

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Monday, March 26, 1973

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. John Quigg of Augusta.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem by the Hermon High School band.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Orders Out of Order**

Mr. Littlefield of Hermon presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Roberta C. Locke of Hermon, Deborah A. Hartt of Carmel, Debora L. Smith of Levant, Steve A. Mitchell of Etna, Donna J. Erskine of Dixmont and Carol Gray of Plymouth be appointed Honorary Pages for today.

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

Mr. Brawn of Oakland presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Carey Roberts and Richard Twist of Mt. Vernon be appointed Honorary Pages for today.

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

Mr. Jacques of Lewiston presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Michelle Berube, Judith Boucher and Michael Gilbert of Lewiston be appointed Honorary Pages for today.

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

**Conference Committee Report**

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Relating to Real Estate Brokers' Trust Accounts" (H. P. 372) (L. D. 501) reporting that the House recede from its action whereby it passed

the Bill to be engrossed, as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-63); indefinitely postpone House Amendment "A"; adopt Conference Committee Amendment "A" (H-133), submitted herewith; and pass the Bill to be engrossed, as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A";

and that the Senate Recede and Concur with the House.

Signed by:

Messrs. TRASK of Milo

SHELTRA of Biddeford

Mrs. KILROY of Portland

— on part of the House.

Messrs. COX of Penobscot

ROBERTS of York

ALDRICH of Oxford

— on part of the Senate.

On motion of Mrs. Kilroy of Portland, the Report was read and accepted.

The House voted to recede from passage to be engrossed and from the adoption of House Amendment "A". House Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed. Conference Committee Amendment "A" (H-133) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate: The following Committee Report from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services: (S. P. 494)

To the Members of the 106th Legislature:

The Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services of the 105th Legislature was directed by Joint Order S. P. 615 of the 105th Legislature and Joint Order S. P. 776 of the Special Session of the 105th Legislature to study, review and analyze the operations, personnel, practices and procedures of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections and the Department of Health and Welfare as they pertain to State institutions, to ascertain that Department appropriations are being administered in an effective and productive manner for the welfare of the citizens of the State of Maine.

The Committee has inquired at great length into those matters referred to it and has the honor to submit herewith its report to the 106th Legislature as charged.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge its appreciation for the cooperation and services rendered by the many individuals who have appeared before it to assist in its study.

The Committee sincerely hopes that the findings and recommendations herein contained will be of benefit to members of the 106th Legislature and the public at large.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed:

WALTER H. HICHENS

Chairman

Health and Institutional

Services Committee

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

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

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

#### Divided Report

Majority Senate Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Advisory Committee on Public Broadcasting" (S. P. 200) (L. D. 545)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. SPEERS of Kennebec

WYMAN of Washington

CLIFFORD

of Androscoggin

— of the Senate.

Messrs. CURTIS of Orono

FARNHAM of Hampden

COONEY of Sabattus

BUSTIN of Augusta

CROMMETT

of Millinocket

Mrs. GOODWIN of Bath

Mrs. NAJARIAN of Portland

— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee on same Bill reporting "Ought to pass" in New Draft with New Title "An Act to Clarify the Purpose of the Committee on Maine Public Broadcasting" (S. P. 467) (L. D. 1426)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. SILVERMAN of Calais

STILLINGS of Berwick

SNOWE of Auburn

— of the House.

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

In the House: Reports were read.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that the House concur in accepting the Minority Report and would like to speak briefly.

The SPEAKER: The Gentleman from Orono, Mr. Curtis, moves that the House accept the Minority Report in concurrence.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is not one of the most important items that will come before the legislature this session. As you noted from looking at the report, all three members of the other body signed the majority report, as did I. I think that it would be worthwhile if this body were to go along with the minority report, which in essence continues a committee which has not been meeting very frequently but might in the future in a strictly advisory capacity.

The majority report suggested that the committee be abolished. It seems to me that perhaps there is some use for the committee, so I would like also to go along with the minority report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sabattus, Mr. Cooney.

Mr. COONEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am afraid I am going to stick to my guns here on this one. I would ask for a division. We do have a committee here that really has done nothing for several years and it is possible that we may need a committee of this sort to meet certain federal standards, but it is possible for the board of trustees to set up that committee, and do this without having this committee on the books. I just look at the legislature session after ses-

sion adding commissions, committees and departments onto our state government, and here we have a committee that has not done anything for years. We have an opportunity to repeal that and I think that we ought to do it.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Curtis, that the House accept the Minority "Ought to pass" in New Draft Report in concurrence. A vote has been requested. All in favor of accepting the Minority Report will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

52 having voted in the affirmative and 66 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted in non-concurrence, the Bill read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act Relating to Due Date for Payment of Inheritance Taxes" (H. P. 15) (L. D. 15) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 14.

Came from the Senate with the Bill and accompanying papers indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I move that we insist and would speak to my motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pittsfield Mr. Susi, moves that the House insist. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill came out with a unanimous "ought to pass" report out of Taxation. It was passed in the House and comes to us now indefinitely postponed in the other body.

The bill provides for nine months rather than the fifteen months that are now allowed for the payment of inheritance taxes. Federal law provides for nine months, so this

bill would bring us into conformity with the federal law. During the second year of the upcoming biennium, it would bring three and a quarter million dollars, one time, inasmuch as the estates which would be coming due for payment under the old 15-months law would coincide with the estates which would be coming due under the new 9-months law.

Some people call this the "lawyers get off your duff bill" because there doesn't seem to be in most instances much reason why lawyers shouldn't get these estate accounts settled within a 9-months period. In case they are not able to, they can, on presentation of reasonable evidence to the tax office, get an extension without any difficulty. As you can imagine it is the lawyers who have opposed the passage of this and from what I have noticed around the corridors there are a considerable number of them, so I am doubtful about the future of this, but I would hope that you would support the insist motion.

Thereupon, the House voted to insist.

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Full-time Deputy Sheriffs in all Counties" (H. P. 415) (L. D. 564) which was recommitted to the Committee on County Government in the House on March 21.

Came from the Senate with the Committee Report Leave to Withdraw covered by other legislation read and accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Dyar of Strong, the House voted to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act Reimbursing Teachers for Professional Credits" (H. P. 838) (L. D. 1112) on which the Minority Report "Ought not to pass" was read and accepted in the House on March 20.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-107) read and accepted in non-concurrence.

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

The SPEAKER: Would the Sergeant-at-Arms kindly escort the gentleman from Casco, Mr. Hancock to the rostrum?

Thereupon, Mr. Hancock assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem and Speaker Hewes retired from the Hall.

#### **Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference**

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

##### **Agriculture**

Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Use of Drugs on Animals at Agricultural Fairs" (H. P. 1220) (Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Farm and Open Space Land Law" (H. P. 1252) (Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Resolve Reimbursing the City of Calais for Housing and Detaining Certain Prisoners (H. P. 1230) (Presented by Mr. Silverman of Calais)

Resolve Providing for Purchase of One Hundred and Fifty Copies of History of Solon (H. P. 1231) (Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Provide a Grant Writer for Bangor State Hospital" (H. P. 1253) (Presented by Mr. Churchill of Orland)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Provide a Public Information Officer at Bangor State Hospital" (H. P. 1254) (Presented by Mr. Murray of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Business Legislation**

Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Consumer Credit Code" (H. P. 1229) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft)

Bill "An Act to Establish Construction Standards for Mobile Homes" (H. P. 1232) (Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco)

Bill "An Act to Register and License Dispensing Opticians" (H. P. 1233) (Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington)

Bill "An Act Regulating Mass Marketing of Casualty and Property Insurance" (H. P. 1234) (Presented by Mr. Deshaies of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Immunity Provisions of the Unfair Trade Practices Act" (Emergency) (H. P. 1235) (Presented by Mrs. Baker of Orrington)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **County Government**

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Jury Commissioners and County Officers of Lincoln County" (H. P. 1236) (Presented by Mr. Lewis of Bristol)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Appropriate \$278,000 to Establish a 2-year Community College in York County" (H. P. 1237) (Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick)

The Committee on Reference of Bills suggested the Committee on Education.

