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HOUSE

Thursday, March 29, 1945.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Norman Hersey of Waterville.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Senate Reports of Committees**

Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Francis Gibson of Lamoine (S. P. 196) reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve in favor of Frank D. Holt, of Lamoine (S. P. 195)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve in favor of George Currier of Norway (S. P. 110) (L. D. 232) as it is taken care of otherwise.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Transportation of Forest Products" (S. P. 277) (L. D. 610) as it is covered by other legislation.

Came from the Senate, Reports read and adopted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

**Ought Not to Pass
Tabled**

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Farm to Market Roads" (S. P. 373) (L. D. 951)

Came from the Senate, Report read and adopted.

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, the Report, with accompanying bill, was tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on State Prison on Resolve Providing for Purchase of Land for the Maine State Prison (S. P. 68) (L. D. 47) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 396) (L. D. 1023) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate the Report

read and adopted and the new draft passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Resolve read once.

Mr. Williams of Clifton, offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 396, L. D. 1023), Resolve Providing for Purchase of Land for the Maine State Prison.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the last line thereof the following words: "general fund for that purpose" and inserting in place thereof the words: "unappropriated surplus account".

House Amendment "A" was adopted in non-concurrence, and the Resolve was assigned for second reading tomorrow morning.

Ought to Pass in New Draft As Amended by Senate Amendment "A"

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Establish, Maintain, Conduct and Finance Recreational Facilities" (S. P. 51) (L. D. 14) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 394) (L. D. 1017) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate the Report read and adopted and the new draft passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice.

Senate Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Senate Amendment "A" to S. P. 394, L. D. 1017, Bill "An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Establish, Maintain, Conduct and Finance Recreational Facilities."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined word "condemnation" in the 11th line thereof.

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence, and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Norway Municipal Court" (S. P. 219) (L. D. 465)

Came from the Senate the Report read and adopted and the Bill

passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice.

Senate Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Senate Amendment "A" to S. P. 219, L. D. 465, Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Norway Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out the figure "\$1500" in the seventh line, and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$1,300'.

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence, and the bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

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**Ought to Pass With Committee
Amendment
Recommitted in Senate**

Tabled

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act to Increase Salaries of Somerset County Officers" (S. P. 267) (L. D. 620) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate the Report read and adopted and the Bill recommitted to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Hamilton of Hartland, tabled pending consideration)

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**Ought to Pass in New Draft and
Bill Withdrawn
Tabled and Assigned**

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Free Hunting and Fishing Permits for Veterans" (S. P. 54) (L. D. 22) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 363) (L. D. 962) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate the Report read and accepted and leave granted to withdraw the Bill.

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Anderson of Oxbow Plantation, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report in concurrence, and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 3rd)

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to a Pension Plan for Employees of the city of Lewiston" (H. P. 1309) (L. D. 956) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 1st.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it passed this Bill to be engrossed on March 1st.

Senate Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Senate Amendment "A" to H. P. 1309, L. D. 956, Bill "An Act Relating to a Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Lewiston."

Amend said Bill by striking out paragraph B of sub-section I of section 19 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'B. Reaches age 65 and/or has served not less than 25 years.'

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

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Mr. Dutton of Bingham, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. DUTTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: A few days ago we listened attentively to where we are heading on the appropriation of money and the spending of money. We listened to where it is carrying us—to a State tax of 13 mills if we continue on our course. We took no action—no action excepting economy was recommended.

I have in mind a measure which would save the State of Maine during the next two years \$ 35,000. There is a question in the minds of many members of this Legislature that not only is the expenditure of \$35,000 a needless expense, but one which retards the orderly transaction of the business of the State of Maine in its different departments, and I refer, Members of the House, to the Personnel Department.

With that explanation I am asking unanimous consent to introduce a bill, out of order and under suspension of the rules.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, asks the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill. Do I hear ob-

jection? I hear none, and the bill is received. The Clerk will read the bill by title only.

Bill "An Act Repealing the Personnel Law." (H. P. 1407)

On motion by Mr. Dutton, the bill was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Meloon of Portland be excused from attendance today and Friday because of business.

**House Reports of Committees
Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Establish the Western Oxford Municipal Court" (H. P. 515) (L. D. 204)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. DUNBAR of Washington
Miss CLOUGH of Penobscot
—of the Senate.
Messrs. PERKINS of Boothbay Harbor
WILLIAMS of Auburn
WARD of Millinocket
HASKELL of Portland
CONNELLAN of Portland
PEIRCE of Augusta

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. DOW of Oxford
—of the Senate.

The Majority Report, "Ought not to pass" was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mrs. Lord of South Portland, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking. (Applause)

Place on File

Mr. McFee from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Remonstrance of Edward J. Estes of Winslow and 58 others against proposed Increase in Resident Hunt-

ing and Fishing Licenses (H. P. 808) reported that same be placed on file.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. DeSanctis from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Stanley M. Craib of West Upton, Massachusetts (H. P. 54) reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Free Fishing and Hunting Licenses for Citizens over 65 years of Age" (H. P. 943) (L. D. 572)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Fishing and Hunting Licenses" (H. P. 43) (L. D. 17)

Mr. Smith from same Committee reported same on Resolve Opening Lake Onawa to Ice Fishing Under the General Law (H. P. 1068) (L. D. 664)

Mr. Connellan from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for the Election of an Assistant County Attorney for Cumberland County" (H. P. 637) (L. D. 291)

Mr. Harrison from the Committee on Pensions reported same on Resolve Granting a Pension to Mrs. Jennie W. Conant of Appleton (H. P. 983)

Mr. Hawes from same Committee reported same on Resolve Granting a Pension to Mollie P. Ring, of Saco (H. P. 190)

Mr. Patterson from same Committee reported same on Resolve Granting a Pension to Cora P. Scribner, of Bradford (H. P. 839)

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Bowker from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Appropriating Money for a Forest Survey (H. P. 791) (L. D. 414)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. DeSanctis from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Merton E. Grant of Glenwood (H. P. 920) (L. D. 535)

(On motion by Mr. Corson of Hodgdon, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Monday, April 2nd)

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. DeSanctis from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse the town of Moscow (H. P. 795) (L. D. 416)

(On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 3rd)

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Hamilton from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse the city of Biddeford (H. P. 622) (L. D. 285)

(On motion by Mr. Donahue of Biddeford, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report, and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 3rd)

Miss Deering from the Committee on Education reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Appoint a State Board for Approval of Institutions Offering Specialized Training (H. P. 941) (L. D. 543)

Mr. Russell from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the town of Ashland (H. P. 1286) (L. D. 933)

Mr. Connellan from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Credibility of Witnesses" (H. P. 636) (L. D. 290)

Mr. Haskell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Public Administrators" (H. P. 326) (L. D. 109) as it is covered by other legislation.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Perkins from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Ballots in Elections" (H. P. 641) (L. D. 294)

(On motion by Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Ward from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not

to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Eminent Domain for the State Park Commission" (H. P. 809) (L. D. 502)

Mr. Bird from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Disclosure Commissioners" (H. P. 997) (L. D. 297)

Mr. Haskell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Sheriff in Washington County" (H. P. 1213) (L. D. 764)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Blake from the Committee on Temperance reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses for Hotels, Restaurants and Clubs in Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 860) (L. D. 497)

(On motion by Mr. Corson of Hodgdon, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for tomorrow morning.)

