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**HOUSE**

Friday, April 11, 1947

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

Prayer by the Rev. Tom G. Akeley of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate  
Senate Reports of Committees  
Ought to Pass in New Draft**

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act for the Better Protection of Herring Weirs in Hancock County" (S. P. 184) (L. D. 519) reported same in a new draft (S. P. 500) (L. D. 1370) under title of "An Act Defining a Fish Weir" and that it "Ought to pass".

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

**Senate Report**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Initiative Petitions proposing to the Legislature "An Act to Protect the Right to Work and to Prohibit Secondary Boycotts, Sympathetic Strikes and Jurisdictional Strikes" (I. B. 1) reporting as follows:

The Judiciary Committee to which was referred the initiative petitions proposing to the Legislature "An Act to Protect the Right to Work and to Prohibit Secondary Boycotts, Sympathetic Strikes and Jurisdictional Strikes" (I. B. 1), reports that said petitions were filed in the office of the Secretary of State. On March 25, 1947 a total number of legal signatures on all petitions that day filed proposing the above-mentioned act is 12,321; and that on March 27, 1947 a total number of legal signatures on all petitions on that day filed proposing the above-mentioned act is 1767, or a total of 14,088, and that, therefore, said petitions are sufficient for the purpose of submitting said act to the voters, for their acceptance or rejection; and the Committee recommends that said

act, "An Act to Protect the Right to Work and to Prohibit Secondary Boycotts, Sympathetic Strikes and Jurisdictional Strikes" (I. B. 1), be submitted to the voters of the State in accordance with the provisions of the State Constitution, for their action thereon.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Oscar H. Dunbar

Chairman

Ruth T. Clough

George B. Barnes

James B. Perkins

Leonard F. Williams

Nathaniel M. Haskell

Charles A. Peirce

Peter Mills

Clifford E. McGlauffin

William S. Silsby

Committee on Judiciary.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

**Ought to Pass With Committee  
Amendment**

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on Resolve relating to a State-Wide Highway Planning Survey by the State Highway Commission (S. P. 353) (L. D. 985) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 353, L. D. 985, "Resolve, Relating to a State-Wide Highway Planning Survey by the State Highway Commission."

Amend said resolve by striking out the period at the end thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following: "; and be it further

RESOLVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general highway fund the sum of \$16,000 per year for the next 2 fiscal years to carry out the purpose of this resolve."

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence, and the resolve was assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

**Additional Paper from the Senate**

From the Senate: The following Order:

**ORDERED:** The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, April 15th, 1947, at four o'clock in the afternoon (S. P. 506)

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Emerson.

Mr. **EMERSON:** Mr. Speaker, under suspension of the rules I present a resolve in the form of a Memorial to Congress, and move its adoption. I further move that this matter be laid on the table, ordered printed, and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 16th.

The **SPEAKER:** The gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Emerson, under suspension of the rules, presents a Resolve in the form of a Memorial to Congress, and further moves that this matter be adopted without reference to any committee, and that the matter be laid on the table and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 16th, and ordered printed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro, it was

**ORDERED,** that Rev. Robert Heigham of Wiscasset, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, April 17th.

**House Reports of Committees****Divided Report  
Tabled**

Majority Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Portland Junior College (H. P. 414) (L. D. 244)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Savage of Somerset  
Williams of Penobscot  
—of the Senate.  
Brewer of Presque Isle  
Seeger of Kittery  
Bird of Rockland  
Poulin of Waterville  
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Cleaves of Cumberland  
—of the Senate.  
Bowker of Portland  
Finnegan of Bangor  
Brown of Unity  
—of the House.

(On motion by Mr. Payson of Union, the two Reports, with accompanying papers, were tabled pending acceptance of either report)

**Divided Report  
Tabled**

Majority Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Imposing a Personal Income Tax and a Sales and Use Tax to Raise Additional Revenue and Equalize the Tax Burden" (H. P. 1596) (L. D. 1252) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1686) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Haskell of Penobscot  
—of the Senate.  
Elliott of Corinth  
Burgess of Limestone  
Lombard of Yarmouth  
Dorsey of Fort Fairfield  
Burton of Milo  
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Noyes of Hancock  
Ela of Somerset  
—of the Senate.  
Jordan of Saco  
Morison of Wilton  
—of the House.