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

#### **Education**

Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Calais School District" (Emergency) (H. P. 1238) (Presented by Mr. Silverman of Calais)

Bill "An Act to Create Local-State Funding of Public Schools" (H. P. 1239) (Presented by Mr. Haskell of Houlton)

Bill "An Act Relating to Registration of Privately Owned Nursery Schools and Kinder-

gartens" (H. P. 1255) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Orono)

Bill "An Act to Provide Schooling for Juvenile Offenders in Place of Incarceration" (H. P. 1256) (Presented by Mr. Rolde of York) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Judiciary

Bill "An Act Providing for Suspension of Motor Vehicle Operator's License of Persons Convicted of Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle" (H. P. 1219) (Presented by Mr. Binnette of Old Town)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in Suspending Motor Vehicle Operator's Licenses" (H. P. 1222) (Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act Relating to Commencement of Desertion and Nonsupport Actions" (H. P. 1223) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Bill "An Act Relating to Grounds for Judicial Separation" (H. P. 1224) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Bill "An Act Relating to Psychotherapist and Patient Privilege" (H. P. 1226) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Bill "An Act Relating to Support, Judicial Separation and Annulment Actions by Military Nonresidents Stationed in Maine" (H. P. 1227) (Presented by the same gentleman)

Bill "An Act to Place Jurisdiction of Annulment and Divorce Actions in the District Courts" (H. P. 1240) (Presented by Mrs. Wheeler of Portland)

Bill "An Act Relating to Inspection of Jails" (H. P. 1241) (Presented by Mr. Whitzell of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Transfer of Prisoners Committed to County Jails" (H. P. 1242) (Presented by Mr. Farrington of China)

Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Municipal Police Officers or Constables as Witnesses" (H. P. 1257) (Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Labor

Bill "An Act Relating to Notification to Injured Employees of Rights under Workmen's Compensation Law" (H. P. 1243) (Presented by Mr. Lawry of Fairfield)

Bill "An Act Relating to Benefits Payable under Workmen's Compensation Law When Employer or Supervisory Employee Violates Safety Statutes" (H. P. 1258) (Presented by Mr. Tierney of Durham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Resolve Authorizing Attorney General to Convey Interest of the State in Frogg Island in Little Sebago Lake to Ruel E. Taylor, Jr. (H. P. 1244) (Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Hobby Protection Act" (H. P. 1245) (Presented by Mrs. Clark of Freeport)

Bill "An Act Relating to the State Valuation of the Town of North Berwick" (H. P. 1259) (Presented by Mr. Cressey of North Berwick)

Bill "An Act Amending the Regulatory Power Relating to Plumbing" (H. P. 1260) (Presented by Mr. Rolde of York)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Liquor Control

Bill "An Act Increasing Tax on Liquor, Wine and Beer" (H. P. 1246) (Presented by Mrs. Baker of Orrington)

Bill "An Act Providing for Fines in Lieu of Suspensions under Liquor Laws" (H. P. 1247) (Presented by Mr. Tanguay of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Permitting Liquor Licensed Clubs to Sell Tickets to its Members and Guests for Prizes to Raise Funds for Club Purposes" (H. P. 1248) (Presented by the same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Change the Lobster License to the Boats, Increase License Fees and to Limit the Number of Licenses" (H. P.

1221) (Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Provide \$50,000 to Purchase Land for A Wildlands Preserve in Warren Pond Area of York County" (H. P. 1250) (Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick)

The Committee on Reference of Bills suggested the Committee on Natural Resources.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Haskell.

Mr. HASKELL: Mr. Speaker, I move item 38 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Haskell, moves this matter be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Rolde of York, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Haskell of Houlton to refer to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and tomorrow assigned.

#### **Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act to Impose a Disposal Fee on New Car Sales" (H. P. 1261) (Presented by Mr. Rolde of York)

Bill "An Act Providing Funds for Shoreland Zoning Assistance to Municipalities through Regional Planning Commissions" (H. P. 1262) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Orono)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **State Government**

Bill "An Act to Coordinate and Effectively Utilize Resources Available to Maine's Elderly" (H. P. 1228) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act to Change the Administrative Hearing Commission to an Administrative Court" (H. P. 1249) (Presented by Mr. Dunleavy of Presque Isle)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Taxation**

Bill "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax" (H. P. 1264) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Orono)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Elderly Householders Tax Relief Act" (H. P. 1265) (Presented by Mrs. Goodwin of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Veterans and Retirement**

Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement of Liquor Enforcement Officers" (H. P. 1251) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Augusta)

Resolve Providing a Minimum Service Retirement Allowance under the State Retirement Law for Barbara Goodwin. (Emergency) (H. P. 1225) Presented by Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

At this point, Speaker Hewes returned to the rostrum.

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

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

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

Mr. Cameron from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing the Bounty on Bobcat" (H. P. 46) (L. D. 53)

Mrs. Knight from the Committee on Marine Resources reporting same on Bill "An Act Limiting Fishing in Certain Waters to Indians" (H. P. 208) (L. D. 281)

Mr. Carey from the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act to Reduce Fees for Junkyards and Auto Graveyards" (H. P. 370) (L. D. 499)

Mr. MacLeod from the Committee on Natural Resources reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Outdoor Advertising" (H. P. 498) (L. D. 651)

Mr. Shute from the Committee on Marine Resources reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to the Length Limit of Striped Bass" (H. P. 567) (L. D. 746)



Mr. Bragdon from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting same on Resolve Providing Funds for Reconstruction of Dam on True's Pond, Waldo County (H. P. 588) (L. D. 779)

Mr. Bunker from the Committee on Marine Resources reporting same on Bill "An Act Limiting the Size of Rings Used in Scallop Drags in Certain Waters" (H. P. 636) (L. D. 854)

Same gentleman from same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Change the Open Season for the Taking of Scallops" (H. P. 639) (L. D. 855)

Same gentleman from same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Regulate Size of Scallop Drags Used in Certain Coastal Areas" (H. P. 745) (L. D. 958)

Mr. Norris from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act to Finance Medical Care for the Indigent Residents of Maine" (H. P. 747) (L. D. 960)

Mr. Good from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife reporting same on Bill "An Act to Transfer the Responsibility for Bulldozing in Streams from Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to Department of Environmental Protection" (H. P. 757) (L. D. 1024)

Mr. Henley from the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Trespass on Lands" (H. P. 854) (L. D. 1141)

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

#### **Leave to Withdraw**

Mr. Curtis from the Committee on State Government reporting Leave to Withdraw on Bill "An Act to Include Court Reporters under Unclassified State Officials' Salary Law" (H. P. 323) (L. D. 441)

Mrs. Baker from the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Burden of Proof in Failure to Yield Right of Way to Emergency Vehicles" (H. P. 523) (L. D. 705)

Mr. Dunn from the Committee on Transportation reporting same on Bill "An Act Eliminating "Vacationland" from Motor Vehic-

le Number Plates" (H. P. 808) (L. D. 1073)

Mrs. Baker from the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Posting Notices or other Communication on Lands of Another" (H. P. 876) (L. D. 1164)

Mr. Webber from the Committee on Transportation reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Town Road Improvement Fund Expenditures" (H. P. 899) (L. D. 1187)

Mr. Jalbert from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Housing and Food Supplies Furnished to State Employees" (H. P. 1020) (L. D. 1343)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Leave to Withdraw**

##### **Covered by Other Legislation**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Continue Nutritious Meals to Older People" (H. P. 501) (L. D. 654) reporting Leave to Withdraw as covered by Other Legislation.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on Bill "An Act Repealing the Bounty on Bobcats" (H. P. 697) (L. D. 903) reporting Leave to Withdraw as covered by Other Legislation.

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Briggs.

Mr. BRIGGS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill obviously is one of the little housekeeping items that I have presented to the Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. It seems to me especially unique in this age when we can land a man on the moon, or a number of men for that matter, a number of different times and return them, that we feel that we are so uniquely fouled up here at home that we can't rely upon the ability of nature to control the events of our wildlife creatures in the forests.

