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OF THE

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OF THE

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HOUSE

Monday, February 13, 1978 The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Father Raymond D. Auger of St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Sanford.

Father AUGER: Almighty God, we ask Your blessing upon these men and women who have gathered in this Chamber to deliberate other laws that will affect the lives of the people of this great State of Maine. Help these legislators to see beyond party lines in their work. Help them seek out the best conditions that will enchance the lives of Your people in Maine. Help them imitate Christ, Your Son, who spent and lived his life always concerned for the poor and the sick, the needy and the destitute, the sick in body and heart.

Lastly, we thank You, Almighty God, for the countless blessings that you have abundantly given to our state and to the people of the State of Maine. May our thanks be always expressed by deeds that are worthy of your infinite good-

ness and love. Amen.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem by the Hall-Dale High School Band of Hallowell.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate The following Communication: The Senate of Maine

Augusta February 10, 1978 The Honorable Edwin H. Pert Clerk of the House 108 Legislature Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear Clerk Pert:

The Senate today voted to Adher to its action whereby it Indefinitely Postoned Bill, "An Act to Clarify and Limit the Authority of Municipalities to Establish Shellfish Conservation Programs and to License and Regulate the Taking of Shellfish" (H. P. 715) (L. D. 851). Respectfully

(Signed)

MAY M. ROSS Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read.
The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Stonington, Mr. Greenlaw.

Mr. GREENLAW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Before this communication is placed in the legislative files, I think it is appropriate for me to make a statement both for the record and for the members of this House.

It seems to me that the Maine Legislature, once again, has failed miserably to deal with an important fisheries management issue. To be sure, this was a complicated issue and a compromise was worked out after a great deal of hard work. The reason that I draw this to your attention is that in years to come, this legislature, this state, and the people who make their living from the marine resources are going to be faced, increasingly so, with difficult fisheries management issues.

We have a very, very strong tradition in this state to make decisions that affect our lives either on the state level or on the local level, and if we continue to evade this type of responsibility, particularly in the off-shore fisheries, the lobster fishery, the scallop fishery, you are going to find that we have lost a great deal of that responsibility. I think it behooves us to, in the future, consider these issues seriously. We have a responsibility not only to the people who make a living from these resources but also to properly conserve the resource, and I don't think we have done so.

I hope that in the future we perhaps will take this resonsibility more seriously than we have and that we will be able to come up with effective conservation and management pieces of legislation.

Thereupon, the Communication was ordered placed on file.

Reports of Committees

Ought Not to Pass
Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill, 'An Act to Exempt an Electrician who Fails to Renew his License, from Reexamination for a Period of 5 Years." (S. P. 639) (L. D. 1998) Was placed in the Legislative Files without

further action pursuant to Joint Rule 20 in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act to Make Allocations from the Unappropriated Highway Fund Surplus for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1979" (Emergency) (S. P. 666) (L. D. 2054) reporting "Ought to Pass" in New Draft under New Title Bill, "An Act Providing Allocations from the Unappropriated Highway Fund Surplus for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1979" (Emergency) (S. P. 694) (L. D. 2135)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the New Draft passed to be

engrossed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the New Draft read once and assigned for second reading tomor-

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to Pass" on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Application of the State Valuation to State and Town Cost-Sharing. Activities, Including Highway, Bridges and Winter Maintenance" (Emergency) (S. P. 657) (L. D. 2034)

Came from the Senate with the Bill and ac-

companying papers indefinitely postponed.

In the House, Report was read.
On motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick, the
Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Crime of Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer" (S. P. 661) (L. D. 2032) which was passed to be engrossed as 444) as amended by House Amendment "A" (S-4191) thorses in the Y-1921) thorses in the Y-1921 thorses in the Yamended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1021) thereto in the House on February 9.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-444) in non-concurrence.

In the House:

Mr. Carrier of Westbrook moved that the House recede and concur.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the

gentleman from Kennebunk, Mr. McMahon.