(On motion by Mr. Elliott of Corinth, the two Reports, with accompanying papers, were tabled pending acceptance of either report, and the New Draft ordered printed)

**Ought to Pass in New Draft**

Mr. Williams from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Convictions Affecting Credibility" (H. P. 1507) (L. D. 1132) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1682) under title of "An Act relating to Convictions Affecting Credibility and Constituting Criminal Records" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

#### Tabled

Mr. Burgess from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Reducing Real Estate Taxes and Providing Additional Highway Funds" (H. P. 634) (L. D. 414) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1678) under title of "An Act Providing Additional Highway Funds" and that it "Ought to pass"

(On motion by Mr. Burgess of Limestone, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report, and the New Draft ordered printed)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Resolve Authorizing Maine State Park Commission to Convey Mount Blue State Park to town of Weld (H. P. 1661) (L. D. 1359) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1683) under title of "Resolve Authorizing Maine State Park Commission to Lease Mount Blue State Park to town of Weld" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Rollins from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Lands in the Unorganized Territory (H. P. 1410) (L. D. 1025) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1684) under title of "Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Lands in the Unorganized Territory and in the city of Bangor" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Woodworth from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Regulate Public Dance Halls" (H. P. 244) (L. D. 189) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1685) 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. Brown from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Belfast Home for Aged Women (H. P. 153) (L. D. 118)

Mr. Finnegan from same Com-

mittee reported same on Resolve Appropriating a Fund to Repair and Recondition the Lot and Monument of a Former Maine Governor (H. P. 1016) (L. D. 649)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Procuring Testimonials for the Purpose of Marking the Unmarked Graves of the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War (H. P. 1497) (L. D. 1122)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society (H. P. 152) (L. D. 145)

Mr. Jordan from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Trapping of Foxes" (H. P. 1022) (L. D. 653)

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act to Permit the town of Scarborough to Take Advantage of a Proposed Government Project" (H. P. 1657) (L. D. 1352)

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

#### Tabled

Mr. Snow from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Racing Meets." (H. P. 1509) (L. D. 1108)

(On motion by Mr. Fitch of Sebago, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Woodworth from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Meetings of Certain School Districts." (H. P. 1654) (L. D. 1347)

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules, and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

On motion by Mrs. Hatch of Minot, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking.

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Bird from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Af-

fairs on Resolve Providing Water Facilities for the Passamaquoddy Indians at Pleasant Point (H. P. 1535) (L. D. 1166) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve, having already been printed, was read once under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1535, L. D. 1166, "Resolve, Providing Water Facilities for the Passamaquoddy Indians at Pleasant Point."

Amend said resolve by striking out in the last line in the second paragraph thereof the words "department of health and welfare" and inserting in place thereof the words 'governor and council.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Resolve was assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

#### Tabled

Mr. Bowker from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in favor of the University of Maine for General Operations (H. P. 79) (L. D. 67) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve, having already been printed, was read once under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 79, L. D. 67, "Resolve, in Favor of the University of Maine for General Operations."

Amend said resolve by striking out in the fourth line thereof, the figure "\$350,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$175,000'.

Further amend said resolve by striking out in the fifth line thereof, the figure "\$350,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$175,000'.

(On motion by Mr. Collins of Caribou, Committee Amendment "A", with accompanying papers, was tabled pending adoption)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve to Authorize a Forest Survey for the State of Maine (H. P. 1047) (L. D. 686)

reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve, having already been printed, was read once under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1047, L. D. 686, "Resolve, to Authorize a Forest Survey for the State of Maine."

Amend said resolve by striking out in the sixth and seventh lines thereof the words "general fund of the state", and inserting in place thereof the words 'Maine Post War Public Works Reserve'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Resolve was assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Rankin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Creating a School District for the Oakfield - Merrill - Smyrna - Dyer Brook Community" (H. P. 1627) (L. D. 1301) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1627, L. D. 1301, Bill "An Act Creating a School District for the Oakfield - Merrill - Smyrna - Dyer Brook Community."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of section 1 thereof a new sentence to read as follows:

'For the purposes of this act, the word "school" is defined to mean grade 7 to grade 12, inclusive.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 5th line of section 4, after the figures "\$150,000", the words: "at any one time outstanding".

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 6th line of section 5 the figures "2½" and inserting in place thereof the figure '5'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting in place thereof the following.

**Sec. 8. Referendum.** This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within each respective town, voting at an election specially called and held

for the purpose by the municipal officers of each town, Oakfield, Merrill, Smyrna and Dyer Brook, at its regular place for holding town meetings. The date of holding said elections shall be determined by the municipal officers of each respective town, but in no case shall it be later than July 1, 1950.

Each special election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the selectmen in the respective towns shall not be required to prepare for posting or the town clerk to post a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said selectmen shall be in session in their respective towns 1 hour preceding such town meetings. The town clerks in each respective town shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the act Creating a School District for the Oakfield Merrill-Smyrna-Dyer Brook Community be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by secret ballot by the words "yes" or "no" their opinion of the same. The results in said towns shall be declared by the municipal officers of the towns of Oakfield, Merrill, Smyrna and Dyer Brook and returns filed by the town clerks with the secretary of state. This act shall take effect when approved by a majority vote of the legal voters within each respective town voting at said election. Provided, however, when at least 2 towns shall have accepted the terms of this act, the school committees of accepting towns shall assemble and decide upon an actual and convenient date when the Oakfield-Merrill-Smyrna-Dyer Brook Community School District shall come into being; in no case shall this latter date be later than July 1, 1950; provided further, that any town not voting to enter the school district shall not be bound by the terms of this act.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