Actually, the conservation that we are all so interested in is nothing but a state of harmony between men and land, and harmony with the land is like harmony with a friend. You cannot love his right hand and chop off his left. That is to say, you cannot love game and hate predators or build a forest and mind the farm. The land is one organism and its parts are like our own parts, they cooperate with one another and they compete with each other and both the cooperations and the competitions are very important.

Most of our other neighboring states have seen fit to remove this senseless bounty on bobcats and I feel that it is time that Maine should take that action also. I have discussed it briefly with one of the members of the committee who agrees that probably it will be removed. However, obviously they felt that possibly this was not the best time to remove the bounty.

When I was here before we went through quite a rage in order to remove the bounty on the black bear and there was a great deal of hand wringing and crying and carrying on over the removal of that bounty. The thought was back there in 1957 that we probably within a very few years from 1957 would be so overrun with black bear that we wouldn't be able to negotiate in the State of Maine. That, of course, has not come to pass. If we remove the bounty on bobcat, it will not come to pass that the white-tailed deer population will be materially affected in any manner whatsoever. Therefore, I hope that my motion to substitute the bill for the report will prevail.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Briggs, that the House substitute the Bill for the Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westfield, Mr. Good.

Mr. GOOD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: We had two bills of the same kind in our committee the other day removing the bounty on bobcats. After listening to all the testimony we felt unanimously that this "ought not to pass" now. We

reported out one bill as such and the other we gave leave to withdraw.

I am the man that Mr. Briggs referred to who stated that this bounty probably will be withdrawn sometime, but this is not the time. The committee felt so and the majority of the people at the hearing felt so. I now ask for a division on his motion.

Whereupon, Mr. Briggs of Caribou 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 those 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 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Before the vote is taken, I would call your attention to the wording in the journal. This matter is covered by other legislation.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Briggs, that the Bill be substituted for the Report. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

#### ROLL CALL

YEA — Ault, Berry, P. P.; Berube, Briggs, Brown, Clark, Cooney, Cote, Cottrell, Crommett, Curtis, T. S., Jr.; Emery, D. F.; Evans, Farley, Farnham, Farrington, Ferris, Gahagan, Gauthier, Goodwin, H.; Greenlaw, Hancock, Hoffes, Huber, Jackson, Jacques, LaPointe, Lewis, J.; Maxwell, McKernan, McTeague, Morton, Mulkern, Murray, Najarian, Peterson, Ricker, Rolde, Rollins, Ross, Shute, Smith, S.; Snowe, Susi, Talbot, Tyndale, Webber, Whitzell, Willard, Wood, M. E.

NAY — Albert, Baker, Berry, G. W.; Binnette, Birt, Bither, Brawn, Bunker, Bustin, Cameron, Carey, Carrier, Carter, Chonko, Churchill,

Conley, Connolly, Cressey, Curran, Dam, Davis, Deshaies, Donaghy, Dow, Drigotas, Dudley, Dunn, Dyar, Faucher, Fecteau, Fine-more, Flynn, Fraser, Garsoe, Genest, Good, Hamblen, Haskell, Henley, Herrick, Hunter, Immonen, Kelleher, Kelley, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, Knight, LaCharite, Lawry, LeBlanc, Littlefield, Lynch, MacLeod, Maddox, Mahany, McCormick, McHenry, McNally, Merrill, Mills, Morin, L.; Morin, V.; Murchison, Norris, O'Brien, Palmer, Perkins, Pontbriand, Pratt, Shaw, Simpson, L. E.; Sproul, Theriault, Trask, Walker, Wheeler, White.

ABSENT — Barnes, Boudreau, Bragdon, Chick, Dunleavy, Goodwin, K.; Hobbins, Hodgdon, Jalbert, Lewis, E.; Martin, McMahon, Parks, Santoro, Sheltra, Silverman, Smith, D. M.; Soulas, Stillings, Tanguay, Tierney, Trumbull.

Yes 50; No, 78; Absent, 21.

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

Thereupon, the Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act to Transfer the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services" (H. P. 885) (L. D. 1172) reporting Leave to Withdraw as covered by Other Legislation.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Mr. Curtis from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of County Attorney of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 162) (L. D. 204) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Report was read and accepted, the Bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Referred to Committee on State Government**

Mr. Soulas from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act to Establish a State Hospital Training and Development Center Advisory Board" (H. P. 1003) (L. D. 1320) reported that it be referred to the Committee on State Government.

Report was read and accepted, the Bill referred to the Committee on State Government and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing Nonresident Hunting License Fee" (H. P. 188) (L. D. 265)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. PARKS of Presque Isle  
KELLEY of Southport  
CHURCHILL of Orland  
WALKER of Island Falls  
MILLS of Eastport  
MORIN of Fort Kent  
DOW of West Gardiner  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ANDERSON of Hancock  
ALDRICH of Oxford  
GRAFFAM  
— of Cumberland  
— of the Senate.  
Messrs. CAMERON of Lincoln  
GOOD of Westfield  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Good of Westfield, recommended to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Divided Report Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Eliminating Suspension of Motor Vehicle Operator's License Pending Appeal in Operating under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquors" (H. P. 841) (L. D. 1115)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. TANOUS of Penobscot  
SPEERS of Kennebec  
— of the Senate.  
Messrs. HENLEY of Norway  
PERKINS  
— of South Portland  
CARRIER of Westbrook  
GAUTHIER of Sanford  
Mrs. BAKER of Orrington  
Mrs. WHITE of Guilford  
Mrs. WHEELER of Portland  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the follow-  
ing members:

Mr. BRENNAN of Cumberland  
— of the Senate.  
Messrs. DUNLEAVY  
— of Presque Isle  
McKERNAN of Bangor  
Mrs. KILROY of Portland  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

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

Thereupon, on motion of Mr.  
Farley of Biddeford, tabled pending  
the motion of Mrs. Baker of  
Orrington to accept the Majority  
Report and specially assigned for  
Wednesday, March 28.

#### **Consent Calendar First Day**

(H. P. 117) (L. D. 173) Bill "An  
Act Defining the Boundaries of  
Richmond's Island Sanctuary" —  
Committee on Fisheries and Wild-  
life reporting "Ought to pass" in  
New Draft (H. P. 1263) (L. D.  
1568)

(H. P. 257) (L. D. 337) Bill "An  
Act Clarifying the Law as to  
Keeping Wild Animals in Captiv-  
ity" — Committee on Fisheries  
and Wildlife reporting "Ought to  
Pass" as amended by Committee  
Amendment "A" (H-127)

(H. P. 266) (L. D. 373) Bill "An  
Act Converting Great Pond Planta-  
tion into the Town of Great Pond"  
— Committee on Legal Affairs  
reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 314) (L. D. 432) Bill "An  
Act Relating to Delivery of Suspen-  
sions under the Motor Vehicle

Laws" — Committee on Judiciary  
reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 326) (L. D. 444) Bill "An  
Act Relating to Requirement for  
Filing Proof under Financial  
Responsibility Law" — Committee  
on Judiciary reporting "Ought to  
pass"

(H. P. 504) (L. D. 670) Bill "An  
Act to Permit Commissioner of Sea  
and Shore Fisheries to Suspend  
Licenses for Violations of Private  
and Special Laws and Assault on  
Coastal Wardens" — Committee on  
Judiciary reporting "Ought to  
pass"

(H. P. 530) (L. D. 712) Resolve  
in Favor of Down East Community  
Hospital of Machias — Committee  
on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought  
to pass"

(H. P. 538) (L. D. 720) Resolve  
Designating the Bridge Across the  
Little Androscoggin River at  
Mechanic Falls as "The Sawyer  
Memorial Bridge" — Committee  
on Transportation reporting "Ought  
to pass"

(H. P. 578) (L. D. 770) Bill "An  
Act Providing for Repair,  
Maintenance and Operation of  
State-owned Dam on Dead River,  
Androscoggin County" — Committee  
on Appropriations and Financial  
Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"  
as amended by Committee Amend-  
ment "A" (H-128)

(H. P. 668) (L. D. 873) Bill "An  
Act Relating to Stop - sale Orders  
under Maine Economic Poisons  
Law" — Committee on Agriculture  
reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 685) (L. D. 892) Bill "An  
Act Relating to Expenditures of the  
Town Road Improvement Fund" —  
Committee on Transportation  
reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 768) (L. D. 1002) Resolve  
to Authorize Granting an Easement  
on State Land to Auburn Sewerage  
District — Committee on State  
Government reporting "Ought to  
pass" as amended by Committee  
Amendment "A" (H-129)

