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HOUSE

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Aldrich of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

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

Mr. CROSBY: Mr. Speaker, I move that we recall from the Senate H. P. 1529, L. D. 1244, Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Payment of a Bonus to or Insurance Premiums for Maine Members of the Military and Naval Forces in World War II and for the Payment of Other Veterans' Benefits and to Provide for the Payment of Such Bonds by a Sales Tax.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Crosby, moves that the House recall L. D. 1244 from the Senate. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of no, no)

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Crosby, will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had.

Fifty-one having voted in the affirmative and 49 in the negative, the motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will proceed to the Senate and get the papers and the House may be at ease.

(House at ease)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Crystal, Miss Longstaff, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, to permit smoking.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I move that L. D. 1244 be sent forthwith to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, moves that L. D. 1244 be sent forthwith to the Senate. Is this the pleasure of the House? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward.

Mr. WARD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, will not prevail at this time. It is hoped that we may be able to proceed on other matters to see whether we might be able to make progress and at the same time hold the Constitutional Amendment here in the House for at least a few hours this morning.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion and move that L. D. 1244 lay on the table.

The SPEAKER: A motion to table is not in order. It is in the possession of the Clerk, and therefore in the possession of the House. The gentleman withdraws his motion to have L. D. 1244 sent forthwith to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" covered by other legislation of the Committees on Military Affairs and Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Payment of a Bonus of \$100 and \$200 for Maine Veterans of World War II" (H. P. 1508) (L. D. 1222) tabled on July 20th by that gentleman, pending acceptance of report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Poulin.

Mr. POULIN: Mr. Speaker, I move to substitute the bill for the report for the purpose of having an amendment offered.

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

Mr WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: For some time I have been speaking to you at great length, probably altogether too much so at some times, but this morning I would like to say a few things more.

It has become quite evident to me in the last day or two that a sales tax cannot pass this session of the Legislature, desirable or undesirable as it may be.

During last evening, many members of this House came to me and asked why we could not take a compromise measure. In fact, it has been the remark of some people from the very beginning that we needed a compromise measure in order to do the job which many of us feel should be done at this time.

So, after the session last evening, I was quite convinced that a compromise measure was necessary, and, with the offers of support which appeared to be given by practically every faction which was voting against the bill which we were considering yesterday, I secured the help of the Commissioner of Finance and his assistant, the State Tax Assessor, the Revisor of Statutes, and, due to their efforts and a night of work, you have placed before you this amendment this morning, which is L. D. 1255.

In this document, L. D. 1255, there is nothing, I believe, which has not been considered under some bill by this present session of the Legislature. I want to explain it to you a little and mention the points in this bill.

In the first place, it calls for a bonus of \$150. From all the remarks which I have heard in this House, or most of the remarks, it appears evident that the majority of us wanted to pay a cash bonus to the veterans. It appeared quite evident that we also wish a veterans' program passed at this session of the Legislature. The whole point was, however, how we could finance that program.

We cut this program as much as we could, so that no more revenue than was necessary would have to be provided. The matter of insurance payments, with probably a large cost for administering it and few people using it, was cut out of this bill. The educational features remain in it, the operating expense of the University of Maine, \$250,000 a year, the feature of the bond issue to take care of the million

dollars for the University of Maine for dormitories, these features remain in this new draft. That is to be amortized from the bond issue. There is also \$400,000 for the science building at the University of Maine and the vocational training program.

Now to provide the money for this we took several other bills which I have contended time and time again would not do the job of financing a veterans' program; but it appeared that by cutting this program to the very limit and by using practically every proposal that has been presented outside of a sales tax or an income tax, that there could be sufficient funds provided to finance this bare veterans' program.

In referring to that, I am speaking only of the veterans' program which was referred to this special session. This does not mean that any measures which you and I wish to enact, such as increasing State employees' salaries or the \$500,000 for the Department of Health & Welfare, can be taken care of in this way. They can be taken care of, if you wish, out of unappropriated surplus, or let it go over to the regular session. I believe many of you would agree that is not sound financing on the part of this special session, but if we wish to perform the service for which we were called, that of financing a veterans' program, apparently it can be financed through this method.

To provide the funds, in this bill there is the cigarette tax of 2 cents which we have heard discussed at great length, the liquor tax of 3 per cent, which has also been discussed, miscellaneous taxes, such as tax on admissions, luggage, jewelry and furs, toilet preparations, in the amount of 5 per cent on such items.