Mr. McMAHON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am not going to oppose the motion nor am I going to restate my arguments of the other day. I would ask you, however, to think very carefully about the wisdom of passing this with the committee amendment on it and without the language that we added the other day, because on enactment, I am going to ask for a roll call so that the record will be clear and the future action, the future problems perhaps is a better way to say it, of many of our citizens will be determined by what happens in the final wording of this

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Carrier of Westbrook, the House voted to recede and concur.

> Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned

The Joint Resolution Declaring Opposition to the Proposed Production of a Film Contrary to the Spirit of Religious Toleration (H. P. 2086) which was read and adopted in the House on February 9.

Came from the Senate Indefinitely Postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the

gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Biron.

Mr. BIRON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am presently preparing an amendment to this Resolution and it should be ready in one day, so I would ask that some member would table this for one legislative

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

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House recede and concur.

On motion of Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Davies of Orono to recede and concur and tomorrow assigned.

Orders

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment (H. P. 2097) recognizing that:
LESTER and ESTHER BISSET, of Blue Hill,

are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary Presented by Mr. Perkins of Blue Hill.

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

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment (H.

P. 2098) recognizing that:
ROBBIE DiFREDERICO, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James DiFrederico of Millinocket, has won the boys' State Hoop Shoot contest for 1978.

Presented by Mr. Marshall of Millinocket (Cosponsors: Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, Senator Pray of Penobscot.)

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

An Express of Legislative Sentiment (H. P.

2099) recognizing that:
BARBARA PAGE, 9 year old daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Page of East Millinocket,
has won the girls' State Hoop Shoot contest for

Presented by Mr. Marshall of Millinocket (Cosponsors: Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, Senator Pray of Penobscot.)

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

A Joint Resolution (H. P. 2100) in memory of the Honorable PERCY F. PLUMMER, of Lisbon, an active civic leader of that commu-

Presented by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls. The Resolution was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

A Joint Resolution (H. P. 2102) in memorey of FRANCIS L. STROUT of Fort Fairfield, an outstanding superintendent, teacher and coach

Presented by Mr. Mahany of Easton. (Cosponsor: Mr. Peterson of Caribou.)

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

A Joint Resolution (H. P. 2103) in memory of GENE B. BONYUN, of Westport Island, a noted musician and folklorist

Presented by Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro. (Cosponsors: Ms. Goodwin of Bath, Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro, Mrs. Sewall of Newcastle)

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

House Report of Committees Leave to Withdraw

selors" (H. P. 1899) (L. D. 1956) reporting "Leave to Withdraw"

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Consent Calendar First Day

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

(H. P. 1978) (L. D. 2073) Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Funds for the York County Community College" — Committee on Education reporting "Ought to Pass"

On the objections of Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick, was removed from the Consent Ca-

lender.

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

(H. P. 1958) (L. D. 2040) Bill, "An Act to Regulate Hazardous Materials and Wastes and to Provide for a Uniform Response System to Hazardous Materials Emergencies" — Committee on Natural Resources reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1025)

(S. P. 686) (L. D. 2114) Bill, "An Act to Extend until July 1, 1979, the Date for the Newport Water District to Purchase the Property of the Maine Water Company" (Emergency) 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 14, under listing of Second

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill, "An Act to Restructure the Fuel Adjustment Clause" (H. P. 2092) (L. D. 2137)

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

Amended Bill

Bill, "An Act to Amend Forclosure Proceedings by Civil Action" (H. P. 1977) (L. D. 2062) (C. "A" H-1024)

Was repoted by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, read the second time, passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence

> Passed to Be Enacted **Emergency Measure**

—An-Act-to-Amend-the-Charter-of-the-Gray-Water District (H. P. 1967) (L. D. 2048)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a twothirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 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 Cooperation of State Agencies in Compiling Labor and Industrial Statistics for the Bureau of Labor (S. P. 642) (L. D. 2009) (C. "A" S-454)

An Act Relating to Preventive Discipline in the Schools (H. P. 1866) (L. D. 1916) (H. "A" H-1010 to C. "A" H-1001)

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.

