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HOUSE

Friday, March 21, 1975

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

Prayer by the Rev. R. G. Harris, Jr., of Togus.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 357)

STATE OF MAINE**MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
AUGUSTA**

Honorable James B. Longley

Governor of Maine

State House, Augusta

Members, 107th Legislature

Dear Governor Longley and Members of the Legislature:

In accordance with the provisions of 5 M.R.S.A. Section 1005, the Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System herewith submit an annual report and review of the financial condition of the System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974. Also included are the reports of the Actuary, the Executive Director, the Investment Consultant, and the Group Life Insurance Underwriter.

The Maine State Retirement System was created by the Legislature in 1947, and combined the State Employees' Retirement System and the Maine Teachers' Retirement Association.

The System is administered by a Board of Trustees — seven in number: three members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council; one member elected by the Maine Teachers' Association; one member elected by the Maine State Employees' Association; one member appointed by the governing body of the Maine Municipal Association; one member, who is a recipient of a retirement allowance through the Maine State Retirement System, selected by the foregoing members of the Board.

As this is a part-time Board, assistance in the actual administration is rendered by the Executive Director and his staff. A consulting Actuary is employed, under the provisions of the law, who is the technical advisor of the Board on matters regarding the operation of the funds, whose duty it is to make all computations of benefits provided for under the law and to determine on approval of the Board what funding requests shall be made of the Legislature. A Medical Board consisting of three non-members is also provided for under the law. This Board determines the validity of disability and service incurred disability claims.

Subsequent to June 30, 1974, the Board engaged the firm of Claims Service International, Inc. to review and investigate disability retirement claims. In October, 1974, the Board engaged Northeast Bank N.A. of Lewiston and Auburn to provide custodial services for the System's investments, and terminated the investment advisory contract with Standard and Poor's InterCapital, Inc.

Effective October 22, 1974, Robert Bourgault replaced Frank G. Tupper as Representative on the Board for the Maine Teachers' Association for the duration of Mr. Tupper's term.

In addition to administering the basic retirement law, the Board is also charged with administering the Group Life Insurance Plan, and the Federal Social

Security Law¹ as it applies to political subdivisions.

Very truly yours,

Board of Trustees

Maine State Retirement System

Signed:

JOHN E. MENARIO

Chairman

FRED M. BERRY

Member

ROBERT BOURGAULT

Member

DONALD A. BROWN

Member

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Member

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Member

MERVIN A. ROWE

Member

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

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

Bills and Resolves from the Senate requiring reference were disposed of in concurrence, with the following exception:

Bill "An Act to Require the Bureau of Purchases to Publish a Manual on State Purchasing" (S. P. 323) (L. D. 1100)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Government.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Freeport, Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I request that this item be referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in non-concurrence and would speak to my motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Freeport, Mrs. Clark, moves that this item be referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in non-concurrence.

The gentlewoman may proceed.

Mrs. CLARK: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The purpose of this bill is to provide more information, especially to small businesses, about the state purchasing system and thereby to encourage greater participation in bidding for state purchases. The bill would accomplish this by requiring the Bureau of Purchases to publish and distribute a manual on state purchasing.

This bill is the result of a study by the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation of the 106th Maine Legislature on the policy of the Bureau of Purchases with respect to small businesses within the state.

Thereupon, on motion of Mrs. Clark of Freeport, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Resolution to Request State Agencies not to Use the Abbreviation of the State's Name in Advertising or Other Promotional Activities (H. P. 925) which was read and adopted in the House on March 18.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

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

Petitions, Bills and Resolves**Requiring Reference**

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Concerning the Employee

Uniform Requirements at the Maine State Prison and Men's Correctional Center" (H. P. 1030) (Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland)

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

(On motion of Mrs. Najarian of Portland, tabled pending reference and specially assigned for Monday, March 24.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for the Osteopathic Student Loan Fund" (H. P. 1037) (Presented by Mr. LaPointe of Portland)

Bill "An Act Relating to Programs for Retarded Individuals in Boarding and Nursing Homes" (H. P. 1052) (Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Relating to Interest Payments to Mortgagor on Tax Deposits with Mortgagee" (H. P. 1050) (Presented by Mr. Robbins of Saco) (Cosponsor: Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Election Laws

Bill "An Act to Permit Certain Candidates for Public Office to Purchase Voting Lists from Municipalities at One-third the Regular Cost of those Lists and to Limit the Cost of those Lists" (H. P. 1049) (Presented by Mr. Jensen of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act to Amend the General Assistance Laws" (H. P. 1032) (Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Creating a Correctional Policy for the State of Maine" (H. P. 1031) (Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Resolve, Authorizing Charles E. and Nancy Twitchell, or Their Legal Representative, to Bring Civil Action Against the State of Maine (H. P. 1036) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington)

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested the Committee on Judiciary.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Carey.

