Maine extend their compliments to Patricia Nixon on the occasion of her 59th birthday with their sincere best wishes for her continued success, prosperity and happiness.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

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

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT — Majority (11) "Ought to pass"—Minority (2) "Ought not to pass"—Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Payment for Sales of Malt Liquor or Wine in Retail Stores" (H. P. 535) (L. D. 708)

Tabled—March 11, by Mr. Stillings of Berwick.

Pending—Acceptance of either Report.

On motion of Mr. Stillings of Berwick, the House accepted the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The Bill was read twice and tomorrow assigned.

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

HOUSE REPORT — "Ought to pass"—Committee on State Government on Resolve Dividing the State of Maine into Councillor Districts (H. P. 205) (L. D. 271)

Tabled—March 12, by Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township.

Pending—Acceptance.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kingman Township, Mr. Starbird.

Mr. STARBIRD: Mr. Speaker, I move that this item be referred to the Committee on Constitutional State Reapportionment and Congressional Redistricting.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman from King-

man Township, Mr. Starbird, that the Report is the only matter before us; and the Chair would recommend that he attempt to substitute the Resolve for the Report for recommitment to another committee. Does the gentleman so move?

Mr. STARBIRD: I so move.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, retabled pending the motion of Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township to substitute the Resolve for the "Ought to pass" Report, and tomorrow assigned.

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

Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Early Convening of the Legislature (H. P. 206) (L. D. 272)

Tabled — March 12, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Thursday, March 18.

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

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT — Majority (10) "Ought not to pass" — Minority (3) "Ought to pass" — Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act relating to Availability of Statistical Reports of Employment Security Commission" (H. P. 11) (L. D. 11)

Tabled — March 12, by Mr. Emery of Auburn.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Good of Westfield to accept Majority Report.

On motion of Mr. Mills of Eastport, retabled pending the motion of Mr. Good of Westfield to accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report, and specially assigned for Thursday, March 18.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day, and before I recognize the good gentleman who is asking for recognition, I want to say that we

are delighted that he is recovered and back with us again. (Applause)

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

Mr. BRAGDON. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Thank you. I wish to take this opportunity to make known my gratitude for all the expressions of concern for my welfare received during my recent illness.

Expressions of concern not only from the members of this body, but from all over the State House complex. It was a joy to receive the many cards, letters, telephone calls, personal calls at the hospital, the many beautiful flowers and a basket of fruit.

I did not realize I had so many friends. It is good to be back and I thank you one and all. (Applause)

Mr. Cooney of Webster was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. COONEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise this morning on a point of information, or should I say history, because the good Town of Webster has met in its very last town meeting. By a vote of 218 to 155 they have to change the name legally to Sabattus. So from now on I take great pride in being the gentleman from Sabattus. Thank you.

Mr. Birt of East Millinocket was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Today marks the end of the 150th anniversary of the sesquicentennial year of the State of Maine. It was the plan of the Commission to have some appropriate ceremonies commemorating their work. They intended to have a report.

The report could have been made available, but because of other difficulties they decided to defer the report until later.

It is our present plans to give you something of what they have in mind. They also have a film which they feel has been very

successful. They had a little problem with the sound track. It is hoped that this film will be available for its premiere before the Legislature, or with the invitation to members of the Legislature, sometime in the middle of April. And at that time the report and the doings of the Commission, and what programming they had, will

be presented to the Legislature at that time.

We feel we have had a good year, and the reports will be indicative of the work of the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Bourgoin of Fort Kent,

Adjourned until nine - thirty o'clock tomorrow morning.