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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 14, 1973

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Charles Stotsenburg of China.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Tabled and Assigned**

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 277)

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

February 6, 1973
106th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04330
Dear Sirs:

I have followed with a great deal of interest the progress of the 27th Amendment to the Constitution dealing with equal rights for women.

Although I was not a member of the Congress which enacted this legislation, I enthusiastically support it.

I hope Maine will join with the 25 other states which have already approved this amendment and I urge the Legislature to give speedy action so that the long-time injustices that are covered by it can be corrected.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

WILLIAM S. COHEN

Came from the Senate read and placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read.

(On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending being placed on file in concurrence and tomorrow assigned.)

Order Out of Order

Mrs. Lewis of Auburn presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Ricky Turcotte and Earl Kenney of Litchfield, David Deslauriers of Sabattus and Andrew Donahue of Auburn be appointed Honorary Pages for today.

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

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Authorize Oxford County to Raise Money for the Development of an Airport in the Rumford-Mexico area" (H. P. 464) (L. D. 612) which was referred to the Committee on County Government in the House on February 1.

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

In the House: On motion of Mr. Fraser of Mexico, tabled pending further consideration and tomorrow assigned.

**Non-Concurrent Matter
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Improve the Efficiency and Fairness of the Local Welfare System" (H. P. 469) (L. D. 617) which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in the House on February 1.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Perkins of South Portland, the House voted to Insist.

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

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its action whereby we voted to insist.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby the House voted to insist.

(On motion of Mr. McTeague of Brunswick, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket to reconsider and tomorrow assigned.)

**Non-Concurrent Matter
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Improve the Efficiency and Fairness of the Local

Welfare System" (H. P. 477) (L. D. 624) which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in the House on February 1.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House insist.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Perkins, moves that the House insist.

(On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Perkins of South Portland to insist and tomorrow assigned.)

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Requiring Constructed Public Buildings Be Made Accessible to the Physically Handicapped" (H. P. 505) (L. D. 657) which was referred to the Committee on State Government in the House on February 6.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, the House voted to recede and concur.

Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Relating to Coverage of Treatment by Psychologists under Health and Accident Insurance Contracts" (H. P. 513) (L. D. 678) which was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services in the House on February 7.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House:

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

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

(On motion of Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket to recede and concur and tomorrow assigned.)

Messages and Documents

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE

Department of

Educational and Cultural
Services

Augusta

February 13, 1973

Mrs. E. Louise Lincoln
Clerk, House of Representatives
106th Legislature

Dear Mrs. Lincoln:

Submitted herewith are copies of A Plan to Extend Vocational Education to All Secondary Students in Maine prepared by The Department of Educational and Cultural Services and the State Board of Education as directed by the special session of the 105th Legislature.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

CARROLL R. McGARY

Commissioner

The Communication was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

The SPEAKER: Will the Sergeant-at-Arms kindly escort the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. MacLeod, to the rostrum for the purpose of presiding as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. MacLeod assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem and Speaker Hewes returned to his seat on the floor of the House.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act Relating to Stop-sale Orders under Maine Economic Poisons Law" (H. P. 668) (Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Continue Service to Blind and Visually Handicapped Children" (H. P. 674) (Presented by Mr. Ault of Wayne)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Electricians" (H. P. 651) (Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick)

The Committee on Reference of Bills suggested the Committee on Business Legislation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Emery.

Mr. EMERY: Mr. Speaker, I now move that item 3 be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Emery of Rockland to refer to the Committee on Legal Affairs and tomorrow assigned.

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Oil Burner Men's Licensing" (H. P. 652) (presented by the same gentleman)

The Committee on Reference of Bills suggested the Committee on Business Legislation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Emery.

Mr. EMERY: Mr. Speaker, I now move that item 4 be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Emery of Rockland to refer to the Committee on Legal Affairs and tomorrow assigned.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Providing that Examination Reports of the Insurance Commissioner be Public Records" (H. P. 672) (Presented by Mr. O'Brien of Portland)

Bill "An Act Defining Wholesale Life Insurance under Insurance Laws" (H. P. 689) (Presented by Mr. Trask of Milo)

Bill "An Act Defining Life Agent under Insurance Laws" (H. P. 690) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Bill "An Act Defining Health Insurance on a Franchise Plan" (H. P. 691) (Presented by the same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Relating to Use of Vending Machines on Sundays" (H. P. 693) (Presented by the same gentleman)

The Committee on Reference of Bills suggested the Committee on Business Legislation.

(On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, tabled pending reference and tomorrow assigned.)