Mr. CAREY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Resolves authorizing civil suits have in the past gone to Legal Affairs. Item number 9 on page 3 did such, and we concurred with the action of the other body. So I would move that this item be sent to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Morton of Farmington, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Carey of Waterville that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and specially assigned for Monday, March 24.

Labor

Bill "An Act Relating to Contracts of Teachers with Municipalities" (H. P. 1033) (Presented by Mr. Carpenter of Houlton)

Bill "An Act Defining Applicability of Federal Fair Labor Standards Act to Inmates of Correctional Institutions" (H.

P. 1039) (Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland).

Bill "An Act to Provide a Career Ladder and 40-Hour Week for Correctional Employees" (H. P. 1048) (Presented by Mr. Lizotte of Biddeford) (Ordered Printed).
Sent up for concurrence.

Local and County Government

Bill "An Act Relating to Retention of Certain Charges by the Register of Probate of Aroostook County" (H. P. 1056) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake) (Ordered Printed).
Sent up for concurrence.

Marine Resources

Resolve, Proposing a Study of Methods of Encouraging the Growth and Modernization of the Fisheries Industry in Maine (H. P. 1054) (Presented by Mr. Sprowl of Hope) (Ordered Printed).
Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Concerning the Land Use Regulation Statutes" (H. P. 1040) (Presented by Mr. Farnham of Hampden) (Ordered Printed).
Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Jackman Sewer District" (H. P. 1029) (Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10) (Ordered Printed).
Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Allow Seasonally-occupied Homes to be Taxed at a Special Rate (H. P. 1034) (Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland).

Bill "An Act to Change the Participation of Employees in the Classified Service in Political Campaigns" (H. P. 1041) (Presented by Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell).

Bill "An Act Allowing a Bureau Chief in the Department of Business Regulation to Serve Simultaneously as the Commissioner" (Emergency) (H. P. 1042) (Presented by Mr. Hinds of South Portland).

Bill "An Act Concerning Membership on the Governing Bodies of Regional Planning Commissions" (H. P. 1046) (Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan).

Bill "An Act Relating to State Employees' Accrued Leave" (H. P. 1053) (Presented by Mr. Rideout of Mapleton) (Ordered Printed).
Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Exempt Electrical Power Used to Operate Certain Pollution Control Facilities from the Sales Tax" (H. P. 1047) (Presented by Mr. Rideout of Mapleton).

Bill "An Act Increasing the State Gasoline Tax" (Emergency) (H. P. 1055) (Presented by Mr. Fraser of Mexico) (Ordered Printed).
Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Resolve, to Reimburse Eugene W. Downer of Magalloway Plantation for Automobile Damage Due to Highway Construction (H. P. 1028) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington).

Bill "An Act Providing for a Study to Determine the Feasibility and Location of a

New Bridge Across the Kennebec River at Augusta" (Emergency) (H. P. 1038) (Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta) (By request).

(Ordered Printed).
Sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Permit Public Use of State Docking Facilities in Casco Bay" (H. P. 1051) (Presented by Mr. Talbot of Portland).

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested the Committee on Transportation.

(On motion of Mrs. Najarian, tabled pending reference and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 25.)

Transportation cont'd.

Bill "An Act Relating to Farm Truck Registration" (Emergency) (H. P. 1057) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10) (Ordered Printed).
Sent up for concurrence.

Veterans and Retirement

Bill "An Act to Provide Retirement Benefits for State Criminal Inspectors within the Office of the Attorney General" (H. P. 1035) (Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington) (Ordered Printed).
Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Tabled and Assigned.

Mr. Perkins of South Portland, presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage: (H. P. 1043)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by adding a new Joint Rule 7E to read:

7E. Working papers. Upon request of any member, the Director of Legislative Research shall allow that member to examine information and data used in the preparation of a bill or resolve that is kept on file in the Director's Office provided such bill or resolve has been signed by its sponsor and assigned a paper number by the Legislature.

The Order was read.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of South Portland, tabled under the rules pending passage.

Mr. Peterson of Caribou presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage: (H. P. 1044)

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of Washburn District High School Maine High School Chess Champions for the Academic Year 1975

We the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

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

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Binnette of Old Town, it was

ORDERED, that Dorothy Lavery of Millinocket be excused for March 20th and 21st for Legislative Business; and be it further

ORDERED, that Thomas Perkins of Blue Hill be excused for March 21st and 24th for personal reasons; and be it further

ORDERED, that Harold Silverman of Calais be excused for March 24th through the 27th inclusive for personal reasons; and be it further

ORDERED, that James McMahon of Kennebunk be excused for the week of March 24th for personal reasons.