(H. P. 772) (L. D. 1006) Bill "An  
Act to Transfer the Maine Historic  
Preservation Commission to the  
Department of Educational and  
Cultural Services" — Committee  
on State Government reporting  
"Ought to pass"

(H. P. 780) (L. D. 1012) Bill "An Act Relating to Management and Maintenance of State of Maine Building at Eastern States Exposition" — Committee on Agriculture reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 791) (L. D. 1027) Bill "An Act Reestablishing a Base Period for all Fishing Regulations" — Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 896) (L. D. 1183) Bill "An Act Relating to Resetting, Tampering or Disconnecting Odometers on Motor Vehicles" — Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-130)

(H. P. 897) (L. D. 1184) Bill "An Act Providing for Inclusion of Odometer Reading on Certificate of Registration of Motor Vehicles Returned Upon Transfer of Ownership" Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-131)

(H. P. 958) (L. D. 1268) Bill "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to the Board of Pesticides Control" — Committee on Agriculture reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 1089) (L. D. 1282) Resolve Authorizing School Construction in City of Eastport (Emergency) — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 976) (L. D. 1290) Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Purpose of Creating an Office of Off-reservation Indian Development within the Department of Indian Affairs" — Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

(H. P. 1021) (L. D. 1344) Bill "An Act Amending the Law Relating to the Provision of Housing and Meals to State Employees" — Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

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

#### **Consent Calendar Second Day**

(H. P. 500) (L. D. 653) Bill "An Act Amending the Uniform Flag Law" (C. "A" - H-122)

(S. P. 306) (L. D. 969) Bill "An Act Authorizing Municipalities and School Administrative Districts to Secure Competitive Bids in the Construction of School Buildings" (C. "A" - S-40)

(H. P. 809) (L. D. 1055) Bill "An Act Specifying a Time Limit for Return of Marriage Certificates"

(H. P. 1218) (L. D. 1536) Bill "An Act Relating to Use and Possession of Spray Paint Cans in State Controlled Areas"

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

#### **Passed to Be Engrossed**

Bill "An Act Creating Aroostook County Commissioner Districts" (H. P. 55) (L. D. 65)

Bill "An Act Relating to Bilingual and Bicultural Education" (C. "A" - S-12) (S. P. 62) (L. D. 165)

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

#### **Second Reader**

##### **Tabled and Assigned**

Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Implement the Administration of Justice by Permitting Eight-man Juries for Trials of Certain Criminal Cases (H. P. 173) (L. D. 215)

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

(On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 28.)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Law Making Relatives Responsible for Persons Receiving Hospital Care" (H. P. 318) (L. D. 436)

Bill "An Act to Impose a Fee for Waiving the Waiting Period before Marriage" (H. P. 646) (L. D. 862) (C. "A" H-120)

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

**Passed to Be Enacted  
Emergency Measure**

An Act Relating to the Community School District Law (H. P. 607) (L. D. 806)

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 one against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act to Permit the State Board of Education to Reimburse the City of Portland for School Construction (S. P. 338) (L. D. 1037) (C. "A" S-35)

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. 123 voted in favor of same and 2 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act Relating to Pollution Control in Discharge in Tidal Waters (S. P. 455) (L. D. 1048)

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. 125 voted in favor of same and one against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Passed to Be Enacted**

An Act Relating to Selecting Chairman of and Length of Tenure of the Members of the State Board of Hairdressers (H. P. 315) (L. D. 433)

An Act Changing the Name of the Maine Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Academy (H. P. 363) (L. D. 478) (C. "A" H-97)

An Act Creating Oxford County Commissioner Districts (H. P. 405) (L. D. 534)

An Act to Validate Portland Water District's Actions (H. P. 420) (L. D. 569)

An Act Enlarging the Territorial Limits of the Madawaska Water District (H. P. 448) (L. D. 597)

An Act to Authorize Application and Service Fees to be Charged by the Maine Municipal Securities Approval Board (S. P. 219) (L. D. 635) (C. "A" S-33)

An Act to Change the Date of the Primary Election (H. P. 645) (L. D. 861)

An Act Providing for a Change in Standard Deductions in Income Tax Law. (H. P. 655) (L. D. 869) (C. "A" - H-85)

An Act Relating to Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers. (H. P. 704) (L. D. 909) (C. "A" - H-98)

An Act Establishing the Carver's Pond Waterfowl Sanctuary, Knox County. (H. P. 718) (L. D. 924)

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:

Bill "An Act Relating to Risk Sharing Plans in the Field of Property Insurance" (H. P. 189) (L. D. 229)

Tabled — March 21, by Mr. Ross of Bath.

Pending — Motion of Mr. O'Brien of Portland that the House Insist.

Thereupon, the House voted to insist.

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

Bill "An Act to Place the Position of Director, Bureau of Aeronautics and Director, Bureau of Waterways in the Classified Service" (Emergency) (S. P. 162) (L. D. 417)

Tabled — March 21, by Mr. Talbot of Portland.

Pending — Acceptance of Committee Report — Ought to Pass.

On motion of Mr. Talbot of Portland, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 28.

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

Bill "An Act to Reconstitute and Place a Public Member on the Maine Real Estate Commission" (S. P. 459) (L. D. 1049)

Tabled — March 21, by Mr. Carey of Waterville.

Pending — Acceptance of "Ought to pass" Report.

Thereupon, the Report was accepted, the Bill read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Content of Ballots" (H. P. 442) (L. D. 591)

Tabled — March 21, by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

Pending — Passage to be enacted.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Bill "An Act to Provide Sales Tax Credit on Replacement of Lost or Destroyed Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 564) (L. D. 743)

Tabled — March 21, by Mr. Farrington of China.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Susi of Pittsfield to accept Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

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

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think you remember the discussion we have had on this bill which deals with the problem that arises when a person has an automobile destroyed or lost, and in case his insurance company does not make up the sales tax, he is stuck with the payment of the sales tax when he goes to replace his vehicle. At that time, explanation was given that there was full agreement in

the Taxation Committee that the victim in this instance should not be stuck with the sales tax, but some of us felt that we shouldn't be subsidizing with tax dollars what we felt should be the responsibility of the insurance company, inasmuch as many of them do pay.

The sponsor of the bill has prepared an amendment which provides for the insurance companies paying the amount of the sales tax and it has been placed on our desks this morning. It is filing H-134. I propose to withdraw my motion on the "ought not to pass" and move "ought to pass" so that we can get it to second reading and the amendment can be offered. So far as our committee is concerned, I believe it would get unanimous support.

Thereupon, Mr. Susi requested permission to withdraw his motion, which was granted.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Minority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted.

The Bill was read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

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

Bill "An Act to Provide Funds for the Development of an Airport in the Rumford-Mexico Area" (H. P. 462) (L. D. 611)

Tabled — March 21, by Mr. Henley of Norway.

Pending — Acceptance of Committee Report — Ought to Pass.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Henley.

Mr. HENLEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This little bill seems to have raised quite a rumpus, L. D. 611. It states that there is appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$82,500 and the Department of Transportation is authorized and empowered to expend such funds for the purpose of developing an airport in the Rumford-Mexico area.

Section II, Appropriations shall not lapse. The appropriation

provided by this act shall not lapse but shall remain in continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished. And I think that probably the statement of fact is a good basis to work from here because I am going to ask for the indefinite postponement of the bill.

The Statement of Fact. The purpose of this bill is to provide funds for the state's share of the cost of developing an airport with a 32 hundred foot runway in the Rumford - Mexico area. There is \$25,000 available from a previously approved bond issue which makes up the remainder of the state's share. It is anticipated that the Federal Aviation Administration will participate to the extent of 50 percent of the cost of the facility, with the remaining 25 percent of the total fund provided locally. The total estimated cost of the facility is \$430,000. Now 25 percent of this — that is a little over \$100,000 — should be appropriated locally.