Those all add up to enough money to pay for this program, roughly around \$2,500,000, and by taking out World War assistance the two would balance, and the rest of the World War assistance for the last war and the rest of the veterans' program which is now being paid for by the Legislature, would come out of the general fund that has provided for it in the past. It would simply take care of this new veterans' program.

Briefly, that is what this House Amendment "A" calls for. It appears to me it is a compromise measure. I am sure it will not answer the wishes of every member of this House; it does not answer

the wishes of myself; but if we wish to do anything at this session of the Legislature, it seems that now is the time for us to attempt something in the spirit of cooperation.

It appears to me, as I have said many times, that it would be very unwise for this Legislature to adjourn without in any respect answering the problem for which we were called. I think this bill will do that at the present time, and I hope this House will give it a record vote and show to the veterans that we are really interested in giving them a cash bonus and also any educational advantages.

This will require, of course, a constitutional amendment, and that also, under a bill which the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Poulin, has on the table, has been prepared and will be presented if this House sees fit to go along with this compromise measure.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Poulin, to substitute the bill for the "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee on H. P. 1508, L. D. 1222, Bill "An Act to Provide for the Payment of a Bonus of \$100 and \$200 for Maine Veterans of World War II."

All those in favor of the motion will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the bill was substituted for the "Ought not to pass" report.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the bill was read twice.

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

The CLERK: House Amendment "A" is printed as Legislative Document 1255 and has been distributed to the members' desks.

The SPEAKER: The question now is on the adoption of House Amendment "A". All those in favor of the adoption of the amendment will say aye; contrary-minded no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and House Amendment "A" was adopted.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, the bill and accompanying papers were ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, the House voted to take from the table the third tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass," covered by other legislation of the committees on Military Affairs and Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Paying a Bonus of \$100 and \$200 to Maine Members of the Military and Naval Forces in World War II (H. P. 1510) (L. D. 1224), tabled by that gentleman on July 20th, pending acceptance of report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Poulin.

Mr. POULIN: Mr. Speaker: I move to substitute the Resolve for the report for the purpose of amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Poulin, moves that the resolve be substituted for the committee "Ought not to pass" report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the Resolve was substituted for the report.

Thereupon, the Resolve, having already been printed, was given its first reading.

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

House Amendment "A", being L. D. 1254, read by the Clerk.

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and under suspension of the rules, the resolve was given its second reading, passed to be engrossed as amended, and on motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, the resolve and accompanying papers were ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the House voted to take from the table the sixth tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act Providing for Construction of Dormitories at the University of Maine and Appropriating Moneys Therefor (H. P. 1530) (L. D. 1246) (Emergency) tabled by that gentleman on July 24th pending passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill

is now up for enactment and, because the University of Maine affairs have been discussed quite freely in connection with the other bill, perhaps it would be well to refresh the minds of the members of the House as to just what this bill will do. It is a dormitory bill that has been re-written from the original bill by the joint committee. The amount of money involved is approximately one million dollars and is to be taken from the post-war reserve fund, so that if this bill goes through, that fund will be reimbursed, but in any event, this one million dollars is to come from the post-war reserve fund. In addition to that the trustees are authorized to complete the dormitories and have authority to borrow another one million dollars to carry out the provisions of the bill. I think it should be borne in mind that this bill is separate from the bonus issue, but at the same time it will be of great benefit to the veterans during the next four or five years, and at the same time, an investment of a permanent nature which is very badly needed at the university.

As I have already stated, this appropriation is to come from the post-war reserve. It is my understanding that when the post-war fund was created, it was to be spent at the direction of the Legislature. Accordingly, we are well within our province to spend this money. In fact, I believe it is our duty. For what better purpose could that money be spent? This bill also has an emergency preamble, an emergency clause, on it, so of course it requires a two-thirds vote. I believe that we all feel that that emergency clause is in there for a good purpose; it is to speed the thing along so that contracts can be let within a reasonable time. I fail to see why this bill should not be supported unanimously and I urge its enactment.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the enactment of H. P. 1530, L. D. 1246.

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. One hundred and five 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.

On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, the House voted to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committees on Military Affairs and Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing for Additional Cigarette and Liquor Taxes" (H. P. 1517) (L. D. 1234) tabled on July 20th by that gentleman pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report of the committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the House voted that all matters which have now been acted upon by the House be sent forthwith to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: There seems to be very few, if any, matters that the House can act on at the present time. The House may be at ease until the sound of the gong.