Mr. Albert of Limestone presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its adoption: (H. P. 1058)

IN MEMORIAM

Having Learned Of The Death Of
PHILLIP PINES, M.D.

OF

LIMESTONE

The Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine do hereby extend their sincere heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family and friends of the deceased; and further

While duly assembled in session at the State Capitol in Augusta under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, do herein direct that this official expression of sorrow be forthwith sent to the family of the deceased on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

The Resolution was read and adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Kelleher of Bangor presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage: (H. P. 1060)

WHEREAS, the present period is one of great economic unrest, characterized partly by an inflation unprecedented in recent times; and

WHEREAS, most of Maine's elderly citizens are dependent upon fixed incomes from pensions and social security payments; and

WHEREAS, the rapid recent increase in inflation has considerably worsened the economic situation of these citizens, a worsening which is of grave concern to the Members of the 107th Legislature; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Council be authorized, through the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services of the 107th Legislature, to study the effect of inflation on Maine's elderly citizens who live on fixed incomes; and be it further

ORDERED, that particular attention be directed to the effect of inflation on the proper shelter and heating, food and medical care required by these citizens; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any final drafts of any proposed legislation, to the first special session of the 107th Legislature which is held during the calendar year 1976, or, if none, to the regular session of the 108th Legislature.

Order was read.

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

Mr. KELLEHER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hope you members have taken an opportunity to read this order this morning, because I believe it to be a very important one. One reason why I put this order in is because at a hearing the other day, there were some

senior citizen group representatives there speaking on a bill that was presented by Representative Goodwin. I am not going to get into the subject of what the bill was, but the interest that brought my attention to this Order was the testimony that was presented to us by these various individuals on the conditions of senior citizens of this state.

The Bureau of Census in 1970 said there was approximately 120,000 senior citizens 65 years or older, and 65 percent of those individuals were earning less than \$3,000, and 44 percent of those individuals were earning less than \$2,000, or their income was. So you can imagine, and I know there have been increases in their assistance checks, whether it is from old age or social security or what have you, but inflation has eaten it up, has completely eaten it up. My question is, and I can't find the answer and I don't believe anyone in this Legislature can; are these many thousands of people in this state properly homed, are their homes properly heated, are they getting the proper food that they need, are they getting the medical attention that they deserve and need? I can't answer the questions.

There is little in the Governor's budget to improve the wallet of Maine's elderly, and unless new monies are found, the legislature will be unable to do a great deal for them at this session.

There are many questions that I would like to see answered. I submitted this order to go before the Joint Leadership and hoped that it would be referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services to try to come up with the answers to the questions that I have raised and perhaps be able to present some recommendations at the next special session of the legislature meeting in 1976 and not in the fall. It would be impossible, I think, for them to do an accurate and complete job in reporting to us, and perhaps we then can submit legislation to help these very many many thousands of people in this state who need assistance.

Thereupon, the Joint Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Rolde of York presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage: (H. P. 1059)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that notwithstanding Joint Rule 8, as amended, bills and resolves now in the Office of the Director of Legislative Research shall be introduced in complete final form in the appropriate House not later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 1975.

The Order was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Rolde.

Mr. ROLDE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Just a brief word of explanation on this order. I think some people have been confused and feel that the order is an extension of the cloture date. It is an extension of that date only for the Office of Legislative Research so that they can have the authorization to finish typing up the bills that they now have. The final cloture date, I would remind you again, is this afternoon by 5:00 P.M. for any bills that you may still have in your possession that you have not yet signed and dropped into the hopper or for any bills that are still in the Legislative Research Office in which you have not furnished the information that they need to draw them up.

I hope that explains the confusion that there might have been over this order, and I hope it will receive passage.

Thereupon, the Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

Mr. Rolde of York presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that two research assistants be employed to provide research assistance to the members of the House. Such research assistants shall be selected, one by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one by the Minority Floor Leader; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House include in his payroll of House offices, the research assistants so employed, at a salary approved by the Speaker of the House.

The Order was read.

Was read and passed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Rolde.

Mr. ROLDE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would just briefly explain to the members, these two research assistants would serve in a capacity similar to the partisan aides that we now have, and it was felt in the division of labor that we have in the legislature, there have been three partisan aides in the House for 151 members and three in the Senate for 33 members. We know that these aides have been swamped with work here in the House trying to assist you with information, such as the breakdown in the budget that has been given out or helping you with news work or other problems that you have. So it was felt that this, although it still wouldn't be the best possible ratio, would at least provide us with some extra help, so I hope this order will also receive passage.

Thereupon, the Order received passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Laffin.

Mr. LAFFIN: Mr. Speaker, I want to go on record as opposing this. I think we have enough help around here now.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from Westbrook request that we reconsider our action whereby the order received passage?