Mr. Coombs from the Committee on Temperance reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the State Liquor Commission and Appointments" (H. P. 1099) (L. D. 798)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Jacobs from the House Committee on County Estimates on Estimates of the Several Counties reported two Resolves under title of "Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Year Nineteen Hundred Forty-Five" (H. P. 1390) and "Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Year Nineteen Hundred Forty-six" (H. P. 1391) and that they "Ought to pass."

Mr. Knight from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of William A. Johnson of Orrington (H. P. 723) (L. D. 396) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1392) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Welch from the Committee on Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Advertising Resources, etc. by Counties" (H. P. 933) (L. D. 525) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1393) under title of "An Act relating to Advertising Resources, Etc.

by Aroostook County" and that it "Ought to pass"

Miss Deering from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Increase Teachers' Pensions" (H. P. 811) (L. D. 504) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1394) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Byron from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Control of Deer in Acadia National Park" (H. P. 1170) (L. D. 740) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1395) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. True from same Committee on Resolve relating to Daily Bag Limit from Androscoggin Watershed Above Middle Dam (H. P. 696) (L. D. 289) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1396) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Collins from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of Probate and the Register of Probate in Cumberland County" (H. P. 1094) (L. D. 781) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1397) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Collins from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of York County" (H. P. 679) (L. D. 272) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1398) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Downs from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of Oxford County" (H. P. 1095) (L. D. 782) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1399) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Haskell from same Committee on Bill "An Act relative to the Salary of the Judge of the Brunswick Municipal Court" (H. P. 545) (L. D. 214) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1400) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Sanborn from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of Judge of Probate of Hancock County" (H. P. 548) (L. D. 216) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1401) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Ward from same Committee on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Treasurer of Cumberland County" (H. P. 1279)

(L. D. 922) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1402) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Warren from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Sheriff of Cumberland County" (H. P. 1212) (L. D. 763) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1403) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Rumford Falls Municipal Court" (H. P. 1277) (L. D. 920) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1404) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Coombs from the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses in Unorganized Territory Where No Elections are Held" (H. P. 861) (L. D. 437) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1405) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mrs. Ellingwood from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Selling of Malt Liquor Near National Soldiers' Homes, etc." (H. P. 1156) (L. D. 699) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1406) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Reports were read and accepted and the new drafts ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Blake from the Committee on Education reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Tuition to be Paid by Towns" (H. P. 803) (L. D. 500)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Equalize Opportunities for Education in Occupational Training" (H. P. 804) (L. D. 501)

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Resolve Relating to Belgrade Stream (H. P. 1183) (L. D. 744)

Mr. Smith from same Committee reported same on Resolve Appropriating Money to Repair Fish Screen at Eagle Lake (H. P. 322) (L. D. 143)

Mr. Haskell from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for Equitable Apportionment of Estate Taxes and Collection and Payment Thereof" (H. P. 422) (L. D. 192)

Mr. Forhan from the Committee on Pensions reported same on Resolve, Granting Additional Pension for Burtis F. Fowler, of Augusta (H. P. 1103) (L. D. 787)

Mr. Bird from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount to be Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds in the county of Cumberland" (H. P. 191) (L. D. 57)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Brunswick Municipal Court" (H. P. 546) (L. D. 215)

Mr. Collins from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Portland" (H. P. 103) (L. D. 34)

Mr. Downs from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Portland Municipal Court" (H. P. 104) (L. D. 35)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Yearly Fees for Boxers" (H. P. 355) (L. D. 121)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Northern Cumberland Municipal Court" (H. P. 1149) (L. D. 795)

Mr. Haskell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount to be Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Probate in the County of Cumberland" (H. P. 192) (L. D. 56)

Mr. Sanborn from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Clerk of Courts, Cumberland County" (H. P. 214) (L. D. 97)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and the Recorder of the Westbrook Municipal Court" (H. P. 1151) (L. D. 730)

Mr. Ward from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary for Clerks in the Office of Register of Probate in York County" (H. P. 48) (L. D. 19)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An

Act relating to the Amount to be Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of the Recorder of the Municipal Court of the city of Portland" (H. P. 102) (L. D. 33)

Mr. Warren from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Clerks in the Office of Register of Deeds in Hancock County" (H. P. 1000) (L. D. 600)

Mr. Forhan from the Committee on State Hospitals reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Patients in State Hospitals" (H. P. 1219) (L. D. 769)

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills and Resolves, having already been printed, under suspension of the rules the Bills were read twice, the Resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Towns Having no Free High Schools" (H. P. 1382) (L. D. 1044)

Bill "An Act relating to Special Legislative Pensions" (H. P. 1383) (L. D. 1045)

Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes" (H. P. 1385) (L. D. 1046)

Bill "An Act relating to Permits for Truck Loads upon Designated Roads" (H. P. 1386) (L. D. 1047)

Resolve in favor of Dr. Charles H. Buck of Naples (H. P. 1378) (L. D. 1048)

Resolve in favor of the Estate of R. Byron Flewelling, Late of West Gardiner, Deceased; for Loss of Life (H. P. 1379) (L. D. 1049)

Resolve in favor of Charles B. Buck of Newfield (H. P. 1380) (L. D. 1050)

Resolve to Reimburse the town of Amherst for Suppression of a Forest Fire (H. P. 1381) (L. D. 1051)

Resolve Granting a State Pension to Eva M. Farrington Cary, of Bowdoinham (H. P. 1384) (L. D. 1052)

Resolve in favor of Roy Marshall of Sanford (H. P. 1389) (L. D. 1053)

Bills were read twice, Resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monmouth, Mr. Marsans, and appoints him Speaker pro tempore, and asks the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort him to the rostrum.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms conducted Mr. Marsans to the ros-

trum, where he assumed the Chair amid the applause of the House, the members rising, and Speaker Barnes retired.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Authority of State Tax Assessor in Deorganized Towns" (S. P. 184) (L. D. 378)

Bill "An Act relating to Premarital Medical Examinations" (S. P. 214) (L. D. 470)

Bill "An Act relating to Prenatal Examinations" (S. P. 216) (L. D. 468)