You may note that L. D. 612, which has not yet been heard, authorizes Oxford County to raise up to \$140,000, I believe, which would be the so-called local part of the appropriation.

I feel in a way that the whole program is premature. I thought I would let things ride along as they were. I did not get too much flak on it until just before the hearing. Then I began getting letters from several areas up there, principally Dixfield. I did not quite know why just from Dixfield. I never received but one letter at all, anytime, that were for the airfield.

Then at the day of the hearing, I was unable to attend, but I checked and found that at least two other members of the delegation were going to attend and they were opposed to it. Then there was, as I understand it, quite a few opponents who came down. Several of the people in the area said that they, even though they should of course, — the hearing was advertised, but nevertheless they just had not got going, and they did not realize that it was such a problem, so they did not come

down to the hearing to oppose it, but several did.

I presume the reason that it came out of committee as it did was probably because of the fact that more of the people were not stirred up at the time. It will be said that that makes no difference, but I believe that it does make a difference because the time since the bill had its hearing is just the same for one side as the other, and the proponents of this bill are still very, very, very much in the minority.

We of course feel that now is a good time for industrial parks and flight industries and flight airfields. That is true. I am very much for that concept. The only thing is, I like to see a community, an area that wants an airport and an industrial park to do a little bit more on their own first — quite a bit more. I would like to see them pay the down payment, as it were. That was the statement I used in answer to one of the proponents who phoned me the other night, a businessman in Rumford who happens to have a couple of airplanes. He said they needed the field very much. They wanted to get the field, get it fixed up and then see if they couldn't get industry in there. That is a good idea, of course, except that I asked him, "Would you feel that you could go out and buy a new car with no down payment?" He said, "No, of course not." Well I feel that this is a good deal, the same thing. If the local people had put \$50,000 of their own money, purchased the land, developed some of it and had the promise of industries in there, I would feel much more sympathy with them.

Now, I have a copy of their financial plan here and it is not realistic. For instance, they have got cost of access road, \$50,000. Any of you who know anything about the construction of roads know that they would just about put in one culvert across one of the brooks.

I went up along with Representative Immonen, Representative Rollins and Representative Willard. We wanted to see just where this was and what was going on. So we went up Saturday afternoon. We



had to procure some snowmobiles after we got across the Webb River to get into the meadow where the field is proposed to be. We had to go nearly a mile along the other side of the river over this old hummocky road through the snow on snowmobiles. The valley — and it is a beautiful little meadow. I will agree it is a beautiful spot; it is large enough for an airport as long as you have runways north and south. There are some sizable hills and mountains which would require warning signals, but the proposed access road, which would be necessary if you were going to have industry in there, would cost not \$50,000 but nearer three quarters of a million dollars. They propose to bring the road in from Route 2, right near where the Webb River crosses Route 2, which is the boundary between Dixfield and Mexico.

This valley, by the way, this meadow, is a part of a flood plain on the Webb River. I have been given to understand that practically every Spring the biggest part of the meadow is under water. I was told yesterday that a couple of years ago it was under water three feet. So I don't know just how they would get a reasonable field in there, they would have to build it quite a bit higher. Also, if they were going to have industry, they would have to be pretty sure where they put their factories. There is no railroad nearer than the other side of the river. So the only access would be some road that they would build in there.

The takeoff and landing would be right over the roofs of several of the homes that are being built and have been built in the Town of Dixfield. You see, Dixfield is practically on the east bank of the Webb River and the Webb River runs generally north and south. So the village of Dixfield runs right up along in a northerly direction nearly on the east bank of the Webb River, so they are the people who would be involved in any problems with the airfield. The airfield is miles and miles away from the village of Mexico. It seems to me it is more a Dixfield airport than it is a Mexico airport.

Of course, regardless of whether the field would be accessible or whether it would be desirable, I think that I would oppose it mainly on the fact that there is no down payment. The area has done practically nothing. They have taken some borings of soil and that is all they have done. The borings show — they took three borings, as near as I can find out, unless they have taken some lately — the borings showed silt, sand and clay and growing progressively softer down 17 feet. So there has been no general okay of the area by any agency beyond a local engineering firm, as near as I can tell. The site location people, the environmental location people have not been in. The federal people have not okayed it.

So, as I told a couple of the people that want this field, it is a dream which they expect us to finance. I hope that the members of the Appropriations Committee will not feel that I am specifically critical of them. I think that they perhaps had their hearing before a lot of people knew what was going on up there, the people in Dixfield, in Mexico and in Rumford, because I have so many letters that I have had quite a problem getting them opened and getting them together.

Here is one bundle of letters. Here is another bundle of letters. I have a total of 93 letters here and some of them are quite concise in their wording. I would like to read you one in particular. I think this one has quite a bearing on it. It says, "Rumford Center, March 21, Representative Henley. Dear Sir:

"I wish to go on record as being opposed to the construction of a regional airport and an industrial park at Steel's Field in Mexico. My objections are not directed toward the concept of an airport to serve this part of the state but rather to building it in this particular location. My concern is over what the final cost to the taxpayer will be to build in such an unsuitable location.

"I am an engineer by profession, presently employed in the paper industry. Prior to this I was an engineer and superintendent with

one of the largest contractors in the State of Maine working on roads, bridges, airports, sewerage works, etc. My experience tells me it is more costly to build in a poor location. I consider this site to be a poor place to put an airport and industrial park.

"This area is low and wet and will flood at times. Construction costs will be increased to build up high enough to 'keep out of the wet'.

"This area is remote in relation to existing utilities. It will be necessary to build roads, sewer, water lines, and power lines considerable distances to service the facilities. And these costs are directly proportional to the distance the utilities are extended.

"The estimate being used as the cost of the airport does not include the necessary utilities, and I doubt if it includes the cost of building a basic runway in a swamp.

"The overall, final cost of this proposed project to the taxpayer to build at Steel's Field is what should be considered above all other things, for he is the one footing the bill. Let's use our tax money wisely. Sincerely, William N. Weston, Professional Engineer"

I might also state that on the geological map produced by the state — you can get copies for every town in the state as you are well aware — the proposed airstrip is directly superimposed over a little triangle of land which is — anyone that has read these maps knows what it means — it is pale blue with little tufts of marsh grass meaning that it is a marsh.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, I am quite sure that probably all of this did not come out at the hearing, but it seems to me that there is enough information here to give all of you a reasonable doubt that this would be a good investment for a hundred thousand dollars, counting a bond issue, or more than a hundred thousand of the State of Maine and a little later a bill of over a hundred thousand from Oxford County, with almost no money put into it locally as seed money to begin with.

I know you will be told that the area pays a big share of Oxford County taxes. Probably that is

true. The area does. Nevertheless, there is a lot of the other areas that can never make any use of it that will still dig into their pockets. It just seems to me that that particular area that will benefit should have gone farther with it. They should have taken another couple of years and developed something before they asked the state for more money.

I will not follow this any farther right now. I know it is going to be debated some more but think carefully before you will vote this kind of money at this particular time. I urge you to vote for indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Henley, that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. Fraser.

Mr. FRASER: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I actually expected another tabling motion this morning. I hope that the members of the Appropriations Committee will bear with me because they are going to have to listen to the same thing now that they heard me say at the hearing.

I have to go back to the early 1930's when at that time there was one of our country's major depressions. We had in our town, or in our area, Oxford Paper Company, International Paper Company, Continental Paper and Bag Mills Corporation. We had an envelope mill and a chemical mill. Toward the end of that depression, the Continental mill thought they could manufacture bags less expensive by moving to Brooklyn, New York, which they did. They moved bag and baggage and along with them, of course, went the envelope mill which was part of their company. That took about 500 or 600 employees.

Some years later, International Paper Company probably found themselves in financial straits locally, I don't know, but they asked the Town of Rumford for tax abatement, free taxes for about five years in order to stay there. This was put to a vote of the voters

of Rumford and they turned it down. So they moved, took their machinery out. There is another thousand employees gone.

During that time, later business began to pick up, and Oxford Paper Company picked up some of these employees who were laid off by other industries. The others moved out until they got to probably 3,200 employees and then more paper companies started building mills and, of course, it created more competition, which up to that time Oxford had it pretty well to themselves and had no problems selling their paper.