County Government

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Deputy Register of Deeds of Cumberland County" (H. P. 683) (Presented by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Corporal Punishment of Pupils" (H. P. 669) (Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Jay)

Bill "An Act Repealing State Educational Conventions" (H. P. 670) (Presented by Mr. Herrick of Harmony)

Bill "An Act Relating to School Statistics" (H. P. 692) (Presented by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Election Laws

Bill "An Act Relating to Voters Resigning or Removed from the Voting Lists" (H. P. 686) (Presented by Mr. Rollins of Dixfield)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Terminate Use of Identifying Numbers on Scrapped or Junk Cars" (H. P. 666) (Presented by Mr. Drigotas of Auburn)

Bill "An Act to Specify Grounds for Filing Forcible Entry and Detainer" (H. P. 675) (Presented by Mr. Cooney of Sabattus)

Bill "An Act Including Surviving Spouse of Owner under Certain

Motor Vehicle Laws" (H. P. 676)
(Presented by the same gentleman)

Bill "An Act Relating to Reporting of Data of Abortions Performed by an Attending Physician" (H. P. 680) (Presented by Mrs. Berube of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Use and Sale of Human Fetus for Experimentation" (H. P. 681) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Bill "An Act to Provide Penalties for Sale of Counterfeit Substances which are not Drugs" (H. P. 682) (Presented by Mr. Santoro of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Relating to Change of Name and Shareholders of the Federal Employees' Credit Union of Maine" (H. P. 673) (Presented by Mr. O'Brien of Portland)

Bill "An Act Relating to Abandonment of Town Ways" (H. P. 677) (Presented by Mr. Cooney of Sabattus)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act to Provide for Nomination of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services by the State Board of Education" (H. P. 654) (Presented by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport)

The Committee on Reference of Bills suggested the Committee on State Government.

(On motion of Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport, referred to the Committee on Education, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.)

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Authorizing Maine Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Academy Trustees to Establish Certification Standards for Police Chiefs" (H. P. 667) (Presented by Mr. Cooney of Sabattus)

The Committee on Reference of Bills suggested the Committee on State Government.

(On motion of Mr. Henley of Norway, tabled pending reference and tomorrow assigned.)

State Government

Bill "An Act to Provide a Maine Citizen's Preference on State Civil Service" (H. P. 678) (Presented by Mrs. Berry of Madison)

Bill "An Act to Transfer the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of the Secretary of State to the Department of Transportation" (H. P. 687) (Presented by Mr. Cooney of Sabattus)

Bill "An Act Relating to Full-time Prosecuting Attorneys" (H. P. 688) (Presented by Mr. Henley of Norway)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Providing for a Change in Standard Deductions in Income Tax Law" (H. P. 655) (Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater)

Bill "An Act Exempting "Trade-in" Property from the Stock in Trade Tax" (H. P. 679) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington)

Bill "An Act Relating to Municipal Tax Base Sharing" (H. P. 684) (Presented by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act Revising Certain Motor Vehicle Laws" (H. P. 653) (Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick)

Bill "An Act Relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Registrations by Municipal Tax Officers" (H. P. 656) (Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater)

Bill "An Act Increasing State Aid for Construction of Highways" (H. P. 671) (Presented by Mr. Jacques of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Relating to Expenditures of the Town Road Improvement Fund" (H. P. 685) (Presented by Mr. Rollins of Dixfield)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

At this point, Speaker Hewes returned to the rostrum.

SPEAKER HEWES: The Chair thanks the gentleman and commends him on an excellent job.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Mr. MacLeod to his seat on the floor, amid the applause of the House, and Speaker Hewes resumed the Chair.

Orders

On motion of Mr. LaCharite of Brunswick, the House reconsidered its action of yesterday whereby An Act Repealing the Prohibition Against Mobile Home Sales on Sunday, House Paper 39, L. D. 46, was passed to be enacted.

On further motion of the same gentleman, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action of February 6 whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same gentleman offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-28) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. LaCHARITE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This amendment is attached to this bill by the request of the Attorney General's office. This amendment is suggested because the repeal of the prohibition on mobile home sales on Sunday applies to the Revised Statutes, Title 17, Section 3203, as well as to Title 17, Section 3204.

The amendment was presented to the Legal Affairs Committee at the hearing, but through an oversight or some sort of mixup, the amendment was not attached to the bill.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted. The Bill was read twice, passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ault of Wayne, it was

ORDERED, that Pedro Sotero of Rio Grande do Norte, Brasil be appointed Honorary Page for today.