Bill "An Act relating to Prevention of Blindness" (S. P. 217) (L. D. 467)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Obstructing Commissioner of Agriculture in Performance of Duty" (S. P. 392) (L. D. 1015)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Snow Removal" (H. P. 247) (L. D. 157)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for tomorrow morning)

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Making of a Survey of all Hospital and Health Center Facilities in the State" (H. P. 844) (L. D. 508)

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Law in relation to Parkways and Freeways" (H. P. 874) (L. D. 522)

Bill "An Act Providing for Maintenance of the Road Leading to Roaring Brook in Baxter State Park" (H. P. 875) (L. D. 459)

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Purchase of Certain Equipment by the State for Use by Towns" (H. P. 1266) (L. D. 889)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Morrison of Win-

ter Harbor, tabled pending third reading)

Bill "An Act relating to Guaranteed Loans for Veterans by Trust Companies, Savings Banks and Loan and Building Associations" (H. P. 1360) (L. D. 1025)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Dexter" (H. P. 1368) (L. D. 1031)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Clerk of Courts and Clerk Hire in Office of Clerk of Courts in Penobscot County" (H. P. 1369) (L. D. 1032)

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

Amended

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Old Town Municipal Court" (H. P. 1370) (L. D. 1033)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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

Mr. HASKELL: Mr. Speaker, I present House Amendment "A" to Legislative Document 1033, and by way of explanation I will acknowledge that this amendment reflects the efficiency with which your Clerk studies our procedure, and, by its adoption, you will save a little bit of money and do away with another bill when it later comes along.

House Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 1370, L. D. 1033, Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Old Town Municipal Court."

Amend the title of said bill by striking out the words "Salary of the" and inserting in place thereof the words 'Salaries of the Judge and'.

Further amend said bill by drawing a line through the figure "1,100" and inserting after such figure the underlined figure '\$1,400'.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Old Town Municipal Court" (H. P. 1371) (L. D. 1034)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Haskell of Bangor, tabled pending third reading)

Bill "An Act to Increase Salaries of Judge and Recorder of the Millinocket Municipal Court" (H. P. 1372) (L. D. 1035)

Bill "An Act to Increase Salary of Judge of Probate and Clerks in Office of Register of Probate in Penobscot County" (H. P. 1373) (L. D. 1035)

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate of Kennebec County and Clerk Hire in Such Office" (H. P. 1374) (L. D. 1037)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and on motion by Mr. Carpenter of Augusta, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Register of Deeds and Clerk Hire in Office of Register of Deeds in Penobscot County" (H. P. 1375) (L. D. 1038)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and on motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Resolve Opening Pennessewassee Lake to Smelt Fishing (S. P. 113) (L. D. 230)

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

Amended

Resolve Creating an Interim Committee to Study the Tribal Rights and Needs of the Indians (S. P. 135) (L. D. 340)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Mr. Gross of Jefferson, offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 135, L. D. 340, Resolve, Creating an Interim Committee to Study the Tribal Rights and Needs of the Indians.

Amend said Resolve by striking out, in the 3rd line thereof, the figure "5" and inserting in place thereof the figure "3".

Further amend said Resolve by striking out, in the 3rd line thereof the figure "2" and inserting in place thereof the figure "1".

Further amend said Resolve by striking out, in the 4th line thereof, the figure "3" and inserting in place thereof the figure "2".

Further amend said Resolve by striking out the word "this" at the beginning of the 2nd paragraph thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: "For the purpose of completing the preliminary report commenced under the 90th legislature, this"

House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Resolve had its second reading and was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Lincolnville (H. P. 411) (L. D. 184)

Resolve in favor of Guy Brown of Guilford (H. P. 929) (L. D. 567)

Resolve in favor of Mary Louise Bernier of Sanford (H. P. 1053) (L. D. 802)

Resolve in favor of Louis F. Fleming of Bangor (H. P. 1119) (L. D. 670)

Resolve in favor of the town of Smyrna (H. P. 1229) (L. D. 853)

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

At this point Speaker Barnes assumed the Chair, and Mr. Marsans was conducted to his seat by the Sergeant-at-Arms, amid the applause of the House.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relative to Game Preserve in York County (H. P. 508) (L. D. 245)

An Act relating to Premises Where Condemned Animals are Found by Commissioner of Agriculture (H. P. 616) (L. D. 280)

An Act Increasing the Salary of the Recorder of the Gardiner Municipal Court (H. P. 673) (L. D. 270)

An Act relating to Clerk Hire in Probation Office in Androscoggin County (H. P. 740) (L. D. 408)

An Act relating to Clerk Hire in Office of Register of Deeds in Kennebec County (H. P. 850) (L. D. 451)

An Act relating to Salary of Recorder of the Waterville Municipal Court (H. P. 853) (L. D. 454)

An Act relating to Licenses for the Sale of Malt Beverages (H. P. 862) (L. D. 438)

An Act relating to Marking of Sheep (H. P. 918) (L. D. 559)

An Act relating to the Salary of Register of Deeds of Kennebec County (H. P. 995) (L. D. 595)

An Act relating to Sale of Liquor to be Consumed on the Premises (H. P. 1012) (L. D. 532)

An Act relating to Use of Gill Net in Taking White Fish in Junior Lake, Washington County (H. P. 1129) (L. D. 676)

An Act relating to the Salary of the Clerk of the Lewiston Municipal Court (H. P. 1262) (L. D. 885)

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.

Tabled and Assigned

An Act relating to Requirement for Restaurant Licenses (H. P. 1265) (L. D. 838)

(On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, tabled pending enactment and specially assigned for tomorrow morning)

Finally Passed

Tabled

Resolve in favor of J. R. Collins, South Portland, Maine (S. P. 132) (L. D. 337)

(On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, tabled pending enactment)

Resolve relating to Fishing in Goose Pond in Hancock County (S. P. 313) (L. D. 837)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and

strictly engrossed, finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Tabled

Resolve to Reimburse the town of Salem for Forest Fire (H. P. 501) (L. D. 999)

(On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, tabled pending enactment)

Resolve Closing Tributaries of Kennebec Stream to all Fishing (H. P. 695) (L. D. 288)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Tabled

Resolve in favor of Joseph Martin, of Eagle Lake (H. P. 927) (L. D. 565)

(On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, tabled pending enactment)

Tabled

Resolve in favor of the New England Shipbuilding Corporation (H. P. 1050) (L. D. 657)

(On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, tabled pending enactment)

Resolve Authorizing Conveyance of the Interest of the State in Certain Land in Albany Township (H. P. 1097) (L. D. 784)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Tabled

Resolve in favor of the Estate of R. Byron Flewelling, Late of West Gardiner, Deceased; for Damage to Property (H. P. 1347) (L. D. 1000)

(On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, tabled pending enactment)

Tabled

Resolve in favor of Henry K. Morey of Deer Isle (H. P. 1348) (L. D. 1001)

(On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, tabled pending enactment)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on Bill "An Act relating to the Reapportionment of Maintenance of Unimproved Roads and Construction of State-Aid and Third-Class Road Moneys" (H. P. 1104) (L. D. 788); and on further motion by the same gentleman the Report, with accompanying bill, was tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report, and was specially assigned for Thursday, April 5th.

