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HOUSE

Thursday, January 31, 1974

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

Prayer by the Rev. Richard Cleaves of Augusta.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Orders Out of Order

Mr. Farley of Biddeford presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Chris Hickey and Mark Farley of Biddeford be appointed Honorary Pages for today.

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

Mr. McMahon of Kennebunk presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Molly Cole, Dawn Shuffleburg, Robin Hilton of Kennebunk be appointed Honorary Pages for today.

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

**Papers from the Senate
Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act Relating to a State-wide Food Stamp Program" (H. P. 1774) (L. D. 2246) (C. "A" H-629) which was enacted in the House on January 18.)

Came from the Senate with the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-629) and Senate Amendment "B" (S-330) in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur.

**Non-Concurrent Matter
Later Today Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Specifically Include Sundays in the Seasonal Date Limitations for Hunting in Commercial Shooting Areas." (H. P. 1836) (L. D. 2327) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on January 28.

Came from the Senate with the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-329) in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes

the gentleman from Westfield, Mr. Good.

Mr. GOOD: Mr. Speaker, I move we recede and concur.

Thereupon, Mr. McNally of Ellsworth requested a vote.

The SPEAKER: A vote has been requested. The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Westfield, Mr. Good, that the House recede and concur. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

Thereupon, Mr. Kelley of Southport 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.

On motion of Mr. Donaghy of Lubec, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Good of Westfield to recede and concur and later today assigned.

Orders

Mr. Dyar of Strong presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, an annual district tax is assessed upon all property in the Maine Forestry District pursuant to Title 12, subchapter X of the Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, municipalities within the district feel inequities exist as to the amount of tax paid and benefits received which must be resolved; and

WHEREAS, an impartial study should be made to determine the inequities involved between towns and the use of such proceeds; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to conduct a study in detail of the Maine Forestry District tax, its assessment and use to determine what, if any, inequities exist between towns and to formulate such legislation as may be necessary in order to correct the situation; and be it further

ORDERED, that the council provide a report on their findings and recommen-

dations, including all necessary legislation, at the next regular session of the Legislature. (H. P. 1935)

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

Mr. Flynn of South Portland presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with much regret of the passing, on December 22, 1973, of the Honorable Stuart B. Brown of South Portland; and

WHEREAS, he stands high in the memory of his colleagues for having served well in both the 100th and 101st Maine Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, his success in business never altered his willingness to generously give of his time and effort for worthwhile civic needs; and

WHEREAS, the demise of Stuart B. Brown is an immeasurable loss to the people of South Portland and to a host of others throughout the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the Members of the 106th Legislature now assembled in special legislative session, record this expression of enduring affection and esteem for his memory and extend our deepest sympathy to his family and our understanding to all others who share in the loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this Joint Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Clerk of the House to his dear wife as a token of our esteem. (H. P. 1936)

Thereupon, the Resolution was read and adopted and sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mrs. Berry from Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act Relating to Admittance of Indigents to Hospitals" (H. P. 1689) (L. D. 2082) reporting Leave to Withdraw

Mrs. McCormick from same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Amending Laws Relating to Pineland Center" (H. P. 1745) (L. D. 2204)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act Requiring the Provision of Certain Information to Marriage Applicants by Municipal Officials" (H. P. 1815) (L. D. 2304) reporting "Ought not to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HICHENS of York
GREELEY of Waldo
MINKOWSKY of Androscoggin
— of the Senate.

Mrs. BERRY of Madison
Mrs. McCORMICK of Union
Messrs. LEWIS of Bristol
DYAR of Strong
SANTORO of Portland
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. GOODWIN of South Berwick
WHITZELL of Gardiner
LaPOINTE of Portland
SOULAS of Bangor
Mrs. MORIN of Old Orchard
— of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Dyar.

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

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Strong, Mr. Dyar, moves the acceptance of the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Huber.

Mr. HUBER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The purpose of this bill, which is my bill, L. D. 2304, is to better implement state policy adopted in the regular session of this legislature and provide for more effective spending of the funds already appropriated to the Family Planning Act adopted in the regular session.

In passing, I will mention that the act itself, in the regular session, was passed in the House by a vote of 85 to 25 and in the Senate by a vote of 28 to 5. This act was also singled out by the Diocesan of Human Relation Services as one of the

most significant pieces of social legislation passed in the regular session.

The act passed in the regular session details state policy as follows: The legislature finds that family planning services are not sufficiently available, as a practical matter, to many persons in this state, that unwanted conception may place severe medical, emotional, social and economic burdens on the family unit and that it is desirable that inhibitions and restrictions to the delivery of family planning services be reduced so that all persons desiring any such services shall have ready and practicable access thereto. It goes on: The legislature therefore declares that it is consistent with public policy to make available comprehensive medical knowledge, assistance and services relating to family planning. Later on in the bill it states that delivery of family planning services by duly authorized persons in all agencies and instrumentalities of this state is consistent with public policy.

