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HOUSE

Wednesday, April 14, 1971

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Thomas Duffy of Hallowell.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Reports of Committees
Leave to Withdraw**

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Oversize Lobster Law" (S. P. 306) (L. D. 900) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Transportation to Islands in Casco Bay" (S. P. 410) (L. D. 1225)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

**Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment**

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to School Construction Aid" (S. P. 152) (L. D. 421) 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" (S-47) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence, and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Madawaska" (H. P. 641) (L. D. 871) on which the House accepted the Minority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee on Education and passed the Bill to be engrossed on April 6.

Came from the Senate with the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Mr. CYR: Mr. Speaker, I move that we insist.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Cyr moves that the House insist on its former action.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Lawry.

Mr. LAWRY: Mr. Speaker, I move that we recede and concur.

Whereupon, Mr. Mills of Eastport requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Lawry moves that the House recede and concur. A division has been requested. All in favor of receding and concurring will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

61 having voted in the affirmative and 64 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Whereupon, Mr. Millett of Dixmont requested a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has 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.

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 Fairfield, Mr. Lawry, that the House recede and concur. If you are in favor of receding and concurring you will vote yes; if you are opposed you will vote no.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Ault, Baker, Birt, Bragdon, Brown, Bunker, Bustin, Carey, Clark, Collins, Crosby, Cummings, Curtis, A.P.; Donaghy, Evans, Gagnon, Gill, Hall, Hardy, Haskell, Hawkens, Hayes, Henley, Hewes, Hodgdon, Immonen, Lawry, Lee, Lewin, Lizotte, Lucas, Lynch, MacLeod, Maddox, Marstaller, Millett, Mosher, Norris, Page, Payson, Pontbriand, Porter, Pratt, Rand, Ross, Santoro, Scott, Shaw, Shute

Simpson, L. E.; Simpson, T. R.; Stillings, Susi, Trask, Tyndale, Wight, Wood, M. W.; Woodbury.

NAY — Albert, Bailey, Barnes, Bartlett, Bedard, Bernier, Berry, G. W.; Berry, P. P.; Berube, Binnette, Bither, Boudreau, Bourgoin, Brawn, Call, Churchill, Clemente, Conley, Cooney, Cote, Cottrell, Curran, Curtis, T.S., Jr.; Cyr, Drigotas, Dudley, Dyar, Emery, E. M.; Farrington, Fecteau, Finemore, Fraser, Gauthier, Genest, Good, Goodwin, Hancock, Herrick, Jalbert, Kelleher, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, Lebel, Lessard, Lewis, Lincoln, Littlefield, Mahany, Manchester, Marsh, Martin, McCloskey, McCormick, McKinnon, McNally, McTeague, Mills, Morrell, Murray, Parks, Rocheleau, Rollins, Slane, Smith, D. M.; Smith, E. H.; Starbird, Tanguay, Theriault, Vincent, Webber, Wheeler, Whitson, Williams, Wood, M. E.

ABSENT — Carrier, Carter, Dam, Dow, Doyle, Emery, D. F.; Faucher, Hanson, Jutras, Kelley, K. F.; Kelley, P. S.; Lund, O'Brien, Orestis, Sheltra, Silverman, White.

Yes, 58; No, 75; Absent, 17.

The SPEAKER: Fifty-eight having voted in the affirmative and seventy-five in the negative, with seventeen being absent, the motion does not prevail.

Thereupon, the House voted to insist.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Staffing Committees of the Legislature" (H. P. 1250) (L. D. 1571) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on April 6.

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

In the House: On motion of Mr. McTeague of Brunswick, the House voted to recede and concur.

Messages and Documents

The following Communication:

THE SENATE OF MAINE
AUGUSTA, MAINE

April 13, 1971

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

Dear Madam Clerk:

The President appointed Committees of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on the following Bills:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Riding in Trailers" (H. P. 471) (L. D. 599):

GREELEY of Waldo
KELLAM of Cumberland
JOHNSON of Somerset

Bill, "An Act Relating to Black Bass Fishing in Lakes, Ponds and Rivers" (H. P. 673) (L. D. 910):

HOFFSES of Knox
MOORE of Cumberland
BERNARD

of Androscoggin
Bill, "An Act Relating to Open Season for Fishing in Lakes, Ponds, Rivers, Brooks and Streams" (H. P. 672) (L. D. 909)

HOFFSES of Knox
MOORE of Cumberland
BERNARD

of Androscoggin
Respectfully,

(Signed)