House at Ease

10:45 (E.S.T.)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following paper from the Senate was taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that (H. P. 1528) (L. D. 1245) Bill "An Act Providing for the Payment of a Bonus to or Insurance Premiums for Maine Veterans of World War II and for the Payment of Other Veterans' Benefits and to Provide for Such Payments by a Sales Tax." be recalled to the Senate from the Governor. (S. P. 481)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

**Order
(Out of Order)**

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Morneau of Fort Kent, be excused from attendance because of illness.

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to state that the House is still waiting for action from the other end of the State House. The House may be at ease until the sound of the gong.

House at Ease

11:20 A. M (E.S.T.)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that the Senate has passed to be engrossed the bill that was passed to be engrossed here this morning, so the House is now up against another waiting proposition on the engrossing of the bill, and probably that cannot be done for at least an hour and a half.

Now the Chair wishes to state again that it is most important that all the members be here at whatever time we reach that, because this session seems to be drawing to a close, and, if we are going to act on matters that come in, we want everyone here.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the House recessed until 1:00 P. M. (E.S.T.)

**After Recess
(3:20 P. M. E.S.T.)**

Called to order by the Speaker.

**Enactor
(Out of Order)**

An Act Providing for the Payment of a Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and for the Payment of Other Veterans' Benefits and to Provide for Such Payments by Additional Cigarette and Liquor Taxes

and Miscellaneous Taxes. (H. P. 1508) (L. D. 1222)

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

Mr. WIGHT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I see the fur tax has popped up here again, and I want to clear up any misunderstanding that the members may have. I am not in the retail fur business and am not interested personally, but I say this tax is going to hurt the business of the State of Maine; it is going to influence people to buy furs outside of the State. There already is a 20 per cent tax on fur garments levied by the Federal government. A woman who buys a fur coat, a mouton coat, we will say, a low priced coat, for \$187.50 or about that price, pays the Federal government twenty per cent. Under this bill which we have before us, this sales tax bill, she will pay an additional tax to the State of Maine of 5 per cent or about \$9.00 additional tax, and that, I believe will drive a great many people to buy their furs in Boston or outside the State, possibly in New York, or through some mail order house.

We have heard about every kind of argument for and against these various pieces of legislation which have been presented here, particularly L. D. 1245, and that legislation has been opposed by two groups. One group has been against the sales tax. Now this bill now being presented is a sales tax; that is all it can be called. Also, L. D. 1245 was opposed by those who disliked debt as a means of paying a cash bonus. This sales tax bill which is now presented to us offers absolutely no attraction to anyone who considers a cash bonus a cruel illusion, which it is, because it still provides that the State debt will be doubled.

In that regard, I would like to quote from Governor Hildreth's Inaugural Message. You can read it on Page 5 of these pamphlets.

"In 1942, the latest year for which debt service figures are available, there were only nine states in the country which spent more per capita on debt service than Maine. And in that year, which was a particularly prosperous one for Maine, this State stood 26th in per capita income. Surely this debt service charge is unduly burdensome and should make us pause before put-

ting any increased debt on the people of Maine. Many states during these boom years have made far greater progress in reducing their indebtedness than has Maine."

And yet this sales tax bill which we have before us now proposes to double the debt of the State of Maine and put sixteen million more dollars on the backs of the taxpayers of the State. Is this following the Governor's recommendation?

Let me point out once again that the State of Maine has done a great deal for our veterans. No one within the sound of my voice can be ashamed of our record. In the last four years the State of Maine has paid to the Federal government in direct taxes over six hundred million dollars. That is over \$150,000,000 a year. In turn, the Federal government has provided for the payment to Maine veterans an estimated \$95,000,000 out of that money, or about \$1050 for each veteran in our State. That is divided as follows: 1. Mustering-out pay, at least \$250 for each veteran. 2. Estimated cost of G. I. Bill of Rights, \$550 per veteran. 3. Terminal pay. That has just been provided for, and that will average about \$250 per veteran, making a total of \$1050 for each veteran in our state.

Now, to be sure, that is paid directly by the Federal government. Nevertheless, the taxpayers of the State of Maine have sent that money down there and it is simply being sent back to our veterans in the State of Maine.