Briefly, this bill would require town and city clerks to offer to marriage license applicants a single printed informational pamphlet on family planning, subject to the applicant's refusal.

Because the term family planning has various meanings for different people, I want to emphasize that this bill be used only with family planning as defined in the Family Planning Act. This definition is -- family planning means informed and voluntary self-determination of desired family size and of the timing of childbearing, based upon comprehensive knowledge of factors pertinent to this decision.

This bill does not deal with abortion. In fact, family planning allows people to voluntarily avoid a situation where abortion might be considered.

The President of the other body and our Minority Leader in this body made the comment concerning this bill that perhaps the provisions of this bill would be too late. I think this indicates a basic misunderstanding of the term "family planning." Family planning can mean postponement of childbearing to allow both husband and wife to attain their full potential, perhaps in the case where both are students going to college, allowing them both to continue their education. Family planning can mean spacing of

children for medical, emotional or social reasons and prevent undue stress in the family unit. Family planning also includes the treatment of infertility.

I firmly believe that the state's only, and repeat "only," legitimate role in family planning is or ever will be, through education and through ready access to family planning information, allowing individual couples to carry out their own voluntary decisions concerning family size and spacing of children.

At the hearing on this bill, the only argument was one by a city clerk against this bill, in that she felt that it would place undue burdens on town clerks. I had previously called this specific city clerk outlining the provisions of the bill to him, and at that time, which was about 10 days before the hearing, he saw no problem with this. In the intervening period there was a newspaper article on hearings to be held this week in the legislature where this bill was described as requiring municipalities to provide family planning information to marriage license applicants.

If this bill in fact put towns in the family planning business, I would certainly agree that it was a bad bill. In fact, however, it simply allows more effective implementation of state policy and more effective spending of money already appropriated to the Family Planning Bureau by the regular session of this legislature. It would mean the distribution of one single printed item by the Department of Health and Welfare to each marriage license applicant. There are roughly 18,000 marriages in the state. There are 490 towns. So on the average, this means the handing of a single piece of literature across the counter once a week on the average. Of course, some towns are bigger than others, but presumably they are staffed the regular load.

Another argument was this set a precedent that town clerks would then be obligated to hand out all sorts of information. In fact, distribution of this information is stated in an explicit state policy in the family planning act and would be mandated by this bill if this bill passes. So I think anybody else who wanted literature distributed by town clerks could go the same route, and if the

legislature accepted, town clerks could, indeed, be required to distribute some other pieces of information.

Another argument was that this would perhaps cause embarrassing questions to town clerks. I don't think this argument is valid, in that in this bill the pamphlet described by this bill specifically includes a directory of sources of other information on family planning literature and information, and I believe a very simple answer would simply be to refer the people to the directory for further information.

I would like to add that similar bills have been passed in Maryland, New Hampshire, Hawaii, California, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina and New Mexico, and there have been no problems that I have been able to find out.

In summary, this is a simple bill allowing the most effective spending of money already allocated to the Family Planning Act. It does not involve any new money. I think passage of L. D. 2304 could have a significant effect on the welfare of Maine people and the stability of Maine families. I hope this body will defeat the motion to accept the majority report and will then accept the minority report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Dyar.

Mr. DYAR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think the main objection to this piece of legislation basically was the fact that this was a mandatory act that all town clerks in the State of Maine would have to hand out family planning literature. I don't think we had any objection to the concept of family planning. We have in the past seen literature coming out of the Department of Health and Welfare which, in my mind, my personal opinion, is offensive.

This bill did not state what type of literature would be coming out. It says, "The Commissioner of Health and Welfare is directed to properly prepare and distribute to each town and city clerk family planning literature, the content of which will include but not be limited to..." Then it goes on to three subsections: Definition, Directory and Explanation.

The directory says, "The Directory of public and private sources of further

family planning information;" and 3. "Explanations. Brief explanations of all medically approved family planning methods." Now, some of the literature we have seen has been in caricature-type form. It has been aimed at our young people. As I say, this to me and many people is objectional type literature.

At the present time, this family planning material is available at the Department of Health and Welfare. It is available through various federal agencies, it is available through some of our schools and some of our churches, and we felt that 496 town clerks in the State of Maine should not be mandatorially burdened with the dispensing of birth control material.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Morton.

Mr. MORTON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to rise this morning in defense of the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Huber. I think he is just attempting to implement the law that we passed last session of the legislature in an easy, informal, and inexpensive way. I don't think there is any need to be concerned with the type of literature that the town clerks would be handed or given to dispense.