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 Bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Various Corporations," (S. P. 244) (L. D. 664) be recalled

to the Senate from the Governor (S. P. 512)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House read and passed in concurrence.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Construction of Dormitories at the University of Maine" (H. P. 193) (L. D. 138)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Public Loan Corporation of Augusta" (H. P. 1675) (L. D. 1388)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the 'Family Finance Corporation'" (H. P. 1676) (L. D. 1387)

Bill "An Act relating to Pollution of Streams" (H. P. 1677) (L. D. 1389)

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

Resolve in favor of an Investigation of Hydro-Electric Power Development (H. P. 1577) (L. D. 222)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Byron of Hollis, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 16th.

#### Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes" (H. P. 1024) (L. D. 655)

Bill "An Act relating to Auctions and Auctioneers" (H. P. 1289) (L. D. 943)

Bill "An Act relating to Trial Justices" (H. P. 1636) (L. D. 1316)

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

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair lays before the House the first item of unfinished business, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to the Compensation of Senators and Representatives" (H. P. 1211) (L. D. 855) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Thomaston,

Mr. Bell, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Bell, the matter was retabled and specially assigned for Thursday, April 17th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second item of unfinished business, An Act to Provide Liquor Licenses for Taverns (S. P. 303) (L. D. 790) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, pending passage to be enacted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lacharite.

On motion by Mr. Lacharite, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 26th whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lacharite.

Mr. LaCHARITE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I only wish to make a few brief remarks to explain my reasons for offering an amendment to this bill.

We now have on our statutes, under local option provisions laws legalizing four types of malt beverage and liquor outlets. These as you know, are the State liquor stores, where liquor may be sold to be consumed off the premises, and the malt beverage package stores where malt beverages are sold to be consumed off the premises, hotels and clubs where both malt beverages and liquors are sold to be consumed on the premises, and the restaurants, where malt beverages only are sold to be consumed on the premises.

At the State election every two years voters are presented with a referendum ballot containing four questions, one relating to each type of malt beverage or liquor outlet, thereby allowing the voters to adopt or to reject any or all four of those outlets.

As you all know, some communities adopt all four types; other communities adopt only the package stores; others adopt only the places where liquor or malt beverages are consumed on the premises; and still other communities reject all four.

We have before us this morning a bill, L. D. 790, to provide liquor licenses for taverns. As this bill is written out, this would come on the

referendum ballot under the same question as the restaurant malt beverage license: "Taverns as defined in this bill shall mean a reputable place operated by a responsible person where no food is served and no business is carried on except the sale of malt liquor at a bar. There shall be no tables, chairs, or other seating accommodations, and all persons served shall remain standing at the bar."

In my mind this is altogether a different type of outlet than we already have on our statutes, and I think it should appear on the ballot as a separate question.

There is no doubt in my mind that some communities who already have the restaurant licenses would probably not want the taverns, and also the other way around, some communities that do not have the restaurant licenses at the present time might wish to have the taverns. By having these two items on the same question, the voters would not have the privilege of voting for one or the other; they would either vote for both at the same time, or, if they rejected one they would automatically reject the other. If we had these on two separate questions, they would still have that privilege of rejecting or adopting either or both of them.

Now we have an amendment which comes under the title of Legislative Document 1383. This is the amendment which I wish to present here. It looks like a long bill, but the only thing it does is to make it possible to change this L. D. 790 so that there will be a fifth question on the referendum ballot. This fifth question would be relating to taverns only.

Mr. Speaker, I present this amendment and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. LaCharite, presents House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

The CLERK: The amendment has been printed as L. D. 1383. The amendment was printed as a legislative document and not reproduced, and the document number is 1383.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt House Amendment "A"?

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



The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third item of unfinished business, Bill "An Act to Create a Legislative Research Committee." (H. P. 1646) (L. D. 1332) (In House, passed to be engrossed on March 28th; in the Senate, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, pending consideration; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Rollins, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 28th whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same gentleman moved adoption of Senate Amendment "A".

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

Senate Amendment "A" to H. P. 1646, L. D. 1332, Bill "An Act to Create a Legislative Research Committee."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of that part designated "Sec. 23," before the period, the following underlined words: **"during each regular session"**

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in the 2nd line of that part designated "Sec. 24," the underlined word **"convening"** and inserting in place thereof the underlined words **"final adjournment"**

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in the 3rd line of subsection IX of that part designated "Sec. 25," the underlined words **"members of the legislature"** and inserting in place thereof the underlined words **"the committee"**

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in the 6th line of subsection XII of that part designated "Sec. 25," the underlined word **"public"**

Further amend said bill by striking out all of subsection XI of that part designated "Sec. 26" and inserting in place thereof the following underlined subsection:

**"XI. The director shall appoint, with the approval of the legislative research committee, such technical assistants, and shall appoint, subject to the provisions of the personnel law, such clerical assistants, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 23 to 26, inclusive."**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Rankin.