This tax bill which we have before us now still provides a heavy tax for the veteran and his family, in fact this tax is aimed especially at the veteran. Suppose a veteran smokes one pack of cigarettes a day, by the time these bonds are paid he will have paid \$75 in taxes on these cigarettes alone. If his wife smokes, or any member of his family smokes one or more packs a day, he will have paid \$156 in taxes. Maybe he buys a suitcase or a low-priced fur coat or buys some other article which is taxed in this tax measure which we have before us. He will pay a good deal more than that \$150 which he gets in a bonus by the time these bonds are paid by the State.

This tax bill is no improvement over the previous one; if anything,

it is worse and more of it, and it should not be passed.

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

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I believe we are now in the closing days and in the closing hours of this Legislative session called here to do one specific thing, and that is to reward our veterans who have served us so faithfully and well in this last war. I believe it is the mind of every person here who has a right to vote to express to these veterans what little we can do for them; not as much as we would like to, but we are going along with this \$150 bonus as a gift to them at this time. I do not believe that there is any man or woman in this House who does not believe we should pass this measure, no matter how mad he or she may be about any particular thing in regard to this bill. It may effect him somewhat but down deep in his heart I do not believe it does. A veteran has not got to smoke unless he wants to; neither has his wife. Neither have they got to buy a fur coat if they do not want to. I do not believe that a 5% tax on a fur coat is going to stop anyone. With the high wages we are paying today I do not believe it will affect the sales in the least. I believe today, Members of this House, that we want to stand firm and pay this debt of gratitude now; not to go home confused as we have been, but in the clear daylight ahead on this bill. It may not be all we all may wish for, but it is better than a straight sales tax to everybody, food included. It may bother some one person or two, but in the aggregate we are passing a measure here for the benefit of those who served us over there. It may not be as much as some had hoped for, but let us be fair. Let us go home with the determination that this is as good as we can get for the veteran and show them and show to the people of the State of Maine that we have come here to perform a special duty. Let's perform it and go home.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Thomaston, Mr. Bell.

Mr. BELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: We have had this bill before us once before today. The sharpshooters are now out to get it. Let's pass it and get it along. This tax will not hurt

anybody. They have not got to smoke if they do not want to, nor drink liquor nor buy fur coats. If they want to buy those things, they can afford to pay for them. Let us let this thing go along and go home and get this over with. I move we have this over with. (Laughter)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise in opposition to the remarks by my colleague, the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, who says this bill is a reward. I do not feel that it is a reward. I feel that any commodity that 80% of our citizens use is not a luxury; I mean the cigarette. We all know that for the boys who came from the foxholes in the Pacific and who came through the war in Europe with their nerves all shot, that a cigarette is not a luxury. It is almost a necessity.

I am not going to stand here and argue this bill one way or the other. When the bill was drawn there was only one member of this House present. The bill has not gone before a committee. It is a new contraption which never has had a hearing before the Taxation Committee. I hope that when the vote is taken it will be taken by a recorded vote, that I may record my vote as no.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the enactment of H. P. 1508, L. D. 1222. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have not been present the last few days because I asked to be excused to conduct a fair in our county. I happen to be Secretary. The reason I am here today is this: I have kept in close contact through the papers, through my friends at night and by telephone calls. I have told them if at any time I could be of any benefit I would come back. Last night they told me they thought I could be of some benefit if I came down and told you members what the reaction was in my territory to these bills we have had before us. I will admit that when things get to shifting around as fast as they have in the last few days there is some confusion. I have not been in this mess, so to speak. I have had a chance to listen and ask other peo-

ple's advice, their thoughts and how they felt about various legislative measures which we have before us. I do want to say this: The way it impresses me, the feeling back home—and I believe my section is a cross-section of the State—the only way I can describe it is this: I read a joke in a magazine coming down this morning. It seems this young man had his lady out to dinner. He looked over and said: "Are you thinking about me, dear?" She said, "Am I laughing? I didn't mean to." (Laughter)

I do want to tell you that back home, and I believe it is universal, this thing has been a standing joke. I made the statement before that I was against a bonus; that I did not favor it. I was in the last World War and I have two sons who have been in this war. They do not believe in a bonus but they do feel the way the thing has gone that we must do something for them. People back home feel that we must do something for these boys and they feel that now is the time to do it. The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wight, tells us it would cost one hundred fifty million dollars a year for four years. Those figures have grown since I saw them last. When I saw them they were presented to me as two hundred nine million dollars that the Federal Government had taken from the State of Maine.