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, the House voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby Bill "An Act Repealing the Personnel Law" (H. P. 1407) was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

Mr. DOWNS: Mr. Speaker, by way of explanation, I may say that the Committee on Salaries and Fees has no desire to shirk any responsibility which may be properly theirs, but, as this measure evidently involves a question of law and legal methods, I move you at this time that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed, and the Bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and was sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" of th Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Providing Authority to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to Confer the Degree of Bachelor of Science" (S. P. 134) (L. D. 339) in the Senate the "Ought to pass" report accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed; in the House, tabled on March 26th by the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. SWEETSER: Mr. Speaker: I wish now to move indefinite postponement of the committee report on S. P. 134, L. D. 339.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: L. D. 339 proposes legisla-

tion for an indefinite time in the future. It proposes that future graduates from the Maine Maritime Academy may be awarded the Bachelor of Science degree but fails to establish a positive method which will uphold the value of this award or a sufficiently high standard to keep it in proper relation with similar awards given by other institutions of learning within this State. The proposal comes at a time when even old institutions of learning are abnormal because of the pressure of war. I shall try to show that this legislation would be sound only after peace and continued favorable performance of faculty and students at the academy.

At the outset I want to be sure that I am not misunderstood as to my attitude toward the training of men for officers of our future Merchant Marine. In the early days my home community was filled with seafaring men and I recognize that much of the wealth of past generations in the communities along our coast was wrested from the sea. I recognize too that the lack of men trained in seamanship and nautical engineering was partly responsible for the fact that we did not build up our Merchant Marine successfully after World War One. We do need a training school for the Merchant Marine, and the Castine Academy is the school for the job.

I want to pay my respects to the worthy Senator from Cumberland and I congratulate Senator Leavitt for his interest and ambition for the future of the American Merchant Marine and praise his efforts over past years in helping to establish the Marine Academy at Castine. The principal purpose of this academy is to train some of our boys that they may become officers of the fleets of ships which we hope will be the greatest Merchant Marine to ply the oceans when and after peace comes again. That purpose is good and the award of the title of 3rd Mate, or 3rd Engineer, upon the completion of the prescribed work at the Academy, is certainly worthy and a logical award. This is the award now given to those graduates from that Academy.

However, the provision of L. D. 339 goes much further and proposes that at the completion of the

prescribed courses the candidate be awarded the collegiate degree of Bachelor of Science.

Just what does this award mean? In a general way you are all familiar with the fact that this degree is given to certain graduates of colleges upon the completion of a four year course of study. The Act does not specify, but Senator Leavitt informs me that at Castine it probably would be a Bachelor of Science in Engineering.

In a large university the degree might be a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering or Civil Engineering or Chemical Engineering or many other specialties, but at present I understand that probably this proposed award would be just Bachelor of Science in Engineering.

The comparisons I wish to make will be with the University of Maine as I know conditions there. It so happens that for nine years I worked on the University of Maine Faculty and therefore I can speak from experience.

The Bachelor of Science Degree is an award difficult to obtain and is always cherished by those who are fortunate enough to earn it. My contention is that at present the Maritime Academy at Castine does not have sufficient evidence to indicate that the courses prescribed or the teaching force to instruct to compare favorably with the well grounded requirements of our other institutions of learning in the State.

I would like to make three points: First I want to compare the amount of work proposed as required. The document says 128 semester hours. To explain what this means in language of the University of Maine, I will illustrate by telling you that if a student attends a class for an hour each morning for five successive days during the entire length of a normal semester, sixteen weeks, and completes the required work satisfactorily, he has completed five semester hours. To get one hour credit in laboratory, he must spend thirty-two hours under direct supervision of a capable teacher.

Nearly half of the members of this body have been awarded college degrees, and for those who secured this honor in engineering or similar subjects, they had to complete much more than one hundred and twenty-eight hours. At the University of

Maine, the College of Engineering requires one hundred and forty-three semester hours, and in addition to those, those boys must take a military three - hour program every Saturday morning for a period of two years, and physical training, which is usually one hour every other day during those two years. One hundred and five of these one hundred and forty-three hours must be of "C" grade or better. It hardly seems fair to lower the standard of so valuable an award by more than ten percent.

In the college of Agriculture the student must complete one hundred and forty-seven hours, and in Forestry the figure rises to one hundred and fifty-three hours. In these last two instances it is further recommended that the student spend all of his summer each year in actual farm or forestry experience. If you wish to note the requirements of the Maritime Academy, you will discover that out of each year six weeks are spent on a required cruise. Credit is given these boys on that cruise to help make up the one hundred and twenty-eight hours although the cruise probably gives them no more academic training than the boy in agriculture gets in his summer experience and for which he gets no credit hours.

I now refer you to the catalog of the United States Naval Academy for this present year. If I interpret their schedule correctly, and I think I have the right interpretation. In a three year course, which they provide under war emergency, they require one hundred eighty semester hours, giving approximately the same courses, I understand from Senator Leavitt, as are being prescribed at the Castine Academy.

The second point at issue has to do with the prescribed courses of study. If I wanted to take a lot of your time I could give you considerable detail of how well established courses of study are at the University. I have had some experience trying to introduce new subjects to be O.K.'d by the faculty. I will not take the time to go into those details. The variety offered makes it possible for the student to select the courses to which he is best adapted, while throughout the whole course fundamentals and foundations are required before more advanced subjects can be attempted. The normal four year

course is quite essential to get these steps logically.

I would like to tell you just a little bit about these courses as cataloged by the University of Maine. I will cite one course because it is a comparative item to the courses given at the Maritime Academy. It being an engineering course, I have selected one in electrical engineering. No. 81 and 82 as outlined in this catalog is called communication engineering. It consists of the study of network theory, transformers, attenuators, filters, equalizers, transmission losses, and so on. A prerequisite is Course 22. If we turn the page of the catalog, we find Course 22 is given in considerable detail, having to do with the elements of speech and hearing, characteristics of subscribers' sets, local and common battery circuits, dial systems, repeaters and carrier current, and study of the infinite line. This requires Course 15. Course 15 gives the study of single-phase alternating currents, balanced poly-phase circuits, theory and design of d. c. machines, and so forth. I mention that to show you that these courses are over a four year period, making it necessary to build foundations and build up those foundations step by step as the years progress.