> Enactor Tabled and Assigned

RESOLVE, to Appeal the Decision of the State Claims Board Regarding Property Loss Suffered by Henry E. Ripley of Liberty Be-cause of Theft at the Augusta Mental Health In-stitute (H. P. 2011) (L. D. 2086) (C. "A" H-

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. (On motion of Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell, tabled pending final passage and tomorrow assigned.)

Orders of the Day The Chair laid before the House the first

tabled and today assigned matter:
Bill, "An Act to Provide for Alternative Election Procedures for School Budgets on a Local Basis" (H. P. 1909) (L. D. 1970) — In House, Minority "Ought to Pass" Report accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-999) as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1012) thereto on February 3. — In Senate, Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report accepted in non-concurrence.

TABLED - February 10, 1978 by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

PENDING — Further Consideration On motion of Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield, tabled pending further consideration and tomorrow

The Chair laid before the House the second

tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Appropriating Funds for Certain Municipal Governments" (H. P. 2096) (L. D. 2139) (Committee on Education suggested.)

TABLED - February 10, 1978 by Mr. Tier-

ney of Lisbon Falls.

PENDING — Motion of the same gentleman to refer to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Thereupon, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forth-

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

Bill, "An Act Clarifying the Statutes Relating to Municipalities" (Emergency) (H. P.

1921) (L. D. 1982) TABLED — February 10, 1978 by Mrs. Berube of Lewiston.

PENDING — Adoption of Committee Amendment "A" (H-1019)

Mr. Raymond of Lewiston offered House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment

"A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" to Committee
Amendment "A" (H-1026) was read by the Clerk.

Mr. RAYMOND: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The only thing this amendment does is, it would provide a transition period to the municipalites as far as the liquor referendum question is concerned. Once this bill is passed, this would prevent the small towns from holding another election, and that

is all this particular amendment would do.
The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the

gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Henderson. Mr. HENDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Lewiston.

Is House Amendment "A" necessarily connected with House Amendment "B"? Will it change in any way other aspects of the bill as it stands now?

The Speaker: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Henderson, has posed a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Raymond, who may answer.

The Chair recognizes that gentleman. Mr. RAYMOND: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: House Amendment "A" does not change anything else in the bill. However, the next amendment that I will present will.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" to Com-

mittee-Amendment "A" was adopted.
Mr. Raymond of Lewiston offered House
Amendment "B" to committee Amendment 'A'' and moved its adoption.

to Committee

Amendment "A" (H-1027) was read by the

Mr. RAYMOND: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This particular Amendment will change the committee amendment in this way. The way the committee amendment reads, any referendum questions concerning liquor referendums would be voted on at all municipal yearly meetings which are usually held in March, as I understand. The amendment that I am presenting would change this process and have the municipalities vote on these liquor referendum ques-

tions at the primaries and/or general elections. The reason for the change, I understand from the commission, is that in some of the towns and municipalities, when it comes time for balloting, all of the people in that municipality do not have the right to vote because either they are-working or for other reasons that only those who are attending that particular meeting have that right and the privilege of voting. By changing this to the general election, it would give everybody in that municipality the full day to be able to vote on these referendum

questions.

Another reason that the commission gave is that it would be easier for them to tabulate all these at one time rather than various times during the year. Of course, this particular reason, as far as I am concerned, does not concern me much because they are paid to do their work and they can do it anytime of the year. However, it now becomes a question of what the towns and municipalities prefer. I don't care one way or the other about it, but I think you people from the towns are the ones who should make the decision here today on whether or not you want the people to vote on these referendum questions during the general election or at your annual town meetings. These

are the two differences.