Consent Calendar First Day

(S. P. 1) (L. D. 28) Bill "An Act Providing Complimentary Hunting Licenses to Maine Residents over 70 Years of Age"

(Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-10)

(S. P. 88) (L. D. 234) Bill "An Act Relating to Duties of School Committees Concerning Persons not Immunized Against Certain Diseases" (Committee on Education reporting "Ought to Pass")

(S. P. 113) (L. D. 258) Bill "An Act Relating to Sale of Certain Publications of Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife reporting "Ought to Pass")

(S. P. 118) (L. D. 263) Bill "An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge Across Cowseagan Narrows, Back River, between the Towns of Westport and Wiscasset" (Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-11) (Emergency)

No objection having been noted, were assigned to the Consent Calendar's Second Day list.

Consent Calendar Second Day

(S. P. 5) (L. D. 32) Resolve, to Reimburse Aviation Oil Company for Tax Paid for Shrinkage of Motor Fuel.

(S. P. 59) (L. D. 164) Bill "An Act Relating to the Preparation of List of Prospective Jurors" (C. "A" - S-9)

(S. P. 72) (L. D. 189) Bill "An Act Relating to the Renewal of Maine Sales or Use Tax and Income Tax Warrants"

(S. P. 114) (L. D. 259) Bill "An Act Relating to Construction of State Aid Bridges"

(S. P. 116) (L. D. 261) Bill "An Act Authorizing Department of Transportation to Make Advance Replacement Housing Allowance Payments Under the Relocation Assistance Act"

(S. P. 117) (L. D. 262) Bill "An Act Repealing the Limited User Highway Law"

(H. P. 663) (L. D. 765) Bill "An Act Classifying Pleasant Lake, Aroostook County" (New Draft of H. P. 171, L. D. 213)

No objection having been noted, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Resolve, Appropriating Funds to the Bath-Brunswick Mental Health Association to Purchase a Facility for a Federally Funded Expanded Program" (S. P. 108) (L. D. 253) (Emergency) (C. "A" - S-7)

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

Mr. Haskell of Houlton offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-27) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

**Passed to Be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act to Amend the Charter of Bowdoin College (S. P. 80) (L. D. 197)

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. 133 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act Appropriating Funds for an International Arrivals Building at Bangor International Airport (H. P. 175) (L. D. 217)

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. 132 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act Appropriating Funds for Replacement Volumes of the Revised Statutes (S. P. 85) (L. D. 231)

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. 127 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 Permitting Municipalities to Regulate Bicycle Traffic by Ordinance (H. P. 107) (L. D. 127) (C. "A" - H-10)

Was 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.

Tabled and Assigned

An Act Relating to Lights on Motor Vehicles of Baxter State Park Rangers (H. P. 131) (L. D. 155)

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

(On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Tuesday, February, 20.)

An Act Relating to Administration of the State Income Tax (H. P. 220) (L. D. 293) (H. "A" - H-17)

An Act Relating to Working Capital of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages (S. P. 128) (L. D. 305)

Finally Passed

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale the Interest of the State in Certain Lands in the Unorganized Territory (S. P. 57) (L. D. 140) (C. "A" - S-6)

Resolve to Reimburse R. B. Swan & Son of Brewer for Loss of Beehives by Bear (H. P. 149) (L. D. 182)

Resolve Providing for Purchase of Copies of History of Millinocket (S. P. 86) (L. D. 232)

Resolve Appropriating Funds for the Perambulation of the Maine-New Hampshire Boundary Line (S. P. 115) (L. D. 260)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves finally

passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

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

Bill "An Act Limiting the Size of Rings Used in Scallop Drags in Certain Waters" (H. P. 636)

Tabled — February 13, by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

Pending — Reference.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, referred to the Committee on Marine Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Change the Open Season on the Taking of Scallops" (H. P. 639)

Tabled — February 13, by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

Pending — Reference.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, referred to the Committee on Marine Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: There is an old expression that newspaper editorial writers have used for years. It goes like this . . . "to point with pride" at something or "view with alarm" a disturbing situation.

On the floor of this House, this morning, I want to borrow these two expressions. I want to borrow each to prove a point as well as to try to convince you, my colleagues, of the wrong approach that some are making these days concerning the news media now assigned to cover this Legislature and the daily happenings within our State House.

First. . . I want to "point with pride" to the excellent relationships that sessions of the Legislature have had over the years with the so-called Fourth Estate.

The working news media, including television and radio reporters, always has shown responsibility, a real respect for the traditions and protocol which we, in Maine, value so highly within our legislative process.