I want to say to you that those people who are buying fur coats are the ones that can afford to pay the taxes and pay the taxes well. I want to say to you that this money we are asking for covers many other items outside of a bonus. I want to say to you that this is the only way we can make the tourist pay his fair share. I will say it is the only way we can get at the man who comes into our town on a high salary, has his house bought, and pays a three dollar tax, but every time anything comes up that involves more money he is in favor of it.

By the way, I received my tax bill the other day and that was up one hundred dollars over last year because of what this three dollar taxpayer had voted at some of our various meetings. That is the only way we can get at that fellow. I feel we have got to do something. Now is the time to do it. If we have not all we desire, at least we have reached a compromise. I hope this bill will receive passage.

The **SPEAKER**: The question is on the enactment of this bill. The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, expressed the hope that the vote would be taken by a record vote, but the Chair heard no motion that it be so taken.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. **ROLLINS**: Mr. Speaker, I move that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, requests a roll call. In order for the vote to be taken by the yeas and nays it is necessary that one-fifth of the members present request it. All those in favor of the vote being taken by the yeas and nays will rise and stand in their places until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division was had.

The **SPEAKER**: Obviously more than one-fifth of the members present having requested the yeas and nays, the Clerk will call the roll.

YEA—Adams, Allen, Ames, Anderson, Baker, Bell, Benn, Berry, Blake, Brownfield; Boulter, Bowker, Boyker, Brewer, Brown, Brunswick; Burton, Byron, Carpenter, Skowhegan; Chase, Cobb, Bangor; Cobb, Gardiner; Cole, Casco; Cole, West Gardiner; Collins, Conant, Connellan, Crosby, Dean, Deering Moffatt; DeSanctis, Dicker, Dorsey, Dow, Downs, Dutton, Edwards, Ela, Elliott, Forhan, Gay, Gillies, Gowell, Hanson, Haskell, Portland; Hawes, Hayward, Hemphill, House, Jacobs, Jalbert, Jennings, Jewett, Jones, Jordan, Saco; Judkins, Knight, Clinton; Knight, Jay; Lackee, Leathers, Legard, Letourneau, Lombard, Longstaff, Lord, Camden; MacKinnon, Marsans, Marshall, Martin, Meloon, Morrison, Rumford; Morse, Moulton, Ouellette, Pascucci, Patterson, Peirce, Perkins, Plummer, Poulin, Pratt, Rankin, Roberts, Ross, Russell, Sanborn, Sargent, Smart, Snow, Southard, Stillings, Sweetser, Thomas, Tozier, True, Vickery, Ward, Webber, Weeks, Wells, Weston, Williams, Auburn; Williams, Clifton; Williams, Topsham; Wood, Wright.

NAY—Bird, Rockland; Blake, Dexter; Brown, Unity; Carpenter, Augusta; Emerson, Grenier, Haskell, Bangor; Jordan, So. Portland; Lacharite, Rollins, Smith, Thompson, Warren, Wight, Barnes.

ABSENT—Bird, Washington; Boutin, Brown, Milford; Christensen, Coombs, Corson, Cousins, Cyr, Daigle, Donahue, Ellingwood, Gallant, Hamilton, Heanssler, Lee, Lord, So. Portland; McFee, Morneault, Morrison,

Winter Harbor; Nadeau, Palmeter, Payson, Prout, Renouf, Savage, Springer, Thorndike, Walsh, Welch.

Yea—104.

Nay—15.

Absent—29.

The **SPEAKER**: One hundred and four having voted in the affirmative and 15 in the negative, 29 being absent, the bill has been passed to be enacted. It will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve on its Final Passage (Out of Order)

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Payment of a Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and for the Payment of Other Veterans' Benefits and to Provide for the Payment of Such Bonds by Additional Cigarette and Liquor Taxes and Miscellaneous Taxes (H. P. 1510) (L. D. 1224)

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams.

Mr. **WILLIAMS**: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that we reconsider our action whereby we passed this Resolve to be engrossed earlier in today's session.

I will state that the reason for that motion is the fact that this is a compromise bill, as was presented to you this morning and this afternoon, and some of the gentlemen of this House who are not too friendly towards the tax bill have asked me if I would add to this compromise bill an amendment which would directly, in their opinion, clarify the question to be presented to the people, that they were to directly vote upon the matter of a \$150 bonus for Maine veterans. And because of this being a compromise bill, I am glad to present this amendment at this time and move its adoption.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams, moves that the House reconsider its action taken earlier today whereby this Resolve was passed to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. **WILLIAMS**: Mr. Speaker, may I also add that this amendment, I have been informed by the Clerk, will not hold up printing at all or take any longer if it is added to the bill at this time.