Mr. RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the motion of the gentleman from Greenville (Mr. Rollins). These are amendments that come to us from the other branch, and the author of them has been secretary of the Legislative Research Committee. He took these up with me and I said that I approved them all. I think three of them are of very little significance, but one of them I think is quite important and adds value to the bill.

Under the bill which we have been acting under since 1939, when the Legislative Research Committee was first set up, the committee is constituted to serve only until the convening of the next session, that is until January 1st of this year, and during the session we have had no Legislative Research Committee; there is no such committee in existence. This committee is appointed by the presiding officers of the two branches and serves until the convening of the next session.

This amendment provides simply that the committee be continued through the session. I think that is good, I think that is wise. There may have been occasions during this session—or there may not have been—I don't know—when it would have been wise and a matter of some import to have the Legislative Research Committee meet.

So I am heartily in accord with this amendment that the Legislative Research Committee continue through the end of the following session.

The other three amendments I say have little significance, and I shall not discuss them, but none of them do any harm to this measure. Mr. Speaker, I heartily support the motion of the gentleman from Greenville (Mr. Rollins)

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt Senate Amendment "A"?

The motion prevailed, and Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Sterling of Caratunk presented House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "B" to H. P. 1646, L. D. 1332, Bill "An Act to Create a Legislative Research Committee."

Amend said Bill by inserting aft-

er the first underlined word "of" in the 3rd line of section 23 thereof, the underlined words **'the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and'**

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 3rd line of section 23 thereof the underlined figure "3" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "2".

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 4th line of section 23 thereof the underlined figure "7", and inserting in place thereof the underlined Figure "6".

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the amendment with accompanying papers, was tabled, pending adoption of House Amendment "B", and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 15th.

The SPEAKER: The chair lays before the House the fourth item of unfinished business, Senate Report "Ought to pass in New Draft" (S. P. 478) (L. D. 1336) of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Increase State Aid to Towns for the Support of Schools to Establish Minimum Salaries for Teachers." (S. P. 90) (L. D. 141). (In Senate, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A") tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Farmington. Mr. Mills, pending consideration.

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

Mr. MARSANS: Mr. Speaker, additional facts are being prepared by the Department of Education regarding this bill, namely on the increase that the towns have had in their school tax rate as of the last town elections. You will recall that the original sheets presented by the department gave you only facts regarding the first year of operation of this particular bill. We had nothing to go on for the second year. Ordinarily those facts would not come in from the superintendents of schools until June. We have wired them the new amounts to be raised by towns to be sent in to the department; they are compiling those figures now, so I can present to you the amount your town would be getting during the second year from the operation of this bill. So we can have all the details in connection with this bill brought up for serious study. I would move that this matter be laid on the table and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 15th.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Monmouth, Mr. Marsans, moves that this matter be laid on the table pending acceptance of the committee report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 15th. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth item of unfinished business, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Membership in the Jointly - Contributory Retirement System for Employees of the Sea and Shore Fisheries Department." (H. P. 1297) (L. D. 904) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Thomaston, Mr. Bell.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper.

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Two days ago I made a short talk here because I felt the employees of the Sea and Shore Fisheries Department had been used a little bit harshly by that state-wide Jointly-Contributory Retirement System, and I still feel that perhaps they have not been used too well.

However, I have learned that the state-wide Jointly - Contributory Pension System is the result of several years of hard work by a serious thinking committee. They have evolved out what they think is the best thing possible for the State employees at this time.

I was nettled that the State Sea and Shore Fisheries wardens were not included in that bill. I introduced the bill here before us now to protect them in case they were not included. I now find that the passage of this bill might jeopardize the other larger, more comprehensive bill which is of more vital importance to the greater number of people. So the group that I represent are willing to abide by the majority and do what they think will be the best for the most people involved, so we are willing to forget our troubles, and I now move the acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" report.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled

and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Education on "Resolve, Relating to Teachers' Pensions for Certain Persons" (H. P. 227) (L. D. 166) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman does not need unanimous consent if he is addressing himself to the matter under consideration.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I did want to explain at this time why these bills are all assigned for today. These bills that the Appropriations Committee have involve money, and we ask that they may be assigned for the special calendar, with the thought that early in the week we will start taking these bills from the calendar, let the members debate them and decide in their own minds which are worthy and which are not worthy, and, in that way, we might arrive at some basis for determining how much money we need and what sort of tax measure the members might be willing to accept at this time.

I do stress the fact that any of these bills that the members feel are worthy will still require new revenue over and above anything we have set up.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this matter be assigned to the special calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the House simply has the report of the committee which has not as yet been accepted by this body. The special order applies to matters on their passage to be engrossed, their passage to be enacted or finally passed, so this particular item is not in order for the special calendar at this time.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I move you, Sir, that this matter be specially assigned for Wednesday morning.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, please approach the rostrum.