The Chair would signify that he responds in the negative.

House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft New Draft Printed

Mr. Hughes from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to the Preservation of the Constitutional Right of Trial by Jury" (Emergency) (H. P. 237) (L. D. 293) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft under New Title Bill "An Act Relating to the Transfer of Misdemeanor Proceedings without Trial to the Superior Court" (H. P. 1045) (L. D. 1111)

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read once and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to Pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Hearing for Provisional Motor Vehicle Licensee on Suspension" (H. P. 333) (L. D. 405)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CLIFFORD of Androscoggin
MERRILL of Cumberland

— of the Senate.

Messrs. HUGHES of Auburn

BENNETT of Caribou
GAUTHIER of Sanford
SPENCER of Standish
HENDERSON of Bangor
HOBBINS of Saco
McMAHON of Kennebunk.

— of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. COLLINS of Knox

— of the Senate.

Mrs. MISKAVAGE of Augusta

Messrs. PERKINS of South Portland

HEWES of Cape Elizabeth

— of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Gauthier.

Mr. GAUTHIER: Mr. Speaker, I move we accept the Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary, "Ought to pass."

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Gauthier, moves that the House accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Hewes.

Mr. HEWES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would request a division on that.

This bill, if you didn't know, relates to provisional licenses. Provisional licenses are the licenses first issued to a driver, one year licenses, but they go to the second birthday of the person obtaining the provisional license. This bill was opposed by a representative of the American Automobile Association, by a representative of the Maine State Highway Safety Committee, and by the Director of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Charles Wyman. Under the present law, a license is automatically suspended for 30 days if a provisional licensee is convicted of a moving violation, a moving car violation, 60 days for a second offense and 90 days for a third offense.

If you will note from the last sentence of the bill, L. D. 405, this suspension is not effective from the time that the Secretary of State receives a request for a hearing on the suspension. It was felt by those who opposed it, the highway safety people, that this was not in the best interest of the driving public.

Although I praise and admire very much the sponsor of the bill, it is the merits of the bill and not the sponsor that I am debating here.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mrs. Tarr.

Mrs. TARR: Mr. Speaker, may I pose a question to Mr. Hewes?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may pose her question.

Mrs. TARR: On these provisional licenses, does it so state that this is a provisional license and that no hearing would be allowed under a moving violation?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mrs. Tarr, poses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, who may answer if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. HEWES: Mr. Speaker, I know a provisional license is distinguished as a provisional license rather than a regular license. I believe it does not state that there will be an automatic suspension for a moving violation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Spencer.

Mr. SPENCER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The majority of the Judiciary Committee voted that this bill "ought to pass" because the present automatic suspension can work a real difficulty in situations where a family is dependent upon a provisional licensee for essential transportation for that family. The case that can come up is where a one-parent family where the parent is in the hospital, for example, a one-parent family where the parent is disabled, a two-parent family where one of the parents is sick and the other is at work. In many cases people are entirely dependent on their 16, 17, 18-year-old drivers to get them around. If the suspension is automatic, there is no discretion in the department for dealing with that situation.

Another situation that I had a personal experience with involved a 17-year-old who was stopped for having an uninspected motor vehicle. At that time, the department classified an uninspected vehicle as a moving violation. The suspension was automatic, if you were convicted of a moving violation, and in pursuing the matter in some depth, I discovered the department at that time did not have a definition of a moving violation, and they referred me to some standards adopted by the joint chiefs of police, and it turned out that when I examined those standards that the offense of having an uninspected vehicle was not considered a moving violation, whereas having an unregistered vehicle was. The department was treating it in exactly the opposite manner, and because there was no provision for a hearing, the only way that it was possible to deal with this situation was to get the department to persuade the police officer to dismiss the original charge, even though it was a perfectly valid charge. That situation has been corrected, but the automatic suspension can work a very real hardship on people where the family is dependent on the provisional licensee for transportation. There ought to be some opportunity for discretionary review.

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

Mr. MULKERN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I concur very much with the remarks of the previous speaker. I know about the situation personally. I had the opportunity to take a driver education course in the City of Portland last year and I was in a class with, surprisingly, a large number of people 30, 40 and 50 years old who were taking a driver education course and learning to drive for the first time in their lives. I think this would work an extreme hardship on people of that nature.

I don't see why they can't be at least entitled to a public hearing. As a matter of fact, I have a bill I am going to put before the legislature relating to this subject which would do away with the provisional license requirement altogether for anyone, over 18 years of age who has taken a certified driver education course. I don't know what will happen to that bill, but at least I think you should consider this one.

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

Mr. FRASER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: All I can think of is a nail. You hit it often enough and hard enough, it will reach its destination. This is the fourth time this bill has come up to

repeal a law which was passed maybe five or six sessions ago and it has proven to be a good one.