The **SPEAKER**: The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" to H. P. 1510, L. D. 1224, "Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Paying a Bonus of \$100 and \$200 to Maine Members of the Military and Naval Forces in World War II." (House Amendment "A" being L. D. 1254)

Amend said amendment by striking out the third paragraph from the end thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the legislature providing for the issuing of state bonds for the purpose of paying a bonus of \$150 to Maine veterans of World War II and for the payment of other veterans' benefits and to provide for the payment of such bonds by additional cigarette and liquor taxes and miscellaneous taxes?"

House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Ward, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The **SPEAKER**: The House may be at ease until the sound of the gavel.

At Ease

(4:30 P.M., E. S. T.)

Called to order by the Speaker.

Resolve on its Final Passage

(Out of order)

Resolve, Proposing and Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Payment of a Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and for the Payment of Other Veterans' Benefits and to Provide for the Payment of Such Bonds by Additional Cigarette and Liquor Taxes and Miscellaneous Taxes (H. P. 1510) (L. D. 1224)

The **SPEAKER**: This Resolve having had its two several readings in the House and having been passed to be engrossed, and having

had its two several readings in the Senate and having been passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that it be finally passed?

This being a Resolve proposing a Constitutional Amendment, requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire elected membership of the House in favor of its passage.

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

Mr. **WARD**: Mr. Speaker, I request the yeas and nays.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, requests the yeas and nays. In order for the vote to be taken by the yeas and nays it is necessary that one-fifth of the members present request it. All those in favor of the vote being taken by the yeas and nays will rise and stand in their places until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division was had.

The **SPEAKER**: Obviously a sufficient number having arisen, the vote will be taken by the yeas and nays.

The Clerk will call the roll.

YEA—Adams, Allen, Ames, Anderson, Baker, Bell, Benn, Berry, Blake, Brownfield; Boulter, Bowker, Boyker, Brewer, Brown, Brunswick; Burton, Byron, Chase, Cobb, Bangor; Cobb, Gardiner; Cole, Casco; Cole, West Gardiner; Collins, Conant, Connellan, Crosby, Dean, Deering-Moffatt; De-Sanctis, Dicker, Dorsey, Dow, Downs, Edwards, Ela, Elliott, Forhan, Gay, Gillies, Gowell, Haskell, Portland; Hawes, Hayward, Hemphill, Hewett, Jacobs, Jalbert, Jennings, Jewett, Jones, Jordan, Saco; Jordan, So. Portland; Judkins, Knight, Clinton; Knight, Jay; Lacharite, Lackee, Leathers, Legard, Lombard Longstaff, Lord, Camden; MacKinnon, Marsans, Marshall, Martin, Meloon, Morrison, Rumford; Morse, Moulton, Nadeau, Ouellette, Pascucci, Patterson, Peirce, Perkins, Plummer, Poulin, Pratt, Rankin, Roberts, Ross, Russell, Sanborn, Sargent, Smart, Snow, Southard, Stillings, Sweetser, Thomas, Tozier, True, Vickery, Ward, Webber, Weeks, Wells, Weston, Williams, Auburn; Williams, Clifton; Williams, Topsham; Wood, Wright, Barnes.

NAY—Bird, Rockland; Blake, Dexter; Brown, Unity; Carpenter, August-

ta; Emerson, Grenier, Haskell, Bangor; Rollins, Smith, Thompson, Warren, Wight.

ABSENT—Bird, Washington; Boutin, Brown, Milford; Carpenter, Skowhegan; Christensen, Coombs, Corson, Cousins, Cyr, Daigle, Donahue, Dutton, Eilingwood, Gallant, Hamilton, Hanson, Heanssler, Lee, Letourneau, Lord, So. Portland; McFee, Morneault, Morrison, Winter Harbor; Palmeter, Payson, Prout, Renouf, Savage, Springer, Thorndike, Walsh, Welch.

Yea—104.

Nay—12.

Absent—32.

The SPEAKER: One hundred and four having voted in the affirmative and 12 in the negative, the Resolve has been finally passed. It will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, recessed until 7:00 P. M. (E. S. T.)

After Recess

(9:10 E. S. T.)

