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HOUSE

Tuesday, February 22, 1977

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

Prayer by the Reverend Peter Gray of the Baptist Church of Blue Hill.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Joint Order: (S. P. 178)

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing that: Honorable Arthur E. Ela of North Anson, a former State Representative, a State Senator and Executive Councillor, has donated much of his land to the State for wildlife sanctuaries.

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

Reports of Committees

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Education reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide Staff Development Funds to Certain Private or Public Nonprofit Agencies Involved with Educational Activities for Teachers" (S. P. 42) (L. D. 85)

Was placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 20 in concurrence.

Orders

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment (H. P. 468) recognizing that: Mary Worthly celebrated the 76th anniversary of her birth on February 16, 1977

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston

Was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment (H. P. 470) recognizing that: The Redskins of Scarborough High School, who, in the 1976-1977 academic year, were the Western Maine Class A Soccer Champions for the fourth consecutive year and the State Class A Soccer Champions for the third consecutive year.

Presented by Mr. Higgins of Scarborough.

Was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

A Joint Resolution (H. P. 469) in memory of Lt. Kenneth E. Shaw of Farmingdale who retired after 25 years of distinguished service in the Maine State Police

Presented by Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln. (Cosponsors: Mr. Burns of Anson and Mr. Gould of Old Town).

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

A Joint Resolution (H. P. 471) in memory of Norman E. Morse, who was town clerk of Scarborough for over Twenty-five years

Presented by Mr. Higgins of Scarborough.

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

On motion of Mr. Nadeau of Sanford, it was ORDERED, that James McMahon of Kennebunk be excused February 22nd, 23rd, 24th for personal reasons

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Patrick Jackson of Yarmouth be excused February 22nd, 23rd, 24th for personal reasons.

House Reports of Committees

Ought Not to Pass

Mrs. Lewis from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Concerning the Requirements for the Hiring of a Superintendent of

Schools by a Municipality" (H. P. 65) (L. D. 90) reporting "Ought Not to Pass"

Was placed in the Legislative Files without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 20, and sent up for concurrence.

Leave to Withdraw

Ms. Clark from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act to Provide for Cumulative Voting by Corporations Registered in Maine" (H. P. 217) (L. D. 281) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Mr. Curran from the Committee on State Government on Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Office of the Treasurer of State (H. P. 115) (L. D. 145) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

New Draft Printed

Mrs. Beaulieu from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Amend the School Lunch and Milk Program" (H. P. 64) (L. D. 89) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft (H. P. 467) (L. D. 484)

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Ought to Pass with

Committee Amendment

Mr. Bagley from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Teachers Allowable in Certain Administrative Units under the Education Laws" (H. P. 67) (L. D. 92) reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-21)

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" (H-21) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Consent Calendar

First Day

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

(H. P. 99) (L. D. 123) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Role of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services Relating to Local School Systems" — Committee on Education reporting "Ought to Pass"

No objections being noted, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of February 23 under listing of Second Day.

(H. P. 123) (L. D. 156) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Education Laws" — Committee on Education reporting "Ought to Pass"

On the request of Mrs. Lewis of Auburn, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

(S. P. 59) (L. D. 132) Bill "An Act Concerning Witness Fees Under the Public Utility Regulatory Statute" — Committee on Public Utilities reporting "Ought to Pass"

(S. P. 82) (L. D. 190) Bill "An Act Requiring Public Utilities Commission Regulated Motor Carriers to File a Designated Agent for Services of Process and Court Appearances" — Committee on Public Utilities reporting "Ought to Pass"

(S. P. 72) (L. D. 151) Bill "An Act to Revise the Bath Water District" — Committee on Public Utilities reporting "Ought to Pass"

No objections being noted, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar of February 23, under listing of the Second Day.

Consent Calendar

Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 49, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H. P. 102) (L. D. 126) Bill "An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to Empower Local and County Law Enforcement Officials with Statewide Jurisdiction" (Emergency) (C. "A" H-15)

(H. P. 108) (L. D. 139) Bill "An Act Relating to the Definition and Licensing of Applications under the Pesticide Control Law" (C. "A" H-17)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Papers were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Repealing the Requirement for Wearing Motorcycle Helmets" (S. P. 4) (L. D. 9)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Second Reader

Later Today Assigned

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Vehicles Overtaking and Passing" (H. P. 17) (L. D. 26)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading and read the second time. (On motion of Mr. Morton of Farmington, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and later today assigned.)

Orders of the Day

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

Bill "An Act to Improve the Administration of the State's Merit System (Emergency) (H. P. 239) (L. D. 398) — In House, referred to Committee on Labor. — In Senate, referred to Committee on State Government in non-concurrence.