When they found themselves hard put to meet competitive prices, they had to find ways to reduce the cost of manufacturing their paper. Cost of materials are the same for everyone manufacturing that product. So they could not reduce costs there very well. The only way they could reduce costs was by looking toward labor. They hired experts to come in and go through their factory and little by little or group by group, they started laying off people. As much as possible, they took care of these people through attrition. Of course, this could not take care of all of them. This has been going on for some years until now they have gotten down to about 1,700 and they are not through yet.

The populations of the Towns of Rumford and Mexico have gone down over the last census by about 1,600 people. We have empty apartments; we have houses for sale. Ladies and gentlemen of this House, if something like this is not done, we in our area have reached the end of the road.

Now the gentleman from Norway stresses the cost, of course. The fact that his area has already gotten the money from the county and from the state for an airport which they are building seems to be okay.

Now, regarding the area, this is not something that started recently. The federal government has been up there looking that situation over for several years, and they settled on this one spot as the only logical place in which an airport could be built. They have gone all through it; they have engineers too. As a matter of fact,

the federal government, federal aviation had appropriated \$12,000 for a study which is going on right now by other engineers and they seem to approve.

We are talking about opposition at the hearing; it was there, but all of them presented the same objection. And after inquiries from the committee, they all agreed with the concept, they just did not like the location because it was near homes. Well, I suppose no matter where you put it, it is going to be near somebody's home. An inquiry brought out the fact that there were not many homes, a few. Also an inquiry brought out the fact that the nearest one is three-quarters of a mile to a mile and a half away from where the proposed runway might be. No one knows yet right where it will be, so we cannot say whether it is going to go over this house or that house.

I well understand that maybe people do not like planes going over their houses, but everywhere there are airports people have planes. When they complete that one in Oxford, I am sure there will be planes going over s o m e b o d y ' s house too.

So I really do not know what else to say to you. I hope you will not indefinitely postpone this. Our area is in bad shape economically. And when you are in bad shape economically, who do you go to for help besides your state and your county? I hope you will not indefinitely postpone.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Haskell.

Mr. HASKELL: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to attempt to explain the Appropriation Committee's stand on this particular piece of legislation. Up to this point there has been no method devised that you can appropriate as you go along, so that during the course of any legislature, certain bills that seem to have merit and do carry an appropriation tag do go through the legislative process and finally wind up on the Appropriation Table, then a judgment is made at the end of the session in terms

of the available money to fund them.

This hearing, as has been indicated by the debate up to this point, it seemed to the members of the committee, was a good hearing. Both points of view were well expressed. I think the factor that perhaps hasn't been sufficiently discussed up to this point is the fact that this seems to be the only feasible location for an airport in this particular area. The terrain of the area is such that there are very few flat stretches of land sufficiently large to accommodate an airport with a reasonable approach. So in the judgment of the committee this location seemed to be the only one feasible.

It was further the judgment of the committee, in order to provide some economic assistance to the area, that an airport was desirable. The fact of the state assisting in the funding of airports is well established. So from this point of view, it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that the bill be passed out for the legislators' scrutiny and leave it to the good judgment of the legislature, the fate of the airport.

But it is the committee opinion, from the testimony at the hearing, that this is the only feasible site location. We do feel that the development of an airport with associated light industries is a well established tool of economic development and, as such, should be supported by state funds.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Theriault.

Mr. THERIAULT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In reference to these sites, there were seven sites surveyed by the federal aviation board and the Maine Aeronautics Department. This site that we are talking about is the best one that they could find, the one that would cost the least to develop. Now the towns of Rumford, Mexico, Andover, Dixfield and Peru all approved of this concept prior to any decision being made where the site would be located.

The companies that are interested in this airport in our

area are the Oxford Paper Company of Rumford, Stowell-MacGregor Timberland Company of Dixfield, Diamond International of Peru and Comsat Corporation of Andover. The Comsat Corporation has come forth and said that they would be using that airport, if it was there, at least 200 flights in any given year.

Now in reference to our decrease in population, Oxford Paper Company employs 70 percent of the industrial employment for our area. In the last seven years, the company has added 30 percent reduction in its work.

To give you an idea how we are going, there was an article in the Lewiston Sun a few months ago and they projected the loss in population in our county, while the population is going up in the rest of the state. It said that Oxford county will decrease 43,000 in 1970 to 35,000 in the year 2020.

In this same period of time, Androscoggin County will be increasing 23,000 and Franklin County 5,000, and these are both neighboring counties of Oxford. Cumberland and York are other bordering counties. They will also have an increase. Now in the decade between 1960 and 1970, Oxford County's population decreased two percent, 888 people. In the Rumford area, the decrease was 6.4 percent, 642 people; in Mexico, 14.6 percent, 734 persons; in Dixfield, 5.8 percent, 135 persons. So you can see from that where the decreases were. That comes pretty near taking care of that whole 888.

This project was given top priority by the Oxford County Redevelopment Committee, which is comprised of representatives from 12 towns in Oxford County and includes Norway and South Paris. This project was approved by the Federal Redevelopment Committee as top priority project for the Mexico Community Betterment Committee. And these committees, these urban committees, the redevelopment committee were formed because in 1971, because of the high unemployment rate in Oxford County became eligible for redevelopment funds.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Willard.

Mr. WILLARD: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: My constituents that I have talked to and I personally, are opposed to this airport in what is known as Backkingdom in Dixfield. With all due respect to my friends Mr. Theriault, and Mr. Fraser of Mexico, I am in accord with statements made by Mr. Henley. I attended the hearings before the Appropriations Committee and made up my mind at that time that the location and expense was not worthy of the cost to the federal, state and local government.

I was one of the delegation who went to the site and I think it makes a much better hay field than an airport. I hope that you will vote to defeat this issue.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. Fraser.

Mr. FRASER: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: You will notice that all these people who object to this thing as being undesirable are people who know nothing about engineering. We have had federal engineers that looked that place over and we had state engineers up there looking it over and they seem to be satisfied. Along with hoping that we may attract some small industry up that way to add to our economy, it is also hoped that it will develop and increase for those who are there, Oxford, Stowell-MacGregor, Diamond Match, the Andover Wood Products. All who are there will benefit from it. And, Mr. Speaker, I ask for a roll call.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dixfield, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In a battle of this sort, I guess you start off with your big guns, then get down to the .22 caliber. Probably that is where I come in. But if anybody thinks that this airport will cure all of the troubles of the area, I think they are barking up the wrong tree.

The people of Dixfield are unanimous, a hundred percent against this. We are opposed to the proposed Rumford-Mexico airport on the grounds that the only site now being considered is simply not suitable. In fact, we believe that the construction of an airport on the proposed site would be highly undesirable for the following reasons: This is open countryside, woods, marsh and meadow. It is populated by a wide diversity of fish and wildlife. By reason of its proximity to the population centers of Rumford, Dixfield and Mexico, the area is very important to local outdoor recreational activities such as hunting, fishing and hiking. It is located on the Webb River flood plains, so is instrumental to runoff control in water quality protection. Because of its proximity to Dixfield, residential areas, air and road traffic in and out of the proposed development will cause an unacceptable nuisance and hazard.

Preliminary soil borings indicate progressively softer silts, clays and sands to a depth in excess of 17 feet at the site, indicating that extensive filling and draining will be needed. Cost of construction may well exceed projections and siltation of the Webb River during construction is to be expected.

I would also like to bring to your attention something that happened in Florida. Of course, Florida is a long way from Maine but this happened down there on the Kissamee River. They decided that they were going to straighten this river into some sort of a canal. And they spent \$88 million to do this. Now they find that there was a flood control plan where this river flows into Lake Okechobee that they have got to build the river up again at another great cost. I do not have the figures here exactly, but they spent \$88 million to start with. They will probably spend as much more to undo what they did.

I do not think, ladies and gentlemen, that I want this to happen as close to my home down in Dixfield as they are proposing.

Mr. Fraser of Mexico was granted permission to speak a third time.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: This is merely to rebut one of the statements by my good friend, Mr. Rollins, when he said the town of Dixfield is 100 per cent opposed. That definitely is wrong because one of the largest manufacturers in Dixfield, Stowell and MacGregor, were at the hearing and they favored it.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Henley.