Called to order by the Speaker

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report, "Ought not to pass," as covered by other legislation, of the Committees on Military Affairs and Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in favor of the University of Maine (H. P. 1492) (L. D. 1199) tabled on July 20th by that gentleman pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report of the committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ela of Anson, it was voted to take from the table the fourth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report, "Ought not to pass," as covered by other legislation, of the Committees on Military Affairs and Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Establishing a State Technical

and Vocational Institute" (H. P. 1507) (L. D. 1121) tabled on July 20 by that gentleman pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report of the committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

From the Senate:

The following Communication:
STATE OF MAINE
SENATE CHAMBER
AUGUSTA

July 26, 1946

Hon. Harvey R. Pease,
Clerk of the

House of Representatives of
The Ninety-second Legislature.

Sir:

In accordance with Joint Rule 8, notice is hereby given that in the Senate today the following Act:

An Act Providing for the Payment of a Bonus to or Insurance Premiums for Maine Veterans of World War II and for the Payment of Other Veterans' Benefits and to Provide for Such Payments by a Sales Tax (H. P. 1528) (L. D. 1245) was indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

CHESTER T. WINSLOW,

Secretary of the Senate

Was received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and placed on file.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

Reports of the Committees on Military Affairs and Appropriations and Financial Affairs jointly reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Payment of a Cash Bonus of \$500 to Maine Veterans in World War II" (S. P. 455) (L. D. 1193)

Report of same Committees reporting same on Bill "An Act to Provide for a Sliding Scale Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and to Provide for the Payment thereof by Running Horse Races" (S. P. 468) (L. D. 1213)

Report of same Committees reporting same on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Paying a Cash Bonus of \$500 to Maine Veterans in World War II (S. P. 456) (L. D. 1194)

Report of same Committees reporting same on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Paying a Cash Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II Based on Length of Service (S. P. 474) (L. D. 1230) as it is covered by other legislation.

Came from the Senate read and adopted.

In the House:

Were read and accepted in concurrence.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs and Appropriations and Financial Affairs jointly reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Payment of a Cash Bonus to Maine Veterans in World War II Based on Length of Service" (S. P. 473) (L. D. 1231) as it is covered by other legislation.

FINAL REPORTS

Final Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Final Report of the Committee on Education.

Final Report of the Committee on Judiciary.

Final Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Final Report of the Committee on Military Affairs

Final Report of the Committee on Public Utilities.

Final Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Final Report of the Committee on Welfare.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House:

Were read and accepted in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House may be at ease pending receipt of a message from the Senate.

At Ease

10 P.M., (E. S. T.)

Called to order by the Speaker.

At this point a message came from the Senate, borne by Senator Dow of Oxford, informing the House that the Senate had transacted all business before it and that it was ready to adjourn without day.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate informing that body that the House had transacted all business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to take up out of order an additional paper from the Senate?

From the Senate: The following Order:—

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted on all matters before them and are now ready to receive any communication which he may be pleased to make. S. P. 482.

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House: Was received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and passed in concurrence, and the Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House:

Mr. CONNELLAN of Portland

Mr. LACKEE of Addison

Mr. MARSANS of Monmouth

Mr. HASKELL of Bangor

Mr. HASKELL of Portland

Mr. BROWN of Unity

Mr. ROSS of Brownville.

Subsequently Mr. Haskell of Bangor reported that the committee had attended to the duty with which it was charged, and that the Governor would report to both branches immediately.

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA

July 26, 1946

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

There is herewith transmitted a list of the 18 Acts and 5 Resolves including a proposed amendment to our Constitution passed by the 92nd Legislature at its first special ses-

sion, all of which I have approved and signed.

This Legislature, under trying circumstances, has arrived at solutions of most difficult problems which I believe the great majority of the citizens of Maine will heartily endorse and approve.

I wish to express my appreciation for the patient and persistent devotion to duty of all the members of the Legislature.

I know of nothing further to engage your attention.

My best and sincerest wishes attend your journey home.

(Signed) Horace Hildreth
Governor

The communication was received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and ordered placed on file.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Canton, Mr. Forhan.

Mr. FORHAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is the first time I have attempted to make a speech during this special session. Owing to the lateness of the hour, I assure you it will be very brief. I now move that the House adjourn sine die.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Canton, Mr. Forhan, moves that the House now adjourn sine die. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and, at 10:16 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Friday, July 26th, the House so adjourned.