Mr. Brewer approached the rostrum, then returned to his seat.

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

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I retract my motion and ask that the committee report be accepted and that the resolve be given its first reading.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed, and the resolve, having already been printed, was given its first reading under suspension of the rules, and was assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to the Sanitary Water Board" (H. P. 443) (L. D. 241) tabled on April 8th, by the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Peirce, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Peirce, the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Majority Report "Ought not to pass" and House Minority Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Motor Vehicles on Bill "An Act Relating to Operator's Licenses." (H. P. 934) (L. D. 551) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Smith, pending acceptance of either report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My remarks before moving acceptance of the "Ought to pass" report will be very brief.

This bill is one, which, if passed, I think will meet with the approval of a majority of the automobile operators of the State of Maine. Before presenting this bill, I went to the Secretary of State's office, talked with Mr. Goss, showed him the bill, and asked him what the reaction of his department would be on it. He said the only possible objection he could see that I would get to it would be from the municipalities in that it had no provision at that time for the collection of the poll tax. I got his suggestion on how to remedy that and had it changed, and the bill contains a clause providing that if the license is purchased during the first six months of the year the receipt for the poll tax for the prev-

ious year must be shown, and if the license is purchased during the last six months of the year the receipt for the poll tax for the current year must be presented. Apparently that should take care of any possible objection from the municipalities regarding that poll tax receipt.

There have been cases when people have been out of the state, for instance, in 1946, and they returned to the State of Maine say in 1947, in October. The fee for a license for one year is two dollars. If a man returns at that time of year and absolutely has to have a license, he is forced to pay two dollars for the balance of the year.

Now if this bill is passed, a man buys his license on the 18th day of April and it is good until the 18th day of the next April. Every month there are boys and girls becoming of age who drive an automobile. If they buy it on their birthday that is a very good reminder for them. There is absolutely no need for you or me or anyone else being notified that our license is due. This system is working out very well in other states, and I see no reason why it should not work in this State.

I think the department that would have to administer the law would agree that over a period of time the system would work itself off to the point where it would not only be more convenient for you and me and everyone else but would also result in a saving to the State.

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the "Ought to pass" report.

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

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a member of the Motor Vehicles Committee who signed the minority report "Ought to pass," it was my thought when I signed it that we would eventually do away with this line the first of the year on automobile licenses. I think in talking it over with the Secretary of State we felt that in a period of two or three years we would see this line broken down and not so many people waiting until the last minute where the license is good for a year from the date; that we would not have this line that we all hate to run into so badly. Over and above that, this would be an experiment which could later apply to your number plates.

Mr. Smith has told you that we

ran into the angle of your poll tax receipt, which you have to show. If you do not already understand it, anybody, if this license was taken out before June, I think it is, your last year's receipt would suffice, and if you bought your license after June you would then have to show that you had paid your year's poll tax. Now I do not believe that in the end—in the beginning it might cost a little money to set this up—but I do believe that it has lots of merit, I do not think it would hurt to try it, and I still think that it would do away with these lines which we all hate to get into at the last of the year.

Now you may argue: How would you know if a person had a license? I put that same question to a former State Police officer, and he said the only way you have of knowing anyway was to stop them, and he said in a good many cases there probably would be several in eight or ten that did not have a license at that time. So that is the only way you have of knowing whether a man has a license today is to stop him and ask him to show it.

I believe in a short time it would do away with those lines. They do it in other states and it seems to be very satisfactory. I think the bill has merit, and I hope that the "Ought to pass" report will be accepted.

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

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a member of the Motor Vehicles Committee, who, like the gentleman from Presque Isle feels that this is a good bill and a step forward in motor vehicle regulation, I would merely like to second the remarks that have been made and point out to you that last year, in 1946, 305,073 operators' licenses were granted in the State of Maine, and, as you are well aware, most of these are granted during a three or four week period in December, obviously at a tremendous amount of overtime and cost to the State and a tremendous amount of inconvenience to the public.

We in Maine, in our motor vehicle regulations, have leaned heavily on such states as Massachusetts and New York because we have felt that they were progressive states in keeping up as we must keep up in motor vehicle regulations. Especi-

ally with changing conditions, changing cars, changing highways, it is very important that our regulations and laws of the highway are kept up to date.

Massachusetts has used and is using this system with great success. The main objection to the passage of such a bill in past years has been because we have not been able to find a solution of this poll tax problem which has now been found in this bill by the gentleman from Westbrook. Therefore I would like to go on record as very much enthused over this bill which I think is a step forward in motor vehicle registration. I hope that the "Ought to pass" report of the committee is accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Plummer.

Mr. PLUMMER: Mr. Speaker, I hate to rise in opposition to my seatmate here, but I was one of the signers of the majority "Ought not to pass" report. Our main objection was due to the fact that we felt that this would cause a great deal of confusion, not only in the department but among registrants.