Much is being done right now with accelerated courses, but soon we hope for the return to more normal conditions. I want to quote a few words from a speech of Dr. Phillips of Bates College, which appeared in your papers this week. He said this: "The first trend is a definite reaction against the too rapid acceleration of one's college career. Experience to date makes it clear that the most valuable kind of collegiate education cannot be obtained in a brief period."

At Castine I understand that the courses follow all the same design. Two courses only are available, Deck Midshipman, and Engineering Midshipman at the present time. The methods of teaching are similar to those given in all armed force training camps,—maximum use of moving pictures, quantity rather than quality, little chance for use of reference books or library facilities, the one object right now for the duration being "train 'em quick and get 'em at it." And the unfortunate fact remains that we do not know how long this condition

will continue even though we see hope for some reduction in war activities. This is of course a condition that we must endure. We are not objecting to what they are doing at Castine at the present time. We are simply saying this is a condition which does not lend itself satisfactorily to the awarding of a Bachelor of Science Degree.

To present a third point, I just want to mention the teaching force. Just now there is very little chance for the administrative officers of the academy to have much to say about the faculty. The U. S. Navy furnishes practically all of the teaching force. They are for the most part enthusiastic young navy lieutenants doing their very utmost to crowd instruction in navigation and associated subjects into the craniums of another enthusiastic, young and hopeful group of boys also able and anxious to do their part in the war and that right soon. This is no time to try to compare these teachers with a permanent and well tried faculty of highly trained and efficient professors. When the war is over and the faculty can be stabilized, it will be time to pass judgment on the capabilities and capacities of that body. Let's not try to do it now.

The Bachelor of Science degree as now awarded by various institutions has a real commercial value. It is recognized as a standard by industrial concerns, by contracting engineers, by municipal governments, and by institutions. If we allow the standard to be lowered, we break faith with industry, with those colleges now granting the degree, and with those boys and girls who have worked and sacrificed to gain this now coveted distinction.

The general movement everywhere under normal conditions is to raise standards. Certainly as a legislative body we do not want to go on record as lowering a standard which has been long established.

You may ask how permission to award degrees is secured by other institutions of learning. I am glad to read a portion of a letter from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis dated March 13, 1945. This is how they secured their right to confer Bachelor of Science Degrees. "Representatives of the Association of American Universities had conducted a thorough investigation of the Naval Academy entrance re-

quirements, the curriculum, and of the qualifications of the individual members of the faculty, and had approved the Naval Academy on October 25, 1930. Three years later, in May, Congress acted to authorize the granting of the Degree. There is really no organization set up in this area to which we can turn, as they did here to the Association of American Universities. We have no organization which would be in a position or willing to act as an accrediting agency to investigate and approve entrance requirements, a course of study or the qualifications of the individual members of a faculty as was done with the Annapolis Academy in 1930, so the only method we have left is that of performance."

To summarize the whole situation let me say the proposal to award the Bachelor of Science degree at the Maine Castine Maritime Academy is premature; this permission should be granted by the Legislature only when, by the performance of some of the graduates during the next few years, the establishing of a well balanced and experienced faculty and the presentation of an exacting and more extended course of study to at least one hundred and forty-five semester hours, the Academy is able to prove itself worthy. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Webber.

Mr. WEBBER: Mr. Speaker, commendable efforts have been made in this House to check expenditures, especially during the past few days, but it seems to me that this is no time to check the advance of a growing institution which would benefit the State of Maine.

After the close of the war, we hope for an era of prosperity and expansion all along the line. We have several forward-looking measures. It does seem to me this Academy at Castine is doing mighty good work. The requirement of 128 semester hours compares very favorably with those of other institutions, especially at their outset. It would seem to me to be a little fairer to compare the efforts of Castine with the efforts of an institution which was started some time ago, with their efforts at the beginning, rather than their present attainments; and then after we have had Castine running quite a while we might compare its growth.

If you will look back into history—and I am not going to weary you with ancient history—but some three hundred years ago the first institution of higher learning granting collegiate degrees was set up in Cambridge, Mass. The purpose was to establish a place where Ministers of the Gospel could be educated. This college was founded by men from Europe, who held degrees themselves, and I think they did very well. It is true that the curriculum at the beginning of Harvard would not compare very favorably with some of our advanced academies at the present time.

I happen to be the graduate of two institutions in the State, reference to which has been made this morning. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maine and I am familiar with their requirements. I also hold a Master's degree from Bates College. I agree with what has been said about their standards, but there has been a time when the University was referred to as a "cow college"—we know that is not true—and Bates was referred to as Bates Academy. I believe both of these institutions are highly respected and worthy of copying.

The bill calls for the completion of 188 semester hours. Now an hour, as we have had indicated to us, comprises the work which is done by meeting in classes fifteen to twenty times a week, we will say, for a semester, and fifteen or twenty actual hours in the preparation of algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and the study of that branch besides recitation. Sometimes we spent two hours or more on a single one.

So I believe the course of study as set up is all right for beginners and is being successfully conducted. I think the faculty is adequate at the present time, and, as the Academy grows, there will be plenty of teachers for it and the standards will be kept up.

I wish, in closing, to quote from the principal of Farmington Normal School, of which institution I am a graduate. In speaking of the relationship of schools, he holds that one school should have a kind spirit towards another. I do not think we are building up the University of Maine or other colleges in the State by checking the growth of another institution. I hope that there is no spirit of jealousy; there should not be, because each insti-

tution has its own field, as is illustrated by the words of this principal. He said: "A generous feeling toward other schools, a sincere desire to see and acknowledge the best in others, is the basis of the highest type of school loyalty, and it is only by encouraging this spirit that a school can achieve its highest success."

I hope the motion of the gentleman on my left, Mr. Sweetser, will not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Casco, Mr. Cole.

Mr. COLE: Mr. Speaker, I am heartily in sympathy with everything that the gentleman from Cumberland (Mr. Sweetser) has told you. I believe he has told you the truth as near as he knows it. I do not mean to insinuate by that that he does not know what he is talking about, because I think that he does; but I think there are some interpretations which we can make that might straighten this thing out just a bit. I shall not take more than five minutes of your time, so be easy.

I think this bill is simply an enabling act. We are looking forward, as the gentleman from Mapleton (Mr. Webber) has said, to the time when we are going to get back once more into a period of peace, and we want to look forward to that time with hopefulness and with faith and with confidence.

Now as to the faculty that presently exists down there. We know what their job is: it is just exactly as Mr. Sweetser has said; and yet, in looking forward to the time when we are going to look for something better, we expect that this faculty will be built up and will be competent to meet the conditions of the times that will exist at that time.

As the holder of a degree also—and I do not say this in boasting—I know what hard work it is to get a degree; but I do not believe that we are going to give anybody anything that they are asking for under the proposals of this bill.