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

Mr. HENDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am not exactly a partisan of liquor issues one way or the other but I would like to at least give to the control of the other but I would like to at least give to the other but I would like to at least give to the other. the other, but I would like to at least give you the background of why the proposal is in the committee amendment as it is.

The bill was a collection of inconsistencies that were presented by the Maine Municipal Association to our committee. The current law has two consistent proposals in it. One would seem to allow municipalities to make their local option decisions at their town meetings. The other seems to allow them to do it at a state-wide election because of some activity in the last session that we were not really clear

which way we wanted to go apparently.

One of the objections in the past to the local option question being done at the local level, or for some of the reasons that Mr. Raymond mentioned and some of those reasons have been changed by our proposed committee amendment, first of all, at the local level there was not necessarily any printed ballot. It could be done on pieced of paper and there was quite a bit of question and dissatisfaction, expecially in close elections. This committee amendment would provide for a printed ballot. Ballot that will hopefully clarify the problem.

A second legitimate question was the problem of not being able to vote absentee. That has been changed through our committee amendment, so even if you stick with the committee amendment, you will still allow people to vote absentee ballot at the local town meeting.

The policy commission of Maine Municipal was consulted, and after some discussion, at least among their representatives, and I am just passing on this information to you, I am not necessarily advocating one position or the other, they felt that it was more convenient for the municipalities and for the people in those municipalities to vote at the annual town meetings. An argument that they all come in at once and it would be easier to tabulate by our commission, I think, is also the case of whether.

first of all, that seems reasonable on the face of it. To me, it would seem better if they did not come all at the same time; also, whether that should be an overriding consideration as compared to the convenience of the local electo-

Another point is that Mr. Raymond's amendment would allow people to have this on the pri-mary election ballot and of course not all people in any municipality are interested in the primary election, although they may come out to vote if the only additional election itself. That is some of the background that the committee considered in putting in the bill as it now is before you.
The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the

gentleman from Stonington, Mr. Greenlaw.

Mr. GREENLAW: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose a question to the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Raymond. The question is, it appears that the amendment would allow the local liquor referendum questions to be addressed at primary, special, state-wide or general elections. My question is, does this amendment negate the possibility of a town holding a liquor referendum at the annual town meetings?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Stonington, Mr. Greenlaw, has posed a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Raymond, who may answer if he so

desires

The Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. RAYMOND: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The answer to that question is yes if this amendment is adopted. Your question was if this passed will they be allowed to have their voting at their annual meetings on these questions? The answer to that is no if you adopt this amendment.

Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield requested a roll call.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Hickey.
Mr. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose a question throught the Chair to the gentleman from I awiston. Mr. Raymond. Does tleman from Lewiston, Mr. Raymond. Does this amendment provide each community with a ballot paid for and printed by the State?
The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augus-

ta, Mr. Hickey, has posed a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Raymond, who may answer if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. RAYMOND: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This does not change the election process at all. The election process will be the same, the ballots and everything else, because that stays in the bill. All this is doing is deciding whether you want the annual town meetings voting on these referendum questions or at the general elections. As far as the balloting process, that will not change from what you have now.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the

gentleman from Anson, Mr. Burns.

Mr. BURNS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It appears to me that this amendment is striking right at local control. I do not know of any place there is any more local control than there is at the town meetings throughout this state.

Therefore, I would move the indefinite postponement of House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" and ask for a roll call.