MR. HENLEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I know this is going to be something of a hassle and of course, I figured it. I wish that I had time for all of you to read all these letters. If there is anyone in the town of Dixfield that is for it, they are keeping mighty quiet.

Another thing that I would like to bring to your attention and also to the attention of my friend from Mexico, Mr. Fraser, here is a letter that I received that I did not read before: "March 21, Mexico, Maine, Representative Lowell D. Henley. Dear Representative Henley: Prior to the introduction of the bill, a letter addressed to Rep. Emile Fraser opposing the construction of an airport in Mexico was circulated. The purpose of this was to get the reaction of a cross-section of people in this area. It was not an intensive campaign, but in a very short time there were somewhere in the vicinity of 150 names signed to the letter. It was then submitted to Mr. Fraser.

"Since Mr. Fraser has chosen to ignore the wishes of many of his constituents, I am now writing you to again state that I am opposed to the use of town, county, state or federal monies for a project which is ill-conceived and wasteful."

Now that is by a citizen of Mexico.

Now I have another letter that I want to read; but before I do that I want to rebut my friend, Mr. Fraser of Mexico, when he insists that our little airport industrial park which we have in

the Town of Oxford next to Norway, that we got all the money we needed for our airport. We came to the legislature for not one cent of money, ladies and gentlemen. We did not ask the county for anything, only a little administrative money which they put in in the forming of the organization. This exactly was a case that I feel should be done in regards to airports. I am glad that you have given me an opportunity to mention it. That airport was somebody's dream but it was not a dream while somebody sat on their duffs and waited for the taxpayers to supply them with the initial money to build their airport.

A group of the business men got together and organized. They purchased the land with their own money. They used their own money to dicker for this, that, and the other. They got the timber cut off on this strip. They cleared land for industrial sites. They got the promises of industry. They even started building a factory before they even came to the county whatsoever.

Mr. Emile Fraser, I believe, was a member of the delegation that was invited to sit into a meeting when Cap Gallant, who was president of this group met with us. He said, "We would like this to be a county airport. In return for using the county name, Oxford County Airport, we will give you the land." I think perhaps they paid one dollar. That, ladies and gentlemen, is the county's contribution and their share. That land which was bought by other people, by private money, was given to the county and is worth now 60 odd or 66 thousand dollars as the county's share in that airport. The state is supplying their share and the federal government theirs. The project is all written up and will be effective as soon as they can get going on it.

But that is what I call preparation and then asking for help after they get some money of their own invested and I will never forget the president of that group before our meeting — and everyone who was there will recall it — Mr. Gallant said to us: "We are not begging. We are going to have this

airfield whether you people buy it or not." That is the spirit I like to see and that is the spirit I like to see organized before someone asks for help. They have done nothing of that kind up there in that area.

Now, without boring you with too many of these 93 letters that I've got, the final one came this morning. I want to read one more letter here and this one — by the way, I haven't read you any letters from Dixfield residents. Actually, there are only 33 of these letters of these 93 letters that are from Dixfield. Rumford has 17 letters here objecting to it. Mexico itself, I have 25 letters objecting to it. I have letters from Peru, Wilton, Frye, Canton, Buckfield all objecting to this.

Here is a letter from a person on Woodward Farm, Backkingdom Road in Mexico. "Dear Mr. Henley: I am writing to express my opposition to L. D. 611, which if passed, will appropriate funds for an airport-industrial site in Mexico.

"The site of the proposed airport is located on the floodplain of the Webb River. It is a beautiful, unspoiled area used extensively for recreation. Although I concede that an airport in the Rumford area might be beneficial — " and the word "might" is underlined, "— to the economy, I do not think that possible future industrial development is an excuse sufficient to overpower the advantages of leaving the site as it is.

"Proponents of the airport say that if the siting posed environmental dangers, it would not be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. Since it is a marsh area that is involved, such approval seems doubtful; but even if the airport could be sited in Steele's Meadows without grave damage to the river or the water table, the spoiling of the wild area would be an irreparable loss.

"Proponents claim that an airport in Mexico would attract industry that would bolster a sagging local economy. This claim has not been extensively researched. Although some industries have indicated that they would not locate in an area without

an airport, there is nothing to indicate that any specific industry would be attracted by this particular airport.

"There is an airfield of comparable size in Bethel, 22 miles from Rumford but there has been no industry attracted by that facility.

"My most strongly felt opposition is to the fact that the L. D. 611 appropriation is to be made without a site approval contingency. The funds should not be appropriated until a definite site has been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

"The only citizens who are aware of the issues involved have been until recently the proponents. Most Mexico and Rumford residents are unaware that a master plan study is being performed for this site or that the appropriation bill is before the House. There will be informed opposition from both communities if passage of the bill can be delayed long enough for the opponents to publicize their stand on the issue." And this was dated on March 20. That is six days ago but it was apparently just about the time that the majority of the area-wide citizens became aware of the bill.

Now, I submit to you that where this overwhelming opposition of the people in that area, the fact that they have no seed money, they have created nothing, they do not even own the land — I understand recently that they have the promise of being able to purchase the land. A lot of the biggest part of it is owned by a farmer. Some of it is owned by Diamond National and some by Oxford Paper, I believe. Nevertheless, there has nothing been done but some borings taken. Now you add all of these letters here. They are all worded a good deal the same. They do not want it in that area, the majority of the people, as near as I can tell; because if they did, I would have some letters that were for the airport.

So I urge you to vote with me in killing this bill and let's let them try and keep on going and possibly in the next session of the legislature they will at least have a token amount of work and investment

done in the area and the promise of an industry. If they did, I might be a lot more interested in going along with it.

Mr. Fraser of Mexico was granted unanimous consent to address the House a fourth time.

Mr. FRASER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Everyone in this room knows how easy it is to have a lot of letters sent out. There were a few active people around Mexico and Dixfield who did go out canvassing for this thing and asked people to write and they spent quite a lot of time doing it. I don't think 90 letters is very much after such a big effort.

I got some letters too. As a matter of fact I got telephone calls. I got a telephone call last Saturday from the International Paper Company at Jay asking me to support it because they were interested.

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

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hate to get into a debate like this but I happen to be on the Board of Directors of State Aviation which we operate the Lewiston-Auburn Airport. I happen to know that a lot of these planes from the International Paper Company land at my airport and are giving us business. I know that if this bill goes through that we would lose some of that business. I tell you gentlemen that when you have engineers that you pay \$30,000 and \$40,000 a year, you can't afford to have them driving an automobile. You fly them and you get them to their destination as soon as you can and I feel that this is a good bill and if it came out of committee, the Appropriations Committee, "ought to pass", unanimously, I really believe it is a good bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dixfield, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Over a hundred years ago, the town of Dixfield raised \$50 to build a road from Dixfield to Mexico. And at that time the

appropriation read that if there was any money left over, it would be used for other purposes. Now, I don't know whether — I know that the town of Mexico didn't put any money in on this road, six miles. I don't know whether they are trying to repay it to us now at this late date with an airport. When the vote is taken Mr. Speaker, I hope it will be taken by the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Mexico, Mr. Fraser, has already requested the yeas and nays. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. McTeague.

Mr. McTEAGUE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am like Mr. Jacques, I have no expertise in aviation. I think I share the knowledge that every member of this House has regarding the difficulties that have existed, the economic difficulties in Oxford County, in particular regard to the paper industry. The paper industry is terribly important to that county and it is very important in our whole state. It is ordinarily a good employer, a high-wage employer.

The provision of an airport to aid that industry, to stabilize its down-turn or hopefully to turn it around, it seems to me like a very sound investment and like a sound investment for jobs for our people which are very much needed particularly in Oxford County.

Mr. Speaker, I don't have any letters, but like Mr. Jacques I am very impressed by the unanimous report of the Appropriations Committee. I hope that the members of this House will go along with that unanimous report.

Mr. Henley of Norway was granted unanimous consent to address the House a third time.