The news media in our state does not go into the type of sensationalism so often found in other states. The reporters, whether they are employed by the wire services or by individual papers or stations, pride themselves in sticking to the facts. They do not and have not been our antagonists. They have been a most creditable source of news for the people of our state.

So as the years have gone by, we, the Legislature, have provided the news media with space in which to work to report our activities on a daily basis and that of the state government both during our sessions and after.

Traditionally, the Legislature — in fact, the Clerk of the House — has provided not only space for the press but typewriters, desks and chairs. They have brought in their own working utensils such as paper, pencils, teletypes, photo machines and so forth.

So I point with pride to our relationships with the news media and the fact that we always have supported the concept of freedom of the press and freedom of expression.

But now I have to view with alarm a new direction that some would have us take. In effect, there is going to be an attempt to force the news media into paying for space they occupy in this building, an attempt to take away existing typewriters that are the property of the Legislature, an attempt to say to the news media, "You cannot be hooked into the state's telephone network. From now on, you'll have to have your own, outside telephones hooked up and then dial outside to get inside the State House."

Now I view with alarm these new, and I think thoroughly unjustified attempts to further hamstring the press.

What goes on in the nation's capitol in Washington? The news media is provided space and has

been for years and years as we in Maine have done. Around the Nation, state house after state house has space for the newsmen and women, most of them more appropriately equipped, more reasonably decorated.

In Connecticut, and I recognize the wealth of Connecticut, the Legislature has provided a paneled lounge next to the working newsroom so that the members may relax once in a while from their many pressures and, also, so that the legislators in that state may confer with individual newsmen outside the noise and hustle and bustle of the newsroom.

It was only a few years ago that we, the Legislature, found the space on the fourth floor for the news reporters on a permanent basis. It used to be that the newsmen were on the third floor, in the first office outside the other body, on the further end of this floor. When the sessions came in, the press had to move upstairs for the four and five-months sessions then.

I happen to be one legislator who believes that we do not provide enough space for those in question. We should provide a studio for the television cameras for interviews away from the noise of our outside corridors. We should take pride, as much pride as we appear to have taken this year, in the furnishings of some of the new legislative aides, in the facilities that custom and tradition and a belief in the value of freedom of the press always have been held by our predecessors.

I don't have to remind this House of the national attempts these days to further curtail the workings of our free press. There is a bill before us to make sure that we in Maine do not infringe upon the freedom of the press. Let's not give even the slightest impression that we want to join those who want to slash out at the newspapers, television and radio stations. Let's point with pride to our belief in the freedom of the press.

This concludes my remarks, Mr. Speaker, which are prepared, I might state this, and I say this in all sincerity, this certainly is

by no means an attempt to make brownie points, because of the fact that over my last more than two decades here I have both been clobbered and praised by the press. Two things I have feared, and that is to be laughed at and ignored by the press.

As far as the press is concerned, I lived for thirty years and I live now with the very same philosophy. If an editorial pleases me, I buy a hundred copies. If it is against me, it is the opinion of one man.

Mr. Hoffses of Camden was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HOFFSES: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would call your attention to the Council of State Government material which has been deposited on your desk this morning. It consists of the yellow folder which has the names and titles, the officers and the executive committee of the Council of State Government and also the associated organizations.

Also, you have copies of several subject matters which have been prepared by the Council of State Government, ranging from No-fault Insurance to Equal Rights, Constitutional Revision, Reapportionment and the green one, Gambling, A Source of State Revenue.

Also, you have a card on your desk which, if you care to fill out, you may be mailed a copy of the quarterly magazine of the state government.

I would like to point out at the eastern regional meeting last year in Albany, New York, one of the subject matters which was discussed was the matter of gambling as a source of revenue for the several states. It was one of the most interesting subject matters which was discussed, and the delegates there were very much interested in questioning the several panelists. It was unfortunate that we could not have the amount of time which a lot of them would like to have to devote to it.

I would also call your attention to Mr. Sokolow who was at the pre-legislative conference and

urged each and every one of you to take advantage of the Council of State Government publications which are available to the states. I would emphasize to each and every one of you that this information is not intended to in any way influence any legislator or any state legislature. It is merely factual information which has been provided by the Council of State Government.

The Council of State Government and its associated organizations purpose is to strengthen the roles of the individual states and to recapture, if you will, some of the

duties and responsibilities which the several states have lost and the federal government has taken over. The purpose is to take back some of those responsibilities that we as state legislatures can be more effective in the federal-state system; and I would urge you, if you so desire, to fill out the card and send it on to the headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky, to receive the quarterly reports.

On motion by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket,

Adjourned until one o'clock tomorrow afternoon.