We all know why we wait until the last minute to get our licenses, because we forget them, but now we are supposed to renew our licenses on a certain date. If we wait until they come due on a certain date, some due the first of May, some in April, some in March and some in August, I am sure that, due to no idea of a misdemeanor on the part of the applicant, there would be a great many out of the 305,000 that would forget it and let it ride for perhaps only one month or two months. And you take on a 305,000 total, if they only let it ride a month it would cause quite a loss to the department.

I believe it was stated at the hearing that this change would entail an expense of some twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars in the bookkeeping department. As has been mentioned, it is only an experiment, and it seems to me it is a costly experiment. I therefore hope that the motion to accept the "Ought to pass" report does not prevail.

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

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recog-

nizes the gentleman from Calais, Mr. Christensen.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I was a member of the Motor Vehicles Committee and a signer of the "Ought not to pass" report. I would just like to explain why.

Probably this is a good experiment, but it is a costly experiment. The Secretary of State informs us it would cost between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars to change over to that system, and after it was changed over it would cost between five and six thousand dollars every year for postage stamps. That is the reason why I signed the "Ought not to pass" report. Just consider that when you vote on the bill.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Smith, that the House accept the minority "Ought to pass" report of the committee. The same gentleman has requested a division.

All those in favor will please rise and remain standing until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Fifty having voted in the affirmative and fifty-eight in the negative, the motion does not prevail.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask permission to approach the rostrum.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may approach the rostrum.

Is it now the pleasure of the House to accept the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, An Act to Provide for Maintenance and Operation of State Technical and Vocational Schools" (S. P. 275) (L. D. 815) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I ask that this be assigned to the special calendar.

The SPEAKER: At the request of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Fi-

nancial Affairs, this matter is placed on the special calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Winthrop Water District" (H. P. 1640) (L. D. 1324) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Monmouth, Mr. Marsans, pending assignment for third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MARSANS: Mr. Speaker, I have been waiting word from the Public Utilities Committee about further consideration of this bill. I have been informed by them that at the beginning of next week they will perhaps be able to pick it up for further consideration. In view of that, I would move that the matter be assigned for Thursday, April 17th.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed, and the bill was tabled pending assignment for third reading, and specially assigned for Thursday, April 17th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the sixth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve, in Favor of Hydro-Electric Interstate Cooperation" (H. P. 1576) (L. D. 1221) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I move that this item be retabled and specially assigned for Friday, April 18th, pending acceptance of the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that Friday is more than six calendar days.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Rollins, the matter was tabled pending acceptance of the report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 17th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the seventh tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of Sunday Roller Skating." (H. P. 1282) (L. D. 882) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Carmel, Mr. McGown, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MCGOWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to

offer an amendment to this bill, because I am advised by the Revisor of Statutes that this bill has the same limitation as with respect to Sunday movies.

As you all know, this sort of thing is carried on to quite some extent throughout the State, Sunday baseball is legalized, basketball and bowling, and I think this should be left up to the decision of each community. I move the substitution of the bill for the report, and when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Carmel, Mr. McGown, moves to substitute the bill for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Union, Mr. Payson.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I will only explain to you briefly the decision of the Committee on Legal Affairs, who heard this bill.

As it is now written, it is under the same provisions as for conducting Sunday movies and would allow anybody who was the owner of a bona fide amusement park established for at least two years, to have roller skating on Sunday between the hours of 3:00 P. M. and 11:30 P. M., provided such parks are located outside the built-up section of any city or town.

At the hearing, besides the sponsor, there was only one other proponent, who, oddly enough, owned an amusement park that he had been operating for two years and which was outside of the limits of his town. There were no other proponents, and there was, of course, opposition from the church and religious leaders, who felt that it was an opening wedge into the Sunday laws.

The committee felt that there was no popular demand for this legislation, but that if this Legislature was going to allow Sunday roller skating that it should include roller skating rinks not located in amusement parks and should be more inclusive as to other roller skating rinks that have been established for less time than two years.

Therefore I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Carmel, Mr. McGown, does not prevail.

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

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker,

I wish to say to this Legislature that I am opposed to Sunday roller skating at any time anywhere.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth.

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, I was one of the signers of the report, and I would like to say that in considering this bill your Committee on Legal Affairs looked at it just about the same way any other group from this House would have considered it.

The Sunday laws have been gradually encroached upon, and perhaps none of us are consistent in our beliefs as to what we should or what we should not do on Sunday. We might say that it is perfectly proper to play baseball, go to the movies, and then when we say it is not proper to roller skate I will admit that it is pretty hard to point out any real reason for the difference.