Tabled — February 17, 1977 by Mr. Bustin of Augusta.

Pending — Further Consideration.

On motion of Mr. Bustin of Augusta, the House voted to recede and concur.

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

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Membership Deadlines for the Cobbosseeoek Watershed District" (H. P. 294) (L. D. 351) — In House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. — In Senate, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in non-concurrence.

Tabled — February 17, 1977 by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

Pending — Further Consideration.

On motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, the House voted to insist.

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

House Order Relative to amending House Rule 12. — In House, read.

Tabled — February 17, 1977 (Pursuant to House Rule 54)

Pending — Passage

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question is on passage. This requires a two-thirds vote of all the members present and voting. All those in favor of this Order receiving passage will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

117 having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion did prevail.

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

Bill "An Act to Revise the Salaries of County Officers" (H. P. 371) (L. D. 435) (H. A. "A" (H-16) — In House, read second time. (Pursuant to Joint Rule 29)

Tabled — February 17, 1977 by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls.

Pending — Further Action.

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

Mr. HENDERSON: Mr. Speaker, the amendment attaching a statement of fact has not been distributed yet. I am not sure if we have any supplementary business this morning or not, but if we do, I would move that we table this until later in today's session.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Quinn of Gorham, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and later today assigned.

House at Ease

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following papers appearing on Supplement No. 1 were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for Maine Health Systems Agency, Incorporated, to Ensure that Quality Health Services are Available at a Reasonable Cost to all Maine People" (Emergency) (S. P. 173) (L. D. 490)

Bill "An Act to Fund the Cost of the Employees' Share of the Premium of the Employees' Health Insurance Programs at the University of Maine and the Maine Maritime Academy" (Emergency) (S. P. 171) (L. D. 488)

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Cystic Fibrosis Drugs and Treatment" (S. P. 168) (L. D. 485)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed.

In the House, the Bills were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Permitting Corporal Punishment in Certain Private Schools" (S. P. 181) (L. D. 495)

Bill "An Act Relating to School Construction" (Emergency) (S. P. 183) (L. D. 497)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education and ordered printed.

In the House, the Bills were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the State Librarian to Purchase Town Histories and other Maine Histories for Distribution to Public Libraries and Schools" (S. P. 182) (L. D. 496)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Local and County Government, and ordered printed.

In the House, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Local and County Government in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Fee for Lobster Fishing Licenses" (S. P. 180) (L. D. 494)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Marine Resources and ordered printed.

In the House, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Marine Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Powers of Plantations under Land Use Regulation and Zoning Statutes" (S. P. 176) (L. D. 492)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and ordered printed.

In the House, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Transportation and the Secretary of State to Evaluate and Determine the Feasibility of Transferring the Functions of the Motor Vehicle Division to the Department of Transportation (S. P. 174) (L. D. 491)

Bill "An Act to Assess a Surcharge on Fines and Penalties for the Operation of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy" (S. P. 179) (L. D. 493)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Government and ordered printed.

In the House, were referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Exempting Blind Property Owners from Real Property Tax" (S. P. 172) (L. D. 489)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation and ordered printed.

In the House, was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Reimbursement for Snow Removal on Accepted Ways" (S. P. 170) (L. D. 487)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railway" (Emergency) (S. P. 169) (L. D. 486)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Transportation and ordered printed.

In the House, were referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Vehicles Overtaking and Passing" (H. P. 17) (L. D. 26) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Morton of Farmington offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-22) was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. MORTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This amendment is to L.D. 26, presented by Mr. Jensen. I cleared this amendment with Mr. Jensen, in case anybody is concerned about it. What it does is allow for a visual signal at night when passing an automobile rather than requiring only an audible signal. I think it is something that is becoming pretty common practice today, and I just felt it was necessary. Mr. Jensen agrees that the statute should not require us to use an audible signal at night and should omit a light signal. I move the passage of this amendment.

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

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

Bill "An Act to Revise the Salaries of County Officers" (H. P. 371) (L. D. 435) (H. A. "A" H.16) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Henderson of Bangor offered House Amendment "C" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "C" (H-23) was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. HENDERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is a rather terse statement of fact on what we know as the county salary bill. If you look in your books at L.D. 62, which was the original draft of this bill, you will find a more detailed statement of fact,

although there have been some minor changes since that bill.

I would also call your attention to a handout that you will find on your desks which lists various salaries of the various county officers by county, indicating their present salary, the salary in the budget either approved by your county delegation or, if your county delegation hasn't settled yet, as submitted by the county commissioners. Then in the third column for each county officer, you will see the recommended salary as per L.D. 435.