The bill gives the discretion to the Secretary of State and you are going to put him in a hot spot, because he is going to have pressure put on him by legislators and friends whereas today he doesn't have to be on that spot. If enough of them ask for those hearings, he is going to be an awful busy man. I can't go along with it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Lewiston, Mrs. Berube.

Mrs. BERUBE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill merely proposes that the holder of a provisional license may request a hearing so that the suspension could be modified or rescinded.

Now, we hear all sorts of dire predictions if this legislation goes through. However, I feel that the law as presently written on the books is discriminatory against the young people, as holders of a provisional license is usually a young adult, and although the law was written with them in mind, I say that it embitters them toward our laws, since they see holders of regular licenses merely get a fine or reprimand, say for a drunk driving charge. These people can also request, incidentally, request a hearing after six months and the holders of provisional cannot. We can do no less. I feel, for these people.

Also, holders of 10 or 20 year licenses could be guilty of several moving violations and yet retain their privilege to drive upon payment of a fine or slap on the wrist. What might be an infraction with minor penalty to some becomes a major penalty in the case of the working student, for example, who needs his license to perhaps hold a job such as driving a delivery truck after school.

I also think that the present law on mandatory suspension discriminates against all of the people of Maine, since holders of a first provisional license from out of state may very well move into Maine, have a moving violation, and only lose points not a suspension.

I might further add that only the requests pertaining to moving violations could be made not for the others. I don't think that this bill changes the intent of the present law but our system is such that when a wrong occurs we can rectify the wrong by legislation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Livermore Falls, Mr. Lynch.

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to ask the committee if they have a number on the suspensions that occur in a year over a two or three year period.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Livermore Falls, Mr. Lynch, poses a question through the Chair to any member who cares to answer.

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

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am sorry I can't answer that question. Perhaps somebody else can, but I would like to speak to the bill, because if this does pass I would only hope that I had a provisional license and would see if I couldn't get one. The reason I say that is, in speaking of discrimination, what will result if you look at that last paragraph, it says that "pending notice by Secretary of State for a request of a hearing, the suspension will be waived or vacated" which right now I don't happen to have that right.

I have no moving violations as of this point, thank goodness, although some of you may wonder why having seen me pass you on the road, I have just been very fortunate. However, I don't have any moving violations as of this time, but if I happen to be picked up for speeding 30 miles over the speed limit I not only will be fined, I am going to receive a notice from the Secretary of State's Office upon a conviction that my license has been suspended pending a hearing. I think the Secretary of State is justified when he gives me that notice, and I don't want to cry in my beer and won't cry in my beer because of it. I certainly will request a hearing and very speedily believe me because I do need that license.

However, under the present law, with my loss of license and not being on a provisional license, I would not get the privilege that the provisional licensee would get under the bill that is before you and if passed states, upon the Secretary of State receiving my request for a hearing my right to drive will be restored pending the hearing. So I would ask you to give serious thought about whether we want to give provisional licensees, those who have been driving for less than a year, a benefit which most of you, I assume, would not have.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Gauthier.

Mr. GAUTHIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Having heard some of the speakers here, it seems that the way they have spoken that this gives them, if they ask for a hearing, it gives them an automatic license to drive.

I would like to read to you the Statement of Fact. "The purpose of this bill is to afford provisional licensees an opportunity to be heard in cases of automatic suspension of the provisional license for motor vehicle moving violations."

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

Mr. MORTON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: With respect to the previous remark of the gentleman from Sanford, I would call your attention to the last line in the L. D., which says that the Secretary of State, when he receives that notice, and until he continues modifies or rescinds it, such suspension shall not be in effect." So, in effect, this does relieve the suspension.

We have heard this bill, heard it in the last session and I know it was in before. The thrust of this legislation when it was first passed was directed at provisional licensees, obviously, and you must all realize that in spite of the hardship cases that you have heard about today, and I am sure they exist, that the thrust of this legislation was at young people getting their license for the first time. The whole idea is to make them realize the seriousness of what a license is for.

I suggest to you very strongly that if you pass this legislation today you will multiply a great deal the number of requests for review by the Secretary of State's Office. In view of that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask if there should not be some information relative to the cost of this for the Secretary of State's Office and possibly a fiscal note.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that if a fiscal note is necessary, if the bill should survive the committee report and first reading, it would be proper to install it at the second reading.