HARRY N. STARBRANCH
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Orders

Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the dance band of Foxcroft Academy recently competed in the Northeastern Stage Band Festival at Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the Foxcroft Academy Band was awarded first place in its division among some 51 bands from the northeastern states and Canada; and

WHEREAS, out of all these musicians 20 were selected for an all-star band, 2 of whom represented Foxcroft Academy; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate of the 105th Maine Legislature extend to the entire membership of the Foxcroft Academy Dance Band, its manager, director and school principal, a message of gratitude for their outstanding accomplishment and wish them

continued success in their efforts to bring honor to the State and further enrichment of life through music; and be it further

ORDERED, that copies of this Joint Order, duly authenticated, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Mr. Tillson D. Thomas and Mr. Robert R. Thorne in recognition of the band's inspiring performance. (H. P. 1270)

The Joint Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hope, Mr. Hardy.

Mr. HARDY: Mr. Speaker, is the House in possession of L. D. 1578?

The SPEAKER: The answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. HARDY: I note the absence of Mr. Emery and I would move that we reconsider our action of yesterday and would further move that someone table this then for two legislative days.

The SPEAKER: The House is in possession of new draft under title of "An Act to Indemnify Public Officials and Employees of the State of Maine," House Paper 1252, L. D. 1578, Majority Report "Ought to pass" and the Minority Report "Ought not to pass," which Reports and Bill were indefinitely postponed on yesterday.

The gentleman from Hope, Mr. Hardy, moves that the House reconsider its action.

Whereupon, on motion of Mrs. Wheeler of Portland, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Hardy of Hope to reconsider and specially assigned for Friday, April 16.

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

Mr. VINCENT: Mr. Speaker, I would ask if the House is in possession of L. D. 1309?

The SPEAKER: The answer is in the affirmative. Bill "An Act relating to Exemptions from Taxation of Institutions and Organizations," House Paper 950, L. D. 1309, on which the House accepted the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Taxation on yesterday.

Mr. VINCENT: Mr. Speaker, I would move that we reconsider, and I would speak to my motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Vincent moves that the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it accepted the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

The gentleman may proceed on his reconsideration motion.

Mr. VINCENT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I see that I won't have an opportunity to have this thing tabled so it can be debated later. I think that this is one of the more important tax measures that we will have before us this session and I think that it was one of the most misunderstood bills before this present body. Through my own fault it was allowed to be indefinitely postponed yesterday and I would debate the issue today on its merits.

This bill has the wide support of many city and town managers. What this bill does in intent is that it overhauls the existing laws on tax exemptions for non-profitable or charitable organizations. I don't think there is anyone in this House that could debate the fact that there are allowances allowed in the area of tax exemptions and it is one of the most crucial problems surrounding local communities.

The meat of this bill or the intent is that non-profitable organizations that wish a tax exemption must file each and every piece of property they want tax exempt every year. At present the situation is that when a piece of property is set under the rules as non-profitable and hence not taxable it stays on for years and years and years, although the status of the bill may change or the piece of property may change. Whereby they would be paying taxes under normal conditions, they are not paying taxes due to the fact it is still classified as non-profitable.

There was one major opponent to the bill in committee and from the testimony given I think he just misunderstood or misread the bill; and it came from the veterans groups. They misunderstood the intent and they were debating the

bill on something that wasn't even covered in the bill.

The other objections that were raised was that this was a complicated and difficult bill to understand. Well, I don't think that this body or any body should exclude a piece of legislation just because it has depth to it or it is difficult to understand. The people that would have to administer this bill are the people that would best understand it or would be the most qualified people to understand the legal language.

It has also been mentioned that the small towns and communities would not appreciate this type of a bill. I would argue that the small communities are the ones most hit hardest on this bill due to the fact they have very very little property on which to tax.

This is a very good bill. It is essential if we are going to have any type of overhaul in the area of property tax, and especially this year when we are having so many problems with the towns and communities with the revenue sharing. They just can't get any more revenue out of property tax and they should be able to obtain the full property tax out of existing pieces of property within the city.

I would hope that you would support the reconsideration motion and go along with me on this bill. Thank you.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: You might be interested to look at L. D. 1309. Title 36 of the Statutes pertains to the entire subject of taxation. This bill deals with Section 652 entitled "Property of Institutions and Organizations." These are the paragraphs relating to the exemptions. The bill is complicated and in the opinion of eleven out of the thirteen members of the committee we felt that it was completely unnecessary.