In my opinion, this is not a matter to be decided by any committee, it is not a question that the Committee on Legal Affairs is any better qualified to judge than anybody else in this House. If you ask: "Why did we render this report against it?" I think that matter has been brought out: because we believed that the majority of the people did not want it. In other words, we have a fairly representative group in this House. I think there are some who would give a very good account of themselves in some sports, and, if so, they would probably favor that sport. As to how many would trust themselves on roller skates is another matter. If those people want it I do not think there is anything that I can say or anybody else can say about whether they are right or wrong. I personally do not feel that your committee has done anything except to express, as we understood it, the wishes of the majority of the people.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, the speech which I am about to make is a direct quotation, and it was made something over nineteen hundred years ago by Jesus of Nazareth when he said that "the Sabbath is made for man and not man for the Sabbath."

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dixfield, Mr. Stetson.

Mr. STETSON: Mr. Speaker, I have had more protests against this bill by my constituents than any other one bill that has come before this House. I hope the report "Ought not to pass" will be accepted.

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

Mr. DOUCETTE: Mr. Speaker, in regard to this bill, I have several times been up in this section the gentleman has spoken to you about. It is a very, very nice place, a summer park.

For the information of the members of the Legislature, I will say in some different sections of the State they at the present time have Sunday roller skating. In other sections where the local authorities will not stand for it they do not have it. I do not see any harm in the bill itself because of the fact I think it is all right to allow roller skating as well as you allow moving pictures and baseball playing in the afternoon. Therefore I wish to say to the members that I will go along with my fellow member on this bill.

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

Mr. SNOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not think this is a question of roller skating in a general way throughout the State. You are only giving this to amusement parks in the State of Maine. I believe it is class legislation, and I hope that it does not pass.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question before the House is upon the motion of the gentleman from Carmel, Mr. McGown, that the bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. The same gentleman has requested a division.

All those in favor of substituting the bill for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee will please rise and remain standing until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Forty-two having voted in the affirmative and fifty-two in the negative, the motion does not prevail.

Is it now the pleasure of the House to accept the "Ought not

to pass" report of the committee?  
The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the eighth tabled and today assigned matter "An Act Relating to the Control of Rats on Public Dumping Grounds." (S. P. 241) (L. D. 662) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Fowler, pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Fowler, under suspension of the rules the House voted to reconsider its action of March 18th whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same gentleman presented House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 241, L. D. 662, Bill "An Act Relating to the Control of Rats on Public Dumping Grounds."

Amend said Bill by striking out all that part designated "Sec. 7-D." and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 7-D. Rat control on public dumping grounds. Whenever a municipality shall maintain public dumping grounds, it shall be the duty of its municipal officers to see that such dumping grounds are treated at least once a year with proper rat exterminating agents, such agents to be applied by competent persons properly trained in the use thereof.**

At the request of the municipal officers of any municipality, the state bureau of health shall provide information as to the most effective methods and materials for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section.'

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the amendment and accompanying papers were tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A."

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the ninth tabled and today assigned matter, "Resolve, in Favor of a Special Recess Committee to Study the Creation of Domestic and Family Courts and Report to the Legislature." (S. P. 283) (L. D. 806) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, pending final passage; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I ask

that this be assigned to the special calendar.

The SPEAKER: At the request of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, this matter is placed on the special calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the tenth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Treasurer of State." (H. P. 1206) (L. D. 826) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Thomaston, Mr. Bell, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Bell, the matter was tabled pending acceptance of the committee report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 17th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the eleventh tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts in Juvenile Cases" (S. P. 256) (L. D. 718) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Williams, pending passage to be engrossed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins.

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of my colleague, I move that this matter be tabled and specially assigned for next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, moves that this matter be laid on the table pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 15th. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the twelfth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act to Provide for an Increase to be Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of the Registry of Deeds in the County of Cumberland and Salary of Deputy Register of Deeds." (H. P. 180) (L. D. 128) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Haskell, pending passage to be engrossed; and the chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. HASKELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to make this brief explanation. The



reason for the offering of the amendment is two-fold: first, to correct a clerical error, and, second, to correct an inequality which has developed in the County of Cumberland.

Under previous salary bills and appropriations, it would now appear that certain clerks receive more pay than the Deputy Register of Deeds. To correct this inequality, this House Amendment "A" is offered. In offering it, I would like to explain that I talked this over with many members of the committee and they offered no objection; also the County Commissioners of Cumberland County are in favor of this increase.

With this explanation, I offer House Amendment "A" and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Haskell, presents House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 180, L. D. 128, Bill "An Act to Provide for an Increase to be Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the County of Cumberland and Salary of Deputy Register of Deeds."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the third line of the second paragraph of said Bill the underlined words "remain in effect" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'be available'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the last line of said Bill the underlined figure "2,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "2,200"

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the thirteenth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Continuing the Division of Veterans Affairs," (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1319) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I move that this be assigned to the special calendar.

The SPEAKER: At the request of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, a member of the Com-

mittee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, this matter is placed on the special House calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourteenth tabled and today assigned matter, "An Act Relieving Towns from Care of Neglected and Dependent Children. (S. P. 246) (L. D. 663) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I ask that this be assigned to the special calendar.