The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Gauthier, that the House accept the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report on Bill "An Act Relating to Hearing for Provisional Motor Vehicle Licensee on Suspension, (H. P. 333) (L. D. 405). All in favor of accepting the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

70 having voted in the affirmative and 48 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

The Bill was read once and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Consent Calendar First Day

In accordance with House Rule 49-A, the following items appear on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

Bill "An Act to Exempt Veterans from the Moratorium on Issuance of Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses" (Emergency) — Committee on Marine Resources reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-99) (H. P. 604) (L. D. 747)

No objection having been noted, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of March 24 under listing of Second Day.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Plantation of Matinicus to Establish an Electric Power Generating Authority" (Emergency) — Committee on Public Utilities reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-98) (H. P. 414) (L. D. 501)

Objection having been noted, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Thereupon, the Report was read and accepted and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" (H-98) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was read the second time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Deem the Municipality of Jay to Be Part of the Northern Androscoggin District of the District Court" (H. P. 60) (L. D. 72)

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 Placing the Secretary to the Attorney General in Unclassified Service of State Government (H. P. 419) (L. D. 365)

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.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Require that Newly Constructed or Reconstructed Public Buildings be made Accessible to the Physically Handicapped (S. P. 51) (L. D. 132)

An Act Requiring the Ramping of Curbs at Crosswalks for Physically Handicapped

and Elderly Persons (S. P. 289) (L. D. 987)

An Act Relating to the Filing of Criminal Cases (S. P. 303) (L. D. 998)

An Act to Extend the Time Limit for Filing a Claim under a Mechanic's Lien (H. P. 84) (L. D. 111)

An Act to Limit the Minimum Wage Exemption for Summer Camp Employees (H. P. 504) (L. D. 626)

An Act Concerning Appeals from a Determination that an Employing Unit is an Employer Subject to the Employment Security Law (H. P. 853) (L. D. 990)

An Act Relating to Penalties and Employee Remedies for Unpaid Wages (H. P. 854) (L. D. 991)

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 Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to License Privately-owned Septic Waste Disposal Sites" (Emergency) (H. P. 154) (L. D. 209) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-47) as amended by House Amendment (H-53) thereto in the House on March 6. Comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-47) as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-27) thereto in non-concurrence.

Tabled — March 19, by Mr. Rolde of York.

Pending — Further Consideration.

On motion of Mr. Rolde of York, retabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 25.

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

House Divided Report — Majority (11) "Ought Not to Pass" — Minority (2) "Ought to Pass in New Draft" under same title (H. P. 840) (L. D. 986) — Committee on Human Resources on Bill "An Act Establishing the Civil Rights of Hemophiliacs" (H. P. 161) (L. D. 202)

Tabled — March 19, by Mr. Rolde of York.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Talbot of Portland to accept Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Machias, Mrs. Kelley.

Mrs. KELLEY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would ask you to vote against acceptance of the "ought not to pass" report on L. D. 986, so I may offer acceptance of the "ought to pass" report and I would ask for a division.

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

Mr. TALBOT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hate to again oppose the young lady from Machias on this particular bill, but I want to go over again with you the feelings of the committee and the feelings of myself.

I think it is our responsibility and our duty to try and do everything we can for persons who are in the same category as hemophiliacs, and I think that will happen.

I again talked to members of the Human Rights Commission about this particular piece of legislation, and I again found that insofar as this piece of legislation is concerned that I am right in what I have stated. If you have the bill in front of you, I

will go over it section by section, but if you don't have the bill, I will try to explain it to you again.

The bill as it stands now, insofar as a piece of law is concerned, doesn't do anything — it doesn't do anything. The hemophiliacs are now covered under the Human Rights Commission. The only part that does not cover them is where the education is concerned, because the Commission on Human Rights does not have any jurisdiction insofar as education is concerned.

What this bill does, what the section of this bill concerning education does can be handled through the Department of Education and Cultural Services. The other parts of the bill can be handled through Health and Welfare. It can be handled through that without creating a law to do this.

I would oppose the young lady from Machias, and I would stand by our recommendation that this body adopt the majority "ought not to pass" report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Smith.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise this morning to support the gentlewoman from Machias, Mrs. Kelley, and to agree in part with the House Chairman of the Committee on Human Resources. The bill, as it is presently constructed, may be redundant in some aspects of it. There are parts of that bill that are clearly not covered under the Human Rights Act and that are clearly not covered under the Department of Educational and Cultural Resources regulation-making powers:

My suggestion on this bill would be to run it to second reading, which would give us a couple more days to consider the bill and possibly amendments to it. I think it would be premature at this point to simply dismiss it out of hand because there is perhaps an overlapping with some regulatory powers and perhaps an overlapping with the Human Rights Commission.

I spoke with Terri Lunt Aucoin this morning on this bill myself, and she agrees with me that there are, under the educational sections of this bill, areas which she could not touch and I have also identified areas on the education section of this bill that Educational and Cultural Resources, under its regulation powers, is without jurisdiction to cover either.