I saw this bill some time ago; I questioned it. In fact, I thought probably the town clerks would object to it, and maybe they do. But the one that I went to happens to be the town clerk in my community, and she pointed out to me that it would be no trouble at all for her to do that. All she would have to do would be to hand the marriage license application and the piece of printed literature out at the same time. She felt it was a good idea. I didn't ask her for this information, she volunteered it. She said that she thought it would be a better idea to hand out this type of information than to have to point out to the prospective couple that if the man wished to acknowledge the fact that any issue from this marriage were his, that all he would have to do was sign a piece of paper there in her office, and make it unnecessary for him to go through court procedures later. In other words, she just felt that family planning is that important and felt that it was a

good thing to have this literature to hand out.

I hope you will support Mr. Huber.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore.

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Very briefly, I also support this bill, and I think family planning is what we need today more than anything else. When the vote is taken, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentelady from Old Orchard Beach, Mrs. Morin.

Mrs. MORIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I spoke to my city clerk last night and she thought it was a good idea. The only thing that bothered her is the mandatory part. She was wondering if perhaps she forgot to offer the pamphlet, would she be subject to any fine like some of these mandatory things call for? And that is the only thing she was against, if this mandatory part of it — would she be subject to a fine if she didn't offer it and somebody made an issue of it? That is the only thing she has against it.

The SPEAKER: The gentelady from Old Orchard Beach Mrs. Morin, poses a question through the Chair to anyone who may answer if he or she wishes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Huber.

Mr. HUBER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would simply answer that there are no penalty provisions. The town and city clerks are simply directed to offer this material.

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

Mr. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to explain my position on this bill. I voted against the bill primarily because of the mandatory part of the bill. I can see no harm in this bill other than it does place more or less of a burden on the town clerks. I also question whether or not the Department of Health and Welfare uses good judgment at all times.

There is a Family Planning Office in my area, the Town of Wiscasset, I believe, that heads the Family Planning Agency up there, a woman who has been married three times and divorced three times, and she is giving information on

family planning. I would say she might be well qualified.

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

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I object to the same portion of the bill, the mandatory part of this. It is my understanding and this is the question that I would like to ask any member of the committee that these town clerks, for instance the town clerks in the towns that I represent, if they want this material now is it available to them and aren't they able to dispense of it if they wish now? In other words, if they acquire it from the department it would be given to them free without any cost, and they can now dispense it without any penalty or if they wish? I think they can; I may not be right, but this is the question I ask. If that is so, I see no need for this bill in making it mandatory, because some town clerks would enjoy passing out this type of information and some others would rather not. So I wouldn't want to make it mandatory, but I do think we can make it available if they want to know. If that is not so, I hope some member of the committee would say so.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, poses a question through the Chair to anyone who may answer if he or she wishes, relative to whether or not passing out this literature is at the present time permissive.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Dyar, that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

Thereupon, Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington 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 pending question

is on the motion of the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Dyar, that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report on Bill "An Act Requiring the Provision of Certain Information to Marriage Applicants by Municipal Officials" (H. P. 1815) (L. D. 2304). All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Albert, Berry, G. W.; Berry, P. P.; Berube, Binnette, Bither, Bragdon, Brawn, Bunker, Carey, Carrier, Carter, Churchill, Dam, Davis, Deshaies, Donaghy, Drigotas, Dudley, Dyar, Emery, D. F.; Fecteau, Garsoe, Gauthier, Genest, Greenlaw, Hamblen, Hunter, Immonen, Kauffman, Kelleher, Kelley, Kilroy, Lewis, E.; Maddox, Mahany, Martin, McCormick, McMahan, McNally, Merrill, Mills, Morin, V.; Norris, Parks, Perkins, Ricker, Santoro, Shaw, Sheltra, Shute, Smith, D. M.; Sproul, Strout, Tanguay, Walker, Wheeler.

NAY — Ault, Baker, Birt, Boudreau, Bustin, Cameron, Chick, Chonko, Clark, Cote, Cottrell, Cressey, Crommett, Curran, Curtis, T. S., Jr.; Dow, Dunleavy, Dunn, Evans, Farley, Farnham, Finemore, Flynn, Fraser, Gahagan, Good, Goodwin, H.; Goodwin, K.; Hancock, Herrick, Hobbins, Hoffses, Huber, Jackson, Jacques, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Knight, Lawry, LeBlanc, Lewis, J.; Littlefield, Lynch, MacLeod, Maxwell, McHenry, McKernan, McTeague, Morin, L.; Morton, Murchison, Murray, Najarian, O'Brien, Palmer, Pratt, Rolde, Rollins, Ross, Silverman, Simpson, L. E.; Snowe, Soulas, Stillings, Susi, Talbot, Theriault, Tierney, Trask, Trumbull, Twitchell, Tyndale, Webber, Willard, Wood, M. E.; The Speaker.