I am sure that the intent was honorable, but it was filled with lots of superfluous verbiage for the purpose of clarifying a situation that we didn't think existed. In my opinion it was mostly legal gibberish. But aside from that there was one section pertaining to an-

nual affidavits, to make even the smallest organizations like tiny church missions fill in various forms and complicated financial statements, and if they failed to comply with this they would lose their exempt status.

I have here with me today a complete explanation of three legal-sized single spaced pages which I would be delighted to read to all of you. But I will temper my enthusiasm with moderation, because I have a sneaking suspicion that you would not be completely enthralled. I only request that you vote against the reconsideration motion.

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

Mr. COTTRELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I was one of the two signers of the Minority Report, because I thought I recognized in this bill a germ of a very good idea, that is a more careful and regular scrutiny of our property tax exemptions. But after talking with municipal officers and our own Town Manager of Portland I find that this bill should be extremely simplified, and since we have other bills coming up dealing with property tax exemptions I feel that this can be included in a simple form in some of these bills that we are going to deal with later.

So I dislike to go against my representative from Portland, Representative Vincent, but I will go along with the indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of Mr. Vincent of Portland that the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it accepted the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report. All in favor of reconsideration will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken. 25 having voted in the affirmative and 104 having voted in the negative, the motion to reconsider did not prevail.

House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Sheltra from the Committee on Business Legislation reported

“Ought not to pass” on Bill “An Act relating to Insurance Trade Practices” (H. P. 800) (L. D. 1073)

Mr. Scott from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act Defining Financial Institution under the Banking Laws” (H. P. 956) (L. D. 1317)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act to Establish a Bank Holding Company Act” (H. P. 1014) (L. D. 1393)

Mr. Bartlett from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill “An Act relating to Removal of Abandoned Street Railroad Tracks” (H. P. 858) (L. D. 1182)

Mr. Hayes from the Committee on Veterans and Retirement reported same on Resolve Providing a Minimum Service Retirement Allowance Under the State Retirement Law for William J. Davidson of Gardiner (H. P. 218) (L. D. 285)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act relating to Death Benefits before Retirement under Maine Retirement System” (H. P. 250) (L. D. 331)

Mr. Pratt from same Committee reported same on Resolve Granting Retirement Benefit Credits to Philip Caminiti of Portland (H. P. 1040) (L. D. 1431)

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

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. O'Brien from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill “An Act Authorizing Temporary Bank Closings in Emergencies” (H. P. 758) (L. D. 1024) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft New Drafts Printed

Mr. Lynch from the Committee on Education on Bill “An Act relating to Tuition for State Wards” (H. P. 483) (L. D. 624) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1267) (L. D. 1669) under same title and that it “Ought to pass”.

Mr. Murray from same Committee on Bill “An Act Providing

Funds for Elementary School Guidance Counsellors” (H. P. 1016) (L. D. 1395) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1268) (L. D. 1670) under title of “An Act relating to Elementary School Guidance Counsellors” and that it “Ought to pass”

Mr. Bailey from the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill “An Act relating to Wholesale Purchase of Wine and Malt Beverages by Food Servicing Organizations for International Travel” (H. P. 915) (L. D. 1261) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1269) (L. D. 1671) under same title and that it “Ought to pass”

Reports were read and accepted, the New Drafts read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Pratt from the Committee on Business Legislation reported “Ought to pass” on Bill “An Act relating to Limited Insurance Agent's License” (H. P. 256) (L. D. 338)

Mr. Curtis from the Committee on Veterans and Retirement reported same on Bill “An Act relating to Amount of Life Insurance for Certain Retired State Employees” (H. P. 793) (L. D. 1069)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill “An Act to Authorize Cumberland County to Raise Money for a Bridge at Harpswell” (S. P. 172) (L. D. 524)

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 Readers Tabled and Assigned

Bill “An Act Creating the Cumberland County Recreation Center” (S. P. 404) (L. D. 1221)

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

(On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, April 16.)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Use of Motor Vehicles on Frozen Surface of Part of Sasanoa River" (H. P. 843) (L. D. 1155)

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

(On motion of Mr. Bailey of Woolwich, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, April 16.)

Third Reader Amended

Bill "An Act to Amend the Birch Point Village Corporation" (H. P. 942) (L. D. 1301)

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

Mr. Ross of Bath offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-134) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

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

Bill "An Act relating to the Change of Name of the Old Cemetery Association" (H. P. 999) (L. D. 1361)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Debt Limit of the Town of Wiscasset School District" (H. P. 1221) (L. D. 1434)

Bill "An Act to Create the Orono-Veazie Water District" (H. P. 1265) (L. D. 1665)

Resolve of Reimburse Donald H. Young of Portland for Damage to Property by Escapee from Boys Training Center (H. P. 1032) (L. D. 1423)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Elderly Persons' Examinations for Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses" (H. P. 442) (L. D. 577)

Bill "An Act relating to Regional Facility for Mentally Retarded Children in Aroostook County" (H. P. 487) (L. D. 628)

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.

Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Providing for Records of Sales of Used Merchandise" (H. P. 490) (L. D. 631)

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

(On motion of Mr. Scott of Wilton, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, April 16.)

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: It is really a distinct honor for me as the presiding officer over this body to welcome former members back here to the State House on this special day, a traditional day that has been going on for a number of years. I think it is a happy privilege for me to welcome you all and I am sure a happy privilege too for former members to return and greet their old friends, make new acquaintances with the new members, and particularly to impress upon the new members that you did serve here, that you did serve the State of Maine with honor and distinction during your term of office.

And I do, in all sincerity, welcome you all. I am particularly honored, of course, this morning, to have on the rostrum with me some former Speakers of this body. And if you noticed a little trembling in my voice, it was because of being here with my peers who served this body with a great deal of distinction as its presiding officers through the years. And they had their problems in their day, as I am sure I have had my problems in my day. But it is a delight to welcome them here, and to introduce them to the new members who have come to the State House.

The Honorable Dana Childs was the Speaker just prior to my ascending the throne, so to speak. The Honorable Vinal Good of East Sebago; the Honorable Joseph T. Edgar; and the Honorable Willis A. Trafton, Jr. of Auburn; the Honorable Roswell P. Bates of

Bangor; and the Honorable Nathaniel M. Haskell of Portland.

I am sorry to report to you that the Honorable John F. Ward would have been here except for illness, and he couldn't be here at this time. And also I want to report to you that the Honorable William S. Silsby, who is now a Superior Court Justice, could not be here. He sends his regrets and his greetings to all of his old friends.

And the Honorable Donald W. Philbrick of Cape Elizabeth, who I think has joined me here on the rostrum for the first time. And I am particularly delighted to have him here with me today. I hope that you will give them your applause and approbation for the services they have rendered.

(Applause, members rising.)

I do wish to report to you also that a former member that served with most of us, the former Representative John Jameson of Bangor is very ill in the hospital out at Togus, and he would welcome any greeting from those who served with him. He is very ill, cancer of the lung, and probably will not recover. These sad things do occur, I think, at the convening of each one of these Welcome Back Days; we do have some that cannot be with us because of sickness.

At this time I want to gratefully acknowledge to the committee that served, and it has been my custom as presiding officer to have the ladies of the Legislature to set up the program, make the arrangements for Welcome Back Day, because as we all know, ladies do a much better job than men in this particular area.

The Clerk will call the roll in recognition of former members of the House, starting with the 104th and working back.

The Clerk of the House called a roll of the past Legislatures, those members present rising.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to call on the Honorable Harold Bragdon, I think, who could bring us some news of perhaps the oldest living member of this body. And I think it is information that is pertinent to all of us, if you didn't happen to read the article.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House; Thank you. I started to get up when they

called for members of the Legislature of 1909, in which this gentleman served. He is a resident of Presque Isle at the present time. He came from the district, the Town of Mapleton which I now represent. He will be 100 years old next month. I don't know as there is any great honor in living that long.

Percy Porter was unable to make this trip. However, he did recall a few things during his service here in the House. He could hardly remember just exactly when it was. He didn't know. He thought it was in the second term of Carl Milliken. However, it was in 1911. He served again in 1916.

He recollected the first term he served he received \$150 a year. The second time the pay had gone up to \$300, but he paid his own room and board out of that. And he also recollected that they raised \$3 million in 1911 for the budget, and added we will never see the likes of that again.

Percy's oldest son Burton, who is 72, says his father while in the Legislature was interested in getting the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad to extend its line from Squapan Junction on through Mapleton, Washburn, Caribou and Stockholm.

Percy's only major physical defect is slight deafness. But he doesn't miss very much with even that handicap. Incidentally, he is a great cribbage player, and I am sure if he were here he would be glad to take on any of you. Thank you. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: It is difficult, of course, for any presiding officer to single out any particular individual, but I am a courageous person and I want to do that this morning. I see in the back of the Hall of the House a former member who served with distinction with me, and she served in the upper body. And I want to greet former Representative and Senator Augusta Christie. (Applause, members rising.)