So, I would hope that we could bring this up to second reading and perhaps it will require a little bit of time at that point to amend this, but I see no harm this morning in letting this bill go to second reading. I would urge the House members to do so. I will pledge my efforts to make this into a truly effective piece of legislation by the time we get through second reading.

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

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I concur completely with the comments that have just been made by the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Smith. In talking with several of the people, and there are several younger people who have discussed this with some of us, and in talking with them, they do indicate that they have had problems in getting into school. I think we should give these young people every opportunity, and I hope that you will vote against accepting the majority "ought not to pass" report and then will accept the "ought to pass" report.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Talbot that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report. If you are in favor of the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report you will vote yes; if you are opposed you will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

14 having voted in the affirmative and 102 in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Minority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted. The New Draft was read once and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

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

Bill "An Act to Include Village Corporations under the Provision for Home Rule." (H. P. 974) (Committee on Reference of Bills suggested Committee on Legal Affairs)

Tabled — March 20, by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan.

Pending — Reference.

On the motion of Mr. Dam of Skowhegan, referred to the Committee on Local and County Government, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Requiring Secondhand Retail Dealers to be Licensed" (H. P. 1009) (Committee on Reference of Bills suggested Committee on Legal Affairs)

Tabled — March 20, by Mr. Burns of Anson.

Pending — Motion of Mrs. Clark of Freeport to Refer to Committee on Business Legislation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Anson, Mr. Burns.

Mr. BURNS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is my bill; it is real rough as it currently is and it needs a lot of work. I would like to have it come to the Legal Affairs Committee where we can do the work on it. It was placed in because of the cloture date. I would also like to advise the House that Business Legislation has 55 bills pending, Legal Affairs has 12 on their schedule, and I request a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I regret that we are taking valuable time today to deal with this issue. It just seems redundant, or certainly not efficient, if all of the bills dealing with the subject matter have come before the Committee on Business Legislation that this one does not follow those. I would remind members of this House that the Committee on Business Legislation may have 55 bills pending but we were two, three and sometimes four days and we are the number one efficient committee.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Freeport, Mrs. Clark, that this Bill be referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and ordered printed. If you are in favor of the Committee on Business Legislation, you will vote yes; if you are opposed you will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

64 having voted in the affirmative and 46 in the negative, the motion does prevail.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the fifth

tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Relating to Dealers in Used Personal Property" (H. P. 502) (L. D. 618) (H. "A" H-97)

Tabled — March 20, by Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Sprowl of Hope, the House reconsidered its action of yesterday whereby House Amendment "A" was adopted.

The same gentleman offered House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A".

House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" (H-101) was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. SPROWL: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have talked to the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Hobbins, who was the sponsor of this bill and I have spoken to the Chairwoman of the Business Legislation Committee, the gentlewoman from Freeport, Mrs. Clark, and they have no opposition to my amendment.

Basically, the way the bill stands at this point, anyone in the antique business, the burden would be on the antique dealer to get the registration number of the person that was buying antiques from them. My amendment would change the burden from the dealer to the person purchasing the property.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" (H-101) was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell, tabled pending the adoption of House Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 25.

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

House Divided Report — Majority (10) "Ought Not to Pass" — Minority (3) "Ought-to-Pass" — Committee on Legal Affairs on Resolve, to Reimburse Kenneth I. Coombs for Legal Fees Caused by Unwarranted Action of the State Board of Education. (H. P. 186) (L. D. 227)

Tabled — March 20, by Mr. Faucher of Solon.

Pending — Acceptance of Either Report.

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

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

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

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would ask you to vote against the motion of the good Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee to accept the "ought not to pass" report so that I might move the acceptance of the "ought to pass" minority report. I submitted this legislation for Mr. Coombs because I knew somewhat of the situation there when this particular fiasco happened back in 1971.

No one appeared at the public hearing against this bill when we had it. Some other information came up afterward, as sometimes happens in legislative committees. Someone did not want to appear publicly but brought other information before the committee and I

don't know what that information was and perhaps that had some bearing on their vote.

But I happen to know what the procedure here was and this gentleman appeared his dismissal by the State Board, our old State Board of Education, and was upheld by the State Employee's Appeals Board and was put back to work. The State Board of Education then appealed that to the Kennebec Superior Court and the Kennebec Superior Court upheld Mr. Coomb's dismissal and put him back to work again.

They then appealed a point of law to the Supreme Court, the State did, and during these appeals, Mr. Coomb's incurred legal expenses of over \$12,000. He later resigned and is a director of a vocational school in New Hampshire. He lives in the City of Portland.

This particular L. D. asks that Mr. Coombs be reimbursed for the harassment he had by the Board of Education in incurring these legal expenses whereby he won each one of his cases before the boards that he appealed to. I would ask the legislature to go along with this and kill the "ought not to pass" report so that we might accept the "ought to pass" report.