I would remind you that we have House Amendment "A" on this bill which has reduced the proposed salary for the judges of probate in Franklin, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Waldo counties from the \$8,500 in the original bill to \$7,500 now. You will notice that that is quite close to the budgeted amounts.

There are several other aspects of this bill that I think we all should be aware of. For one, there has been some controversy in the past about how deputies of the various offices have been appointed. There are deputy treasurers and then, in various counties, deputy registrars of deeds and deputy registrars of probate. Some of them were appointed by the registrars, some were appointed by the commissioners, and there were various formulas. What this bill does is to make a single formula for treasurers, registrars of probate and registrars of deeds to appoint their deputies. In all cases, they nominate a deputy and that deputy is approved by the county commissioners. That is the essence of section 2 of this bill and also section 9. They are adopting the method that is currently in use for the appointment of deputy treasurers.

In addition, skipping over the salary issue for a minute, since we will be talking about that plenty, on page 3 of the bill, you will see a notation that says "district attorney salaries" and somebody asked me what that is in there. That is just part of the current law. It is part of the current law and there is absolutely no change from existing statutes.

Under fees and charges, I would just point out that this makes some changes. Various registrars of deeds, probate, I believe, accepted various kinds of fees, and that was part of their salary. What we have done in this bill is say that all fees would be turned into the county treasury and, on the other hand, the salaries for some of these people would be increased rather significantly, at least on paper, so that everybody knows up front what the salary is and it is not variable by the number and amount of fees that they collect.

The same principle holds for the sheriff, and there are two issues here in terms of the compensation of the sheriff. The sheriff now may serve civil processes and therefore gets fees for that. He also may live virtually on the premises of the county jail. The old law says if there are such premises you have to live on them. That means that they were getting rent free, let's say, in addition to their cash salary.

In some counties, the commissioners did not require their sheriff to live on the premises, even if they had them, but gave the sheriff a housing allowance in addition to his salary. In other counties, the sheriff didn't live on the premises and he didn't get a housing allowance. So there was quite a mixed bag of ways in which you could figure out the salary of a sheriff.

This bill sets the salaries according to the schedule. It does not allow the services of civil process for fees. He may do it as part of the sheriff's job or not, but he may not collect fees. And if he is to live in a county-owned building, he must pay a reasonable rent or he can move out of that building. But in any event, he has to pay his rent.

Again, if you look at the dollar number of the salary, you should be able to get an accurate reflection of what the compensation is for a

sheriff, which you couldn't have before.

I think those are the basic issues here, and I just want to remind you again that the committee is hopeful that we can at least develop a systematic and rational system for the payment of county officers rather than instead of the law-gruel system that we have had in the past where everyone has a particular problem in their particular county where they either like or dislike a particular officer, and that is what we are trying to get away from.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I will rest and hope we can adopt House Amendment "C".

Thereupon, House Amendment "C" was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Buxton, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have a tremendous amount of respect for the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Henderson, very talented. I also more or less sympathize with him for having to undertake the task of trying to straighten out some of the ills of county government, and there are many.

There are parts of this bill that I think are parts that I cannot live with and there are parts that I would like to live with. I did intend to ask that this be indefinitely postponed, but I don't think I will do that myself, I think I will let somebody else do it if the whole bill is obnoxious to them.

I was reading through the statutes the day before yesterday in relation to the fees and charges by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and it is beyond me to comprehend what they charge and what they charge for and who pays what. It is one terrible mess. That part of this bill I like. It does attempt to straighten out part of it.

The salary portion, you might note that there are substantial increases in a good many of these categories, and I wonder if the State of Maine is willing to set these salaries if they might be willing to pay the salaries.

County officials are paid from county funds, and county funds are raised at the county level. It just doesn't seem proper for me to come up here and make a law that says the state will say how much this person is going to be paid and the counties will pay for it. I find that part a little difficult to take.

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

Mr. TALBOT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I find there are some parts of this bill I object to, and that deals mostly with the salaries.

Over the weekend I spent some time at our Cumberland County Courthouse going over some of these figures. I found out that the treasurer of the county, who is bonded for something like \$90,000, earns a salary of approximately \$191 a week. Under this new bill, which is L. D. 435, he would drop down to \$144 a week. The registrar of probate, who makes about \$188 a week, drops down to \$163 a week. I found the registrar of deeds, who makes about \$191 a week, would also drop down to \$175 a week. The judge of probate, who makes approximately \$231 a week, would drop down under this bill to \$163 a week.

I also started to go through this pamphlet that was passed out by the committee and found that although the Cumberland County officers do twice as much work, or have a workload of twice as much as that of Penobscot County, their salaries are the same. I find it kind of hard to understand or comprehend.