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. Those in favor 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 before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Anson, Mr. Burns, that House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed. Those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. ROLL CALL

YEAS: Ault, Bagley, Benoit, Boudreau, P.; Brenerman, Bunker, Burns, Bustin, Carroll, Carter, D.; Churchill, Clark, Cox, Cunning-ham, Curran, Diamond, Dow, Drinkwater, nam, Curran, Diamond, Dow, Drinkwater, Dudley, Durgin, Elias, Flanagan, Fowlie, Gill, Gould, Gray, Green, Greenlaw, Henderson, Hickey, Howe, Hunter, Jackson, Jensen, Joyce, Kane, Kany, Kilcoyne, LaPlante, Lewis, Littlefield, Lougee, Lynch, MacEachern, Mackel, Mahany, Marshall, Masterman, Mastarten, MaRrecirk, Manhary, Marshall, Masterman, Mastarten, MaRrecirk, Manhary, Marshall, Eachern, Mackel, Manany, Marshall, Master-man, Masterton, McBreairty, McMahon, McPherson, Morton, Nelson, M.; Nelson, N.; Norris, Palmer, Peakes, Pearson, Peltier, Perkins, Peterson, Post, Prescott, Sewall, Shute, Silsby, Smith, Sprowl, Stover, Stubbs, Talbot, Tarbell, Tozier, Trafton, Whittemore, Wood, Wyman.

NAYS: Bachrach, Beaulieu, Bennett, Berry, Marshall, McMahon, McPearshall, McMarshall, Marshall, Marshall, Master-man, Marshall, Master-man, Marshall, Master-man, Marshall, Master-man, Marshall, Master-man, Marshall, Master-man, McMahon, McPherson, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McMahon, McPherson, McMahon, McMahon, McPherson, McMahon, McMaho

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chell, Valentine, The Speaker.

ABSENT: Aloupis, Austin, Carter, F.; Connolly, Devoe, Huber, Hughes, Hutchings, Jalbert, Lunt, McKean, Mills, Najarian, Paul, Spencer, Tarr, Tyndale, Wilfong.

Yes, 78; No, 55; Absent, 18.

The SPEAKER: Seventy-eight having voted in the affirmative and fifty-five in the negative, with eighteen being absent the motion does

with eighteen being absent, the motion does prevail.

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lincoln Mr. MacEachern.
Mr. MacEACHERN: Mr. Speaker, I have a question on this bill. Does this bill take away the provision that we passed the last session which provided that once a town votes wet, that it remains wet until a petition is obtained to have another vote and put it back where it was where it was mandatory to have a referendum every two years?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lincoln Mr. MacEachern has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may respond

through the chair to anyone who may respond if they so desire.

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

Mr. HENDERSON: Mr. Speaker, the original bill did strike out that two-year provision but we did not change it in the committee amendment, so if you vote one way, then that will be that way for two years and it will not be will be that way for two years and it will not be able to be changed unless you vote on it again in a referendum.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. MacEachern.

Mr. MacEACHERN: Mr. Speaker, that does not completely answer my question. As I understand it, the bill that we passed in the last session provided that once a town votes wet, it would remain wet forever unless someone got a petition up. Maybe I am wrong. Does this bill take that provision away from what we passed the last time?

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

Mr. RAYMOND: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The bill that was passed the last time kept the two-year provision in. What you are referring to is three years ago, but two years ago the liquor committee has a revision of the complete liquor laws and at that point, the two-year period was in that. As Mr. Henderson just mentioned, the original bill this year did away with that, but they put it back into their committee amendment that now you will have the two-year provision. Even if it was not in the committee amendment, you have it in the law unless you take if off the books.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the

gentleman from Anson, Mr. Burns.
Mr. BURNS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose another question. Is the answer to what has just replied to, that each town must vote each two years on the liquor control laws.
The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Anson, Mr. Burns, has posed an additional question.

Mr. Burns, has posed an additional question throught the Chair to anyone who may care to answer.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Le-

wiston, Mr. Raymond.

Mr. RAYMOND: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Not only the towns but everyone in the state. That includes the cities, everybody. I believe that you have to have a petition to change it in the cities, if I am not mistaken. However, if there is any question concerning that further, if somebody would table it, I can get my book out and later on I will explain it to

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Burns of Anson, tabled pending Second Reading and tomorrow

assigned.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. McBreairty of Perham, Adjourned until nine-thirty tomorrow morn-