The SPEAKER: We are ahead of time. This was called for 11:00 o'clock, but inasmuch as we had conducted our business, I thought we would get on with the program. But I am waiting for some statisti-

cal reports for a little later on. So I will follow my usual custom to call upon a former Speaker of this body, and this time the lot fell to one who only a short time ago was our predecessor. He was the Speaker before Joseph T. Edgar, and I would like to call upon Willis Trafton to greet you all and give you a few words of encouragement. The Honorable Willis Trafton. (Applause)

Mr. WILLIS TRAFTON, JA.: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It is good to be back on Welcome Back Day, and the time is appropriate. The birds are singing, the sap is flowing. It is interesting to watch the legislative wheels roll again. It is fun to see old friends, it is fun to see you present representatives of the people of the State of Maine.

It is fun to see the things that are the same, and the things that have changed. I am sure we didn't have the efficiency in our day, Mr. Speaker, to get through proceedings early, as you have done today. In fact, I think the Speaker's job was much easier then than it is now. You had Harvey Pease to tell you what to do; and I am sure that Bertha is more tactful.

Actually it is obvious the Speaker's job is more difficult today, because, Dave, it takes a lot longer to train a successor. (Applause) These mechanical gadgets you have to improve your efficiency are interesting. It would look like if you could get this tally board to work like a tote board, maybe you would know what the likelihood of legislation passing was, and it would even speed things up further.

I noticed six members of the House who were present in my day, and I notice that you still have veterans as we had. Then there was Les Jacobs and Billy Hanson from down in Machiasport. There was a fellow named Bragdon from up in Aroostook and a guy named Jalbert from Lewiston, and you have some of them today.

We would like, we returning veterans, to thank the ladies for all the fine things they have planned. We noticed that parking is more difficult today than it was when we were in Augusta. We suggest

it might be helpful another Welcome Back Day if there could be little parking cards that could be put in the front of our windshields, and maybe we could park in legislative parking areas just for the day. (Applause)

Seriously, it is great to be back. We all appreciate the thoughtfulness that you, Mr. Speaker, the ladies and the gentlemen of the House have shown us. We will enjoy watching your other proceedings during the day. And on behalf of all of us, thank you. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: I would like now for the old members to greet, and the new members to meet a former Clerk of the House who was here sixteen terms, at least, meaning a thirty-two year tenure. He was my tutor, my guardian through my terms as Speaker, I never could have gotten along without him, and I agree with Bill Trafton that you didn't need to do much if you had Harvey behind you.

I do disagree with him though when he says that our present Clerk is more diplomatic. You haven't had the privilege of being the brunt of her sarcasm at times here and whispering back and forth on the rostrum.

But I do want you all to meet this old veteran, this man who is known nationally as a Clerk and a parliamentarian, the Honorable Harvey Pease. (Applause, Members rising)

The SPEAKER: Would the Honorable Charlotte White of Guilford approach the rostrum, please. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms escort this grand lady to the rostrum.

Whereupon, Mrs. White of Guilford was escorted to the rostrum amid the applause of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Honorable Charlotte White is in possession or in the driver's seat relative to the recognition of the former House member who served in the earliest session, also recognition of the former House member, not now a member, who served in the most sessions.

Mrs. WHITE: Mr. Speaker, distinguished rostrum guests, members of the House, and Welcome Back Day guests: Our statistics show that the former House mem-

ber who served in the earliest session was Dr. Edward W. Peaslee, who served in 1921 in the 80th session.

If Dr. Peaslee is here, would he come forward to receive a gift, please.

Whereupon, Dr. Peaslee was escorted to the rostrum and presented with a gift. (Applause)

Mrs. WHITE: For the former House member, not now a member, who served in the most sessions, we have a tie. Frank Pierce served seven sessions and Harry Rollins served seven sessions. Now we are going to have to buy another book, but will one of those gentlemen, whoever is nearest, come forward and receive this.

I am particularly glad to present this to Harry Rollins, I think he is out in the corridor, because I invited him. I am glad I did, he got a prize.

Whereupon, Mr. Rollins was es-

corted to the rostrum and presented with a gift. (Applause)

At this point, Speaker Kennedy returned to the rostrum and Mrs. White returned to her seat.

The SPEAKER: I think this concludes the program for Welcome Back Day. And I don't need to urge you, I know you will all take advantage of the opportunity to visit with your old friends, renew acquaintances and make new ones, and I will alert you to the buffet luncheon in the Hall of Flags on the floor just beneath us, which is prepared and catered by the Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute of South Portland, under the supervision of William Brisse and the staff.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Orland,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.