If you will read that bill carefully, you will see it is simply, as I said before, an enabling act for that academy to expand and do a bigger and better business.

I think, also, that it might be said that along with other things that we are doing to advertise the

State of Maine—and we are trying to advertise the State of Maine—that our educational institutions perhaps do more, actually, in the last analysis, to advertise the State of Maine than any of the efforts we put out through legislation here in this hall or in the hall across the way. Consequently, it seems that if we could help to build up our Merchant Marine and help to put into that Merchant Marine men who are fit and fine and who are well-grounded, who are better grounded than those going in now, we shall have done an excellent job.

There are other things I could say, but I am not going to do so, simply because I am relying upon the good judgment of this House to back up the Senate Report "Ought to pass." That in itself, I believe, should carry some weight with us.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Rockland, Mrs. Ellingwood.

Mrs. ELLINGWOOD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think the State of Maine should be very proud of the action they took at the last Legislature in creating the Maine Maritime Academy at Castine. I speak not only as a legislator but also as the mother of a boy who graduated from that Academy in September, 1944, and who is now on the high seas somewhere—I do not know where: I have not heard from him for seven weeks. He was one of those boys who took the twenty-four months course in sixteen months. I wish I could tell you some of the experiences of the boys in that class and how they have met the emergencies, which is proof in my mind that the teachers of that academy have done an exceptionally fine piece of work.

You had the faith to believe at the last Legislature that this school could function as the Maine Maritime Academy; you did not know the future of it. You did not know what would happen, but you built this academy on faith. I have the same faith today in this Board of Trustees, that they will not abuse this privilege of conferring the Bachelor of Science degree if you give it to them. I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monmouth, Mr. Marsans.

Mr. MARSANS: Mr. Speaker, if this bill were seeking to give a Bachelor of Science degree to the present members of the Maine Maritime Academy, I would agree with my section-mate, Mr. Sweetser; but it attempts to do no such thing. It is merely building up towards the day when it will be proper to give these degrees.

You may or you may not know that Dr. Payson Smith is studying the situation, to see what type of curricula is best suited to the Academy, and upon his findings will be based the giving of a Bachelor of Science degree. Most of us here know Dr. Payson Smith and what he represents in education. He is known not only in Maine but throughout the country.

With regard to the 128 semester hours requirement, that is not quite suited to what other colleges, general colleges, throughout the country require. Even a fairly well-known institution like Dartmouth only requires 128 hours, and that is a long-established institution. If we were to take it back in its days when it was first starting, we would find the whole curriculum was 500 gallons of New England rum. That has at least changed a bit since the days when they were trying to get the Indians to go there. Now they have it at 128 hours.

But I really feel, with the proponents of the bill, that it is nothing they wish to use immediately, but they wish to have it in reserve, so in the event this emergency should end a little bit sooner they will have a little something to go on, something to offer our Maine youth and those who go to the Academy, something for them to look forward to and to strive for. It is a definite help to a Maine institution serving Maine boys and outside boys; and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, will not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Jordan.

Mr. JORDAN: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the statement that we should be very proud of our teachers in the Maine Maritime Academy. I want to bring out the fact that students from the Maine Maritime Academy have to pass an examination at the school in order to be accepted into the service, that is,

they have to pass a Federal examination.

I happened to be down there last August, and I happened to watch the Federal examiners. I saw the Maine Maritime Academy passed with the highest marks of any maritime academy in the country. I think that is an academy that should be kept in the State of Maine. I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, does not prevail.

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

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I do hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, does not prevail. I have three reasons why I am especially interested that this Academy be allowed in the future — remember that, in the future—when we arrive at the time when we feel we are able to award these degrees.

The first reason is that my first term—this is my third session—I was instrumental in establishing this school.

The second reason is that I happen to be on the Board of Visitors to this school and have been ever since its inception.

The third reason is that I have a son who, having had a year of Naval aviation, was one of the unfortunate ones when they washed out seventeen thousand in the V-5 class last June, and his unit was washed out. It was not on account of his marks. In fact I was surprised at what he got. It was one of those things where they had too many boys in aviation and decided to do away with some of them. He was given a choice of going on an airplane carrier or, if he could better his situation, be given a discharge. He had been impatient and had had an application in the Maritime Academy and would have gotten in a year earlier but, like all boys, wanting to get into this affair, finding he could go in under the V-5 class, he did that, but he chose, when given a choice and when he found out they would consider him, to take a discharge and come back and last September he entered the class at the Maritime Academy. In the bill it asks for one hundred twenty-eight semester hours. This I understand is a minimum requirement that could be allowed in the State of Maine to award a degree.

We have five of these schools in these United States. Four of them are on the eastern seaboard and one is in California. California now grants degrees under the set-up of two hundred semester hours. That is a three year course. We are gradually building our course up to a three year course by advancing each class three months, and we hope to eventually have our minimum requirements up to two hundred hours or even better.

The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, told you that these boys went on a cruise for I think he said six weeks. These boys each year at the Maine Maritime Academy leave the first of December and go to Fort Schuyler and are there on a Merchant Marine boat for the months of December, January and February. In the three years' time they would have nine months at sea. I believe I know whereof I speak because I attended Annapolis and I know when you go out to sea you learn a lot more in a few hours in actual contact with the machinery than you could learn from a drawing board in many hours.

The only requirement at Annapolis is one hundred eighty semester hours. We hope to better them. Keep in mind we are asking this in the future—not now. It is something to work for.

Now the quality of the Trustees of this Academy in making these awards has been questioned. I would like to go over the record and, if you will take your book on the Maritime Academy, I will read off these men's names.

We will start out first with Mr. Andrews. Mr. Andrews attended Annapolis for three years, left there and graduated from M.I.T., and I believe he is with the Hyde Windlass Company.

Mr. Thompson is an outstanding admiralty lawyer in New England.

Commissioner Gilson, our Commissioner of Education, was recently granted a Doctor's Degree from Temple University.

Mr. Carver is a Yale graduate.

Captain Quick was the last of the square rigged sailing masters and for a long time a commodore for the Texas Company.

Mr. Emery is a Bowdoin graduate and a former Senator in the State Legislature.

Everybody knows Mr. Hallett, who, I believe, attended Harvard, and he is a writer and an author.

Ralph Barter is probably known as doing the biggest business in lobsters of any man in the State.

Last, and not least, is the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Ralph Leavitt, who has held offices of national renown and is vice president of the Propellor Club of the United States.

Over and above that, we have a visiting board, on which I happen to serve. The distinction between the two is that the Trustees look after the finances and general policy of the school, and it is our privilege and duty to check on the Board of Trustees and from time to time make recommendations which they are to follow.