ABSENT — Briggs, Brown, Conley, Connolly, Cooney, Farrington, Faucher, Ferris, Haskell, Jalbert, LaCharite, LaPointe, Mulhern, Peterson, Pontbriand, Smith, S.

Yes, 57; No, 78; Absent 16.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Huber.

Mr. HUBER: Mr. Speaker, I would

like to move that we reconsider our vote on this and hope you all vote against me.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Huber, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it failed to accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report. All in favor of reconsideration will say yes; those opposed will say no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Minority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted, the Bill read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Divided Reports Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in all New and Existing Hotels" (H. P. 1694) (L. D. 2087) reporting "Ought not to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs.

FAUCHER of Solon
CAREY of Waterville
COTE of Lewiston
SHAW of Chelsea
BRAWN of Oakland
FECTEAU of Biddeford
DUDLEY of Enfield

—of the House

Minority Report of the same Committee on same bill reporting "Ought to pass" as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-661)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs.

JOLY of Kennebec
ROBERTS of York
HENLEY of Oxford

—of the Senate.

Messrs.

EMERY of Rockland
SHUTE of Stockton Springs
CONNOLLY of Portland

—of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. EMERY: Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Minority "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Solon, Mr. Faucher.

Mr. FAUCHER: Mr. Speaker, I am having an amendment prepared on this and I would like somebody to table it for a couple of days, please.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Emery of Rockland to accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report and specially assigned for Monday, February 4.

Consent Calendar First Day

(H. P. 1765) (L. D. 2233) Bill "An Act to Repeal the Sewerage Provisions of the Lincoln Water District" — Committee on Public Utilities reporting "Ought to pass"

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

Consent Calendar Second Day

(H. P. 1769) (L. D. 2241) Bill "An Act to Authorize County Commissioners of Aroostook County to Use 1974 Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for Court System and Jail"

(S. P. 782) (L. D. 2238) Bill "An Act Providing an Enforcement Provision for the Police Training Law"

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Make Public Utilities Commissioners Full Time" (S. P. 879) (L. D. 2455)

Was 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

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Powers of the Cobbossee Watershed District and Providing Funds for the Acquisition of Dams" (S. P. 781) (L. D. 2237) (C. "A" S-326)

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

(On motion of Mr. Ault of Wayne, tabled pending passage to be engrossed

and specially assigned for Monday, February 4.)

Bill "An Act Permitting the Supreme Judicial Court to Modify the Rules of Evidence" (H. P. 1800) (L. D. 2281)

Was 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 to Authorize County Commissioners of Oxford County to use 1974 Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for Operating Expenses for Oxford County Regional Airport (S. P. 742) (L. D. 2154) (C. "A" S-322)

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. 116 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 Relating to Time of Referendum for Ratification of "An Act to Authorize Creation of the Maine Inland Fisheries and Game Acquisition Fund and Financing Thereof" (S. P. 853) (L. D. 2405)

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 none 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 Expending Cumberland County Funds at County Jail and Recreation Center (H. P. 1832) (L. D. 2323) (C. "A" H-647)

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. 119 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 Relating to Cruelty of Animals (S. P. 704) (L. D. 2116) (C. "A" S-323)

An Act to Regulate Municipal Debt (S. P. 727) (L. D. 2139) (C. "A" S-324)

An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Marine Resources Law (H. P. 1786) (L. D. 2258) (C. "A" H-648)

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 to Authorize a Food Stamp Program in Cumberland County" (H. P. 1898) (L. D. 2402)

Tabled — January 29, by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

Pending — Further consideration.

(The House passed the Bill to be engrossed on January 24. The Senate indefinitely postponed the Bill in non-concurrence.)

On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, retabled unassigned pending further consideration.

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

Joint Order (H. P. 1934) Amending the Joint Rule Number 1.

Tabled — January 30, under the Rules.

Pending — Passage.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle

Lake, retabled pending passage and specially assigned for Monday, February 4.

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

Bill "An Act to Specifically Include Sundays in the Seasonal Date Limitations for Hunting in Commercial Shooting Areas" (H. P. 1836) (L. D. 2327)

On motion of Mr. Good of Westfield, retabled pending his motion to recede and concur and specially assigned for Monday, February 4.

Mr. Brown of Augusta was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Yesterday we passed legislation herein that was subsequently passed in the Senate authorizing a \$200,000 expenditure for a Marine Research Laboratory down in Boothbay, or to bring in a laboratory from Gloucester, Massachusetts. The Governor just signed this measure, and in talking with the Commissioner of Marine Resources, he advised me that the lab would be coming here within the next four months. Bringing this laboratory in here opens up many, many tremendous opportunities which will probably result in some instances in millions of dollars worth of contracts.

I think this has been pretty good economic development for Maine.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Adjourned until one o'clock tomorrow afternoon.