So, Mr. Speaker, if I may take the invitation from the gentleman from Buxton, Mr. Berry, I would ask for indefinite postponement.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Talbot, moves that this Bill and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. CURRAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I, too, have some concerns about the salary proposals for the statutory officers of Cumberland County, and I do have an amendment to propose that will rectify that situation. So I would ask you at this time to save some portions of the bill that are indeed desirable, as far as I am concerned, and to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone. Perhaps when I offer my amendment, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Talbot, will be in agreement.

Mr. Hickey of Augusta offered House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "B" (H-18) was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It has been the contention of the county commissioners that the registrar of probate and the registrar of deeds are comparable positions with equal workloads. They have always been paid an equal amount of money. Under this new bill, the registrar of probate is receiving \$600 less than the registrar of deeds. We wish to have this matter rectified.

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

Mr. HENDERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would speak in opposition to this proposition for several reasons, one of which is that this particular issue was first raised by county commissioners in Kennebec County, and I think it may be an example of a particular county having an interest in making some changes.

Secondly, the committee did consider whether there ought to be a parity in these two officers. The registrar of deeds is statutorily required to be a full-time position; the registrar of probate is not. For that reason, we felt that there ought to be some separation.

I would only say that if we did make it equal for one group, class or county, that would be, as I understand this proposal, for Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Penobscot and York, in addition to Kennebec, then it ought to be equal for all counties.

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

Mr. BUSTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It is obvious from the debate a couple days ago that the chairman of the Local and County Government Committee did indeed say that he doesn't want any amendments to this bill. We certainly can understand that. After a long, laborious process and putting in all kinds of hours, very often that is the kind of vote that a committee chairman calls for. I would point out, however, that he, himself, has amended it twice since then.

This amendment simply calls for equity for the registrar of probate and the registrar of deeds in the counties that he has mentioned. I think this is a friendly amendment to the bill. Those of us who are supporting it fully intend to vote against indefinite postponement and put the bill through.

I hope you will all go along with my friend Mr. Hickey on his first action on the floor of the Maine House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Hickey, that House Amendment "B" be adopted. All those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 55 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

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

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of

the House: I was rather glad to see the amendment accepted, because this man from Kennebec knows well what Kennebec wants and we are willing to help him get it.

I noticed in Penobscot County, people with talent, the only one I know of that does have any in the county delegation, is the judge of probate, and he doesn't get any raise at all, while we raise the man with the least talent \$3,000 or so — I am not going to get right down to brass tacks but a man that should be retiring and has a source of income from other sources. So I would think that this bill is in for hard sledding. I would vote to indefinitely postpone it but I have now decided that it would be best to amend it to take care of such things as people in our county organization that do have some talent and try to remember them rather than trying to spend money just for the sake of the fellow who can get you the most votes or the law dealer that can help you the most, and in this case in Penobscot, it must be the sheriff. So I do hope that some kind gentleman later on in this debate will table this motion so we can add some amendments for Penobscot.

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

Mr. KELLEHER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have an amendment for Penobscot County. Unfortunately, it is not out of the drafting office, so if some kind member would table this, I would appreciate it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Norris.

Mr. NORRIS: Mr. Speaker, I would move that this be tabled for one legislative day.

Mr. Henderson of Bangor requested a division.

The SPEAKER: If you are in favor of tabling for one legislative day, you will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

108 having voted in the affirmative and 12 in the negative, the Bill was tabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.

The following papers appearing on Supplemental No. 2 were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act to Extend the Time During which School Budgets may be Adopted (H. P. 316) (L. D. 407) (S. "B" S-9)

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. 134 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.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith.

Constitutional Amendment

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Four-year Term of Office for Sheriff (H. P. 24) (L. D. 33)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being a Constitutional Amendment and a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 71 having voted in favor of same and 64 against, the Resolution failed of passage to be enacted. Sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Concerning Certified Copies of Records of Marriage (H. P. 56) (L. D. 77) (C. "A" H-5)

An Act Pertaining to Issuance of Marriage Licenses (H. P. 57) (L. D. 78) (C. "A" H-4)

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.

Mr. Kelleher of Bangor was granted unanimous consent to address the House:

Mr. KELLEHER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Having voted on the prevailing side on Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Four-year Term of Office for Sheriff (H. P. 24) (L. D. 33), I now move that the House reconsider its action whereby this Resolution failed of passage and hope you all vote against me.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Kelleher, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby this Resolution failed of passage to be enacted.

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

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Blue Hill,
Adjourned until nine-thirty tomorrow morning.