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

Mr. FAUCHER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The Legal Affairs Committee did not attempt to redecide the merits of the case against Mr. Coombs. Our "ought not to pass" report is not an opinion of the committee that Mr. Coombs was rightly fired by the Board of Education. The members of the committee felt that it would be unfair and would set a bad example for the State Legislature to pay someone's attorney fees in a situation like this one. It would be a dangerous precedent. If we paid one person's attorney fees just because he won his case, we feel that many individuals would be justified in asking the legislature to pay their lawyer's fees as well. For these reasons, I urge the acceptance of the committee "ought not to pass" report.

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

Mr. JOYCE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I support the stand of the gentleman from South Portland, and on the Legal Affairs Committee, I vote the "ought to pass."

We had here an individual who was suspended from his job in a manner that proved illegal thereafter. He is a professional man in the field of education. His reputation was at stake, for no one would want to hire a teacher, in my opinion, who had been convicted in the manner that the state set out to do in this case.

Along the line, they waltzed him through the state hearing boards into the Superior Court, on through up and through the Maine Supreme Court, and at any time when the state felt that they were wrong, they could have excused themselves and kept the expense at a minimal. However, they chose to move forward to the highest court in the state. With the idea of protecting his profession and his family, Mr. Coombs moved with them through the criminal justice system of this state and at a great expense, I feel that it is only fundamental fair play that you go along with the "ought to pass" report of the committee.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Carey.

Mr. CAREY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Some of the costs that were incurred — and we are talking some \$12,000 here — some of the costs were incurred as a direct result of the actions taken by the attorney for Mr. Coombs and a majority of the committee felt very strongly that some of those costs should never have been incurred, and this is one of the major reasons why the committee report came out as it did. We would certainly hope that you could substantiate the committee's findings.

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

Mr. JOYCE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I agree partly with the good mayor. However, the state's complaint here was in this area, and I ask you, each member here, to put yourself in the position of Mr. Coombs at the time when the state felt that he did not need counsel. This was when they moved the proceedings from the Superior Court of this state up into the Maine Supreme Court. I ask you, if an attorney took you successfully through the administrative hearing and then through a successful hearing in the Maine Superior Court, would you, in all fairness, feel that you should abandon an attorney when you step up into the Supreme Court? There are still two sides to the argument even when it hits the Maine Supreme Court.

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

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: There is one more point that I would like to have the members think of and having served in the legislature for a number of previous terms and as past employee of the legislature, I know that many state department heads, when it is not their money, or many state boards, when it is not their money that they are spending, that it is very easy to cause other employees to appeal. When an individual has to decide this, whether he is going to appeal or not, he knows that he is going to be paying for it and a state agency just uses the Attorney General's Office and there has been numerous cases in the past here in the state where different state agencies have caused employees large expenses because the state was footing the bill for their side of it but the employee had to foot the bill for their side.

I am sure that many employees have not appealed beyond certain points because they could not afford to do this, but I know, and there are many cases on record where department heads, I think, should be liable. I know recently where we had a judge make a department head liable for these costs of an individual. The state ended up paying these but Judge Gignoux in Portland did make the department head liable. I think perhaps we should have something and perhaps I should have submitted legislation whereby a department head, if he lost the case, would be made to pay the employees fees, legal fees, and maybe they would think twice before they carry these appeals on to two or three different courts. I would request a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Peakes.

Mr. PEAKES: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to pose a question to the committee. In a case the judge can award costs if he feels that they are justified to the party prevailing and was there such an order made?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Peakes, poses a question

through the Chair to any member of the committee who may care to answer.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Carey.

Mr. CAREY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In some instances, when people have been allowed to go to court, the judges have spoken out against the state and have set damages and the state has had to pay those charges. In this case there was no such thing.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Solon, Mr. Faucher, 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. 64 having voted in the affirmative and 48 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

Sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Municipal Property Tax Bills." (H. P. 940) (Committee on Reference of Bills suggested Committee on Taxation)

Tabled — March 20, by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Dam of Skowhegan to Refer to Committee on Local and County Government.

Thereupon, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Local and County Government, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Expand the Right to Know Law to Cover the Boards of Trustees of the University of Maine and of the Maine Maritime Academy" (H. P. 1018) (Committee on Reference of Bills suggested Committee on Legal Affairs)

Tabled — March 20, by Mr. Faucher of Solon.

Pending — Reference.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Faucher of Solon, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Joint Order, Relative to Review of the Employment Security Laws. (H. P. 1004)

Tabled — March 20, by Mr. Connolly of Portland.

Pending — Passage.

On motion of Mr. Rolde of York, retabled pending passage and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 25.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Rolde of York, Adjourned until Monday, March 24, at ten o'clock in the morning.