Mr. HENLEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I thank you. I am not going to take very long. I have heard a lot about loss of employment and hard times. I would like to inform the House and Mr. Fraser and Mr. McTeague that the Norway-Oxford-Paris area has had its share. A couple of years ago we lost all of our shoe industry and Norway has been, for a small area, one



of the leading shoemaking towns. We lost it all, every bit of it. That was one of the reasons that these business people started hustling around to see about the airport.

I agree that the airport is an inducement to industry. I agree that it probably will be an assistance to the economy. But ladies and gentlemen, how many towns have we got in the State of Maine, 496? Are we establishing a precedent? Can you cite me some cases where, without so much as the turning of a spade, we have contributed nearly \$100,000 to building an airport, anybody? Stop and think. This could boomerang. Every session of the legislature we can have 100 of these bills. They would say you did it for Rumford, we need factories in our area.

We have got hundreds of towns that need more industry. We have the need for industry. We lost our industry. We went about it and helped ourselves and in helping ourselves, we helped the community. We started the airport. Industry started coming in. Now we have got more industry coming. We have got a very good industry going down there; and because of the airport, we have got a shoe industry back in town. I agree, but we are letting emotionalism and because of the fact that the Rumford area lost a few people in the last census, so did the central part of the county. I am saying that they are premature in their request. Let them do a little bit on their own. Let them supply the down payment and then we can finance their new car for them. It seems to me that is a reasonable enough request. We convene every two years. We even usually convene every year. I don't know why it is felt that we must have this appropriation immediately.

Another thing, this appropriation would not be of any value unless the county supplies its one hundred and some odd thousand and I think you will find a little bit of difficulty there. So this would not be the end of the world if this particular bill was turned down. There are other years coming. We got along a long time up in our area without an airport. We still are but it is going to be built and not by coming

to the legislature for \$100,000 appropriation either nor to the county for another \$100,000. So I hope you will think about that.

I have insisted that the Appropriations Committee base their judgment on the fact that we didn't know about all this stuff then. The people didn't know about it in the area. Since then they have become aware of it and the whole area is up in arms about it.

Again, Mr. Fraser didn't admit anything about the petition he had of 150 names in his own town that objected to it. He said he got a few letters. I wasn't even going to read that letter but he didn't mention that petition anywhere. I hope you go along with the indefinite postponement.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Theriault.

Mr. THERIAULT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My friend, Mr. Henley, mentions a few people who we lost in Rumford. I don't call 1,500 people a few people. That is a lot of people. He said in Norway they lost a few also. During the decade of 1960 to 1970, Norway lost 3.7 per cent but at that same time South Paris gained 3.8 percent. So actually their population increased in their area during that ten years where we were losing the amount that we lost.

Also, as far as letters were concerned, it seemed funny to me, odd even, that 17 people wrote to Mr. Henley but I only got three letters in my own town. He said that he had 17 from Rumford. Why are not my people writing to me if they oppose this?

As far as the maps of the location being presented to the Appropriations Committee, he said that they were not presented any maps and I beg to differ because they were presented maps, the same maps that he referred to, the topographical maps.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Paris, Mr. Immonen.

Mr. IMMONEN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I recognize that the Rumford area has had a problem of finding a site for an airport. The

Androscoggin River seems to go through it, a channel between mountains.

In 1967 we passed a bond issue where Rumford had a share for \$25,000. There are two gentlemen that I know, businessmen in Dixfield whom I know and sometimes ask questions of. One was a flyer during World War II and at the time in 1967, I asked him, "Where would you put an airport up in Rumford. I mean I realize the problem," and he told me that there had been a federal survey made and the only place that they would recommend was a piece of land on the Carthage and Dixfield line as being suitable. Of course, I will recognize that is a considerable distance from Rumford but then in rechecking with these men in Dixfield this weekend, they both said, "Are we going to build an airport into a swamp?"

So I had gone there and visited that place and a man told me that over 50 years ago they were taking clay out of this area to make bricks and they had a scow to take it across the river into a brick making plant. But to say that \$400,000 would be an adequate amount of money for development here for an industrial park and have the knowledge that you would have to have a nine-inch drain pipe to drain out that area because it is so close to the river and a clay pipe. That is all, Mr. Speaker.

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 those 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 Norway, Mr. Henley, that this Bill and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

## ROLL CALL

YEA—Ault, Baker, Berry, G. W.; Bither, Briggs, Brown, Cameron, Chick, Clark, Cressey, Curtis, T. S., Jr.; Davis, Dunn, Dyar, Emery, D. F.; Farnham, Ferris, Flynn, Gahagan, Garsoe, Henley, Huber, Hunter, Immonen, Jackson, Kelley, Lewis, J.; Littlefield, MacLeod, Maxwell, McCormick, McKernan, Merrill, Morton, Perkins, Peterson, Pratt, Rollins, Shaw, Shute, Simpson, L. E.; Sproul, Stillings, Walker, Willard.

NAY — Berry, P. P.; Berube, Binnette, Birt, Boudreau, Bragdon, Brawn, Bustin, Carey, Carrier, Carter, Chonko, Conley, Connolly, Cooney, Cote, Cottrell, Curran, Dam, Donaghy, Dow, Drigotas, Dudley, Farley, Faucher, Fecteau, Finemore, Fraser, Gauthier, Goodwin, H.; Greenlaw, Hamblen, Hancock, Haskell, Herrick, Hobbins, Jacques, Jalbert, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, Knight, LaCharite, LaPointe, Lawry, LeBlanc, Lynch, Maddox, Mahany, McHenry, McNally, McTeague, Mills, Morin, L.; Morin, V.; Mulkern, Murchison, Murray, Najarian, Norris, O'Brien, Palmer, Pontbriand, Ricker, Rolde, Ross, Smith, D. M.; Smith, S.; Snowe, Susi, Talbot, Tanguay, Theriault, Tierney, Trask, Tyndale, Wheeler, White, Whitzell, Wood, M. E.

ABSENT — Albert, Bunker, Churchill, Crommett, Deshaies, Dunleavy, Evans, Farrington, Genest, Good, Goodwin, K.; Hodgdon, Hoffses, Kelleher, Lewis, E.; Martin, McMahon, Parks, Santoro, Sheltra, Silverman, Soulas, Trumbull, Webber.

Yes, 45; No, 80; Absent, 24.

The SPEAKER: Forty-five having voted in the affirmative and eighty having voted in the negative, with twenty-four being absent, the motion does not prevail.

Thereupon, the Report was accepted, the Bill read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

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

Bill "An Act to Permit Furloughs to Inmates or Prisoners from

County Jails" (H. P. 562) (L. D. 741)

Tabled — March 21, by Mr. Lewis of Bristol.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.

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

Bill "An Act Establishing Daylight Saving Time for All Year" (H. P. 542) (L. D. 724)

Tabled — March 21, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending — Passage to be enacted.

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

Mr. EMERY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: You have noticed this matter on your calendar for several days while we were awaiting an official opinion from the Attorney General. Well, I have in my hand a letter addressed to me from the Honorable Jon A. Lund, Attorney General of the State of Maine, dated March 21, 1973. And to briefly summarize this letter, it declares that if L. D. 724 were passed into law, it would be in violation of Title 15 of the United States Code, Section 268, paragraph B. Therefore, it is with a heavy heart that I must move the indefinite postponement of this bill along with all of its accompanying papers.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Emery of Rockland, the Bill was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Recording Municipal Ordinances Relating to Land Control" (H. P. 858) (L. D. 1001)

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

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

Resolve, to Reimburse Audrey G. Pray of Hersey for Loss of Poultry by Foxes (H. P. 554) (L. D. 734)

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Emery of Rockland.

Pending — Acceptance of either Report.

On motion of Mr. Emery of Rockland, the Minority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted.

The Bill was read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

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

Bill "An Act Increasing the Number of Superior Court Justices and Official Court Reporters" (S. P. 61) (L. D. 187)

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Henley of Norway.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B" (H-123)

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I move we reconsider our action whereby we adopted House Amendment "B".

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Brown, moves the House reconsider its action whereby House Amendment "B" was adopted.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. O'Brien of Portland, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Brown of Augusta to reconsider whereby House Amendment "B" was adopted and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 28.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.