We have started from scratch and until now have two hundred twenty boys there. Already they give these boys when they graduate a commission as ensign in the Naval Reserve and also the Merchant Marine Reserve, and they are given a third mate's degree certificate of engineering. We graduate two sets of officers; one we call deck officers and one engineer.

I interpreted from Mr. Sweetser's talk that the University of Maine, in giving their degrees, are willing to grant them on the basis of from one hundred forty hours up. I will say to you members that we intend to have even more semester hours than that, and when you consider, over and above the hours these boys put in, in three years' time they will have had nine months at sea. I believe that they are well qualified to take their places. They have stood high.

We are the biggest school of the five. I hope that you will give us your confidence by allowing us to grant these degrees only when we feel our curriculum has been built up to such a point that we can give these degrees to the boys worthy of them. I hope the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, does not prevail, and when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Miss Deering.

Miss DEERING: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is with quite a bit of pleasure that I heard so many nice things said about the Maritime Academy. I can assure you that four years ago you did

not hear quite so many nice things said about the proposal of this Academy. I am very happy and proud to have heard one of our new lady members give her first address in a very capable manner. Not only that, the thing that pleases me the most is the fact that four years ago, when I was talking of the Maritime Academy it was said, in a nice manner, how unusual for a woman to be interested in boats and the sea. Mrs. Ellingwood has pointed out the thing I wanted at that time and that is for the women of the State of Maine to realize that we must provide a school for our boys who are interested in the sea.

I have no boys in the school. I have no close relative in the school, but some of my neighbors have gone to that school. I am very anxious for more of my neighbors to go to that school. I am hoping when I come back to the Legislature to visit in years to come that I will still hear very good things about the Maine Maritime Academy. There is one fear in my mind. At the present time we are receiving \$231,000 per year from the Federal Government to run this school. Now that is given with this understanding: They will pay \$87.50 a month for each boy enrolled during the present emergency and while so enrolled.

Read the headlines of your paper today. I hope those headlines mean that very soon we will not need the extreme measures we do at the present time to carry on this war. Look at the list of instructors at that Academy. These boys are all enlisted in the Naval Reserve. Those instructors are Lieutenant Commanders, Lieutenants, Lieutenants, J. G. in the Navy. What are we going to do if the Navy pulls out those instructors? Where are we going to get our teachers? We haven't the boys; we haven't the men at the present time to assume this load. We do not know, or at least it is my opinion that we do not know at the present time, who we will have for instructors in two years.

I want these boys, when they come back, like Mrs. Ellingwood's son and Mr. Brewer's son, and the rest of them who come back at the end of the war to say, "Yes, I graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy." I want them to say twenty-five or thirty years from

now, "I was one of the first ones who graduated from the Maritime Academy." I want them to be able to receive the Bachelor of Science degree, but I am afraid we are too previous; we are too early. We have four of these schools on our coast. We are competing with these schools. One of the biggest foundations for my fear is the fact that in Massachusetts they have a Maritime Academy which has been going on, I believe, for over thirty years. They do not give a Bachelor of Science degree because they feel they have not reached the point yet and they are afraid to try to grant the Bachelor of Science degree. My whole basis for hoping that the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, will prevail is the fact that this should wait until we do have our school absolutely established. Some of the members who have spoken admit we are not ready at the present time. I feel it is better to receive an award for something you have accomplished. It is much better to be able to give an award when you have something to back it up. I think we will feel much better about it if we go along after this emergency is over and we are established and feel we are ready, and can see what we have done, and we can turn to those who were quite skeptical four years ago and say: "We did it and we are going to keep on doing it." I hope the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, will prevail.

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

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to add one word to allay Miss Deering's fears in regard to the future of this Academy. We are today setting up a reserve to take care of just such a contingency. We realize perhaps the United States Government will eventually step out from this particular thing, but I believe today we have a reserve of over \$200,000, and it is our intention to tie this in with the Educational Department because it is another vocation. As for the teachers in the future, I would not be too concerned. I believe most of the boys who are instructors there now, even though they hold commissions in the navy, were former teachers. I believe we will be able, with the fine Maritime school at Annapolis and others, to

always have teachers available. As I say, we are looking to the future; we are building a reserve; we feel it is something that will be permanent and will take care of the situation.

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

MR. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker, I have no intention of speaking at any length, but I merely want to comment on one remark made by the gentleman from Cumberland, my friend Mr. Sweetser. Mr. Sweetser has indicated the great amount of exhaustive study which was made prior to the granting of degrees at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Unless my information is wholly incorrect, I would merely like to remind the members of the Legislature that at Annapolis this degree was conferred in a retroactive manner; it was conferred on the oldest living graduates of the school and right down through the years. As you well know, and as has been said this morning, the Castine Academy has no intention of making this retroactive: it is a matter of the future.

I would also like to more or less second the remarks of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, and point out the fact that these other schools in Massachusetts and New York were going along before the war; they will be going along after the war; and there seems nothing to justify the fact that the school will more or less pass out of the picture at the end of this conflict.

Whether one is studying at Southern California, Duke, South Carolina, or Maine, it seems to me makes little difference, if one lives up to the minimum educational requirements. As the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, has said, the Academy here at Castine does not intend to grant degrees unless it is possible to have a requirement of around 180 to 200 hours. Four years ago, if the Legislature had wondered, you would not have the Academy today. I say: What are we wondering about now? We have the Academy: why do we not give them the go-ahead signal?

I hope the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland (Mr. Sweetser) will not prevail.

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

MR. LEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think the remarks of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, are addressed to the point of granting this degree before the institution has arrived at a point where it is comparable with other institutions of the State. I think he admires the work and set-up of the Academy just as much as anyone here. You will notice in the Act it says: "The board of trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy shall have the power to confer the Bachelor of Science Degree to graduates who have fulfilled requirements of 128 semester hours of prescribed collegiate work subsequent to graduation from a standard secondary school****"

Now all of us who have taught and been engaged in teaching know, I think, there is no institution in the State that would admit a candidate for a degree of Bachelor of Science on the mere fact he had graduated from a secondary school, because very few of the graduates are qualified to enter colleges to obtain the Bachelor of Science degree. I do not know what per cent—maybe one-third or one-quarter of the boys and girls who graduate from the schools are admitted to these four standard colleges. If you will read the scholastic requirements in the prospectus of the Maine Maritime Academy, you will see that the candidate should possess a high school certificate or its equivalent. That is not enough in the other four colleges. The other requirements have the same effect.

That is the only point I wish to make—that the school, to grant this degree, ought to be somewhere near on the basis of the other institutions which are permitted to do so.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westbrook, Mrs. Roberts.

MRS. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, yesterday we heard from the rostrum someone speak on aviation. He told us that we must have imagination; that nothing ever would have been accomplished in aviation if somebody had not had imagination. There are two requisites for anything to succeed that amounts to anything: imagination and some enthusiasm. Someone has had some imagination. Just let use keep that imagination going.