The SPEAKER: At the request of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, this matter is placed on the special House calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifteenth tabled and today assigned matter, An Act to Regulate the Sale of Fireworks (H. P. 1189) (L. D. 756) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Fowler, pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Fowler the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the sixteenth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Exemption of Veterans of World War II from Taxation" (H. P. 986) (L. D. 636) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Atherton, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Atherton, the matter was tabled pending acceptance of the committee report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 15th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the seventeenth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Providing Exemptions for Veterans of World War II" (H. P. 1522) (L. D. 1143) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cousins, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Cousins, the matter was tabled pending acceptance of committee report, and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 15th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the eighteenth tabled and today assigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on "Resolve, Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lot and Building in Somerset County to H. S. Lorenz, of Seboomook" (S. P. 236) (L. D. 646) tabled on April 9th by the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Legard, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Legard, the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence and the resolve had its first reading and was assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Thereupon, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it assigned the resolve for second reading.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 236, L. D. 646, "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lot and Building in Somerset County to H. S. Lorenz, of Seboomook."

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the last line of said Resolve the figures "350" thereof and inserting in place the figures "500"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence, and the resolve was assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the nineteenth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill An Act Relating to Board of Boiler Rules" (H. P. 1400) (L. D. 1017) tabled on April 10th by the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Anderson, pending acceptance of report.

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

Mr. MARSANS: Mr. Speaker, noting the absence of the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Ander-

son, I move this matter be retabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 15th.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed, and the matter was so tabled and so assigned.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to take from the table the fifteenth tabled and unassigned matter, An Act to Incorporate the Chelsea School District," (H. P. 1618) (L. D. 1291) tabled on April 8th by that gentleman pending passage to be enacted.

On further motion by the same gentleman, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 28th whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Harris of Chelsea offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 1618, L. D. 1291, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Chelsea School District."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

**Sec. 9. Effective date; referendum.** This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district, present and voting at a special meeting called and held for the purpose or at an annual town meeting of the town of Chelsea. Such special meeting or annual town meeting shall be held not later than 2 years after the effective date of this act. In the event a special meeting is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Chelsea shall not be required to prepare for posting, or the town clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session 1 hour preceding such election. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Incorporate the Chelsea School District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate

by a cross placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Chelsea and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.

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

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to take from the table the fourteenth tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act to Incorporate the Farmingdale School District." (H. P. 1617) (L. D. 1290) tabled on April 8th by that gentleman pending passage to be enacted.

On further motion by the same gentleman, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 28th whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Harris, of Chelsea, offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 1617, L. D. 1290, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Farmingdale School District."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 9 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

**Sec. 9. Referendum; effective date.** This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district, present and voting at a special meeting called and held for the purpose or at an annual town meeting of the town of Farmingdale. Such special meeting or annual town meeting shall be held not later than 2 years after the effective date of this act. In the event a special meeting is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Farmingdale shall not be required to prepare for posting, or the town clerk to post, a

new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session 1 hour preceding such election. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Incorporate the Farmingdale School District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Farmingdale and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.

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

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, it was voted to take from the table the thirteenth tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act to Incorporate the Fort Kent School District" (H. P. 1612) (L. D. 1278) tabled on April 8th by that gentleman pending passage to be enacted.

On further motion by the same gentleman, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 28th whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same gentleman offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 1612, L. D. 1278, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Fort Kent School District."

**Sec. 9. Effective date; referendum.** This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district, present and voting at a special meeting called and held for the purpose or at an annual town meeting of the town of Fort Kent. Such special meeting or annual town meeting shall be held not later than the next regular town meeting after the effective date of this act. In the event a special meeting is called for the purpose, it shall be

called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Fort Kent shall not be required to prepare for posting, or the town clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding such special meeting, the 1st and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Incorporate the Fort Kent School District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Fort Kent and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.

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

On motion by Mr. Brown of Unity, the House voted to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act Relating to Tuition for Pupils from Towns Not Maintaining a Standard Secondary School" (H. P. 1651) (L. D. 1349) tabled on April 8th by that gentleman pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter be placed on the special calendar.

The SPEAKER: At the request of the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown, a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, this matter is placed on the special House calendar.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Unity, it was voted to take from the table the sixth tabled and unassigned matter, "Resolve, Directing Com-

missioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries to Make Study of Life and Habits of Seals." (S. P. 118) (L. D. 355) tabled on April 8th by that gentleman pending final passage.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter be placed on the special calendar.

The SPEAKER: At the request of the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown, a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, this matter is placed on the special House calendar.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the eleventh tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act to Increase the Clerk Hire in the Office of Recorder of the Portland Municipal Court." (H. P. 178) (L. D. 126) tabled on April 8th by that gentleman pending passage to be enacted.

On further motion by the same gentleman, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 28th whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same gentleman offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 178, L. D. 126, Bill "An Act to