I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland (Mr. Sweetser) does not prevail. Let us use imagination.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, to indefinitely postpone this bill. The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, has asked for a division. All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, to indefinitely postpone this bill will rise and stand in their places until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Eight having voted in the affirmative and sixty-nine in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

Thereupon the House voted to accept the "Ought to pass" report of the committee, and the bill, having already been printed, was given its two several readings and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Joint Order Relative to the Preparation of a Register of Bills and Resolves and the Final Disposition of Each, after Final Adjournment (H. P. 1310) In the House on February 23rd read and passed; came from the Senate on March 23rd, indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence; tabled on March 26th by the gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Webber, pending further consideration.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Mr. Webber, on Monday, noting my absence, tabled this Order for me. The motion which I shall make at the end of some very brief remarks will be to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

As you will recall, some weeks ago, a few days after this blue book, the Register of Bills and Resolves before the Legislature, was printed, this Order was passed by this House. You will recall that after the last session of the Legislature that it was only week before last that we received the record. Many members feel that it is embarrassing to be called up and to be asked what happened to a particular bill that passed through that session of

the Legislature when they have nothing to refer to unless they kept their records intact, which are without index or anything to find out the status of a particular bill.

Now the printing of this book, except for about one line to explain the final disposition of the bill, would be the same as this blue book that has already been printed. The type and other matter pertaining to it was saved, ready to print another one at the end of this session if this order was passed. This House unanimously decided that it was a fine thing to do, to pass this Order. It is a matter of very little work, we are assured by the Clerk's office, after the close of the session.

That Order went to the other branch, which I am not permitted to name, but I think you all know which I am referring to, and stayed on the table until the other day, and then it was indefinitely postponed on the wishes of their floor leader. Upon making a check of that particular branch of the Legislature, I have found that there are a great many in that branch who are as interested in this register as our own members of the House, and that is the reason I am taking your time this morning to make the motion that we insist on our former action and ask for a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams, moves that the House insist on its former action and ask for a committee of conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Federal Relations on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Disqualification for Benefits" (H. P. 1234) (L. D. 860), tabled on March 27th by the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Renouf, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Renouf, the report, with accompanying bill, was retabled pending acceptance of the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter,

House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Federal Relations on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Disqualification for Benefits" (H. P. 1235) (L. D. 861) tabled on March 27th by the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Renouf, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Renouf, the report, with accompanying bill, was retabled pending acceptance of the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Federal Relations on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Disqualification for Benefits" (H. P. 1236) (L. D. 862), tabled on March 27th by the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Renouf, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Renouf, the report, with accompanying papers, was retabled pending acceptance of the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the sixth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Transfer of Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 296) (L. D. 715) In the Senate, the "Ought to pass" report accepted and bill passed to be engrossed. In the House, read twice and tabled on March 27th by the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Ward, the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

Mr. WARD: Mr. Speaker, out of order, I present an Order and give notice of a proposed change in the House Rules.

The Order was read by the Clerk as follows:

ORDERED, that on Tuesday of each week, beginning with Tuesday, April 3rd, all matters placed upon the table during the preceding week, and unassigned, shall be laid before the House by the

Speaker, under Orders of the Day in the order in which they were placed upon the table, and until disposed of shall have precedence under Orders of the Day.

Mr. WARD: Mr. Speaker, under the rules, I move that this Order be laid on the table and be especially assigned for tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, moves that this Order be laid upon the table and be specially assigned for tomorrow morning. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the Order was so tabled and so assigned.

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the fortieth tabled and unassigned matter, House Amendment "A" to (H. P. 319) (L. D. 141) Bill "An Act relating to Ferry between Indian Island and Old Town" (passage to be engrossed reconsidered in House) and tabled on March 28th under rules for reproduction.

Mr. BOWKER: Mr. Speaker, I move adoption of House Amendment "A".

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 319, L. D. 141, Bill "An Act Relating to Ferry Between Indian Island and Old Town."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, travel between Indian Island and Old Town is greatly impaired because of inadequate means of transportation; and

Whereas, it is imperative that a ferry be established and maintained between Old Town and Indian Island as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 7 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

Sec. 7. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the gen-

eral fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, the sum of \$5,000 to carry out the provisions of this act. Any unexpended balances shall remain as a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished, at which time any such unexpended balances shall lapse.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Rollins of Greenville, the House voted to take from the table the thirtieth tabled and unassigned matter, House Order Relative to Opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Court on (H. P. 1009) (L. D. 530) on Bill "An Act Abolishing Taxation of Intangibles," tabled on March 28th under Rule 46 pending consideration.

On further motion by Mr. Rollins, the Order received passage.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, the House voted to take from the table the ninth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act relating to Rural Electrification Cooperatives" (H. P. 544) (L. D. 322), tabled on March 14th by that gentleman pending acceptance of report.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker, I move you, Sir, that this matter be placed on the table and specially assigned for next Tuesday morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams, moves that this matter be re-tabled and specially assigned for next Tuesday morning. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I wondered if the gentleman would be willing to assign that for some other day. I am interested in that, and I have to be away Tuesday on business.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker, any day is agreeable. I suggest Wednesday.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed, and the report with accompanying bill, was retabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 4th.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton of Hartland, the House voted to take from the table Senate Report "Ought to pass with Committee Amendment," of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act to Increase Salaries of Somerset County Officers" (S. P. 267) (L. D. 620) tabled by that gentleman earlier in today's session pending consideration; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence and the bill was re-committed to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Corson of Hodgdon, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve, Providing for the Abatement of Certain Interest Owed by the Town of Linneus (H. P. 410) (L. D. 164); in the House on February 21st, acceptance of report reconsidered; tabled on February 21st by that gentleman pending acceptance of report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hodgdon, Mr. Corson.

Mr. CORSON: Mr. Speaker, there were four bills purporting to do the same thing. Three of them were committed to the Committee on Claims and one of them, this one in particular, to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. It seems that by some way or another it got into the wrong berth, therefore I ask at this time that we have the bill re-committed to the Committee on Claims, as I am kind of a stickler on having things go through according to routine.

The motion prevailed and the report with accompanying bill, was re-committed to the Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs.

Mr. JACOBS: By consent of Mr. Crosby of Farmington, I move to

take from the table the 27th tabled and unassigned matter.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, moves to take from the table the 27th tabled and unassigned matter, An Act to Increase State Aid to Towns for the Support of Schools to Establish Minimum Salaries for Teachers (H. P. 1268) (L. D. 901) tabled by the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Crosby, on March 27th, pending enactment. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed; and, on further motion by Mr. Jacobs, the

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

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

If there is no further business to come before the House, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Hanson of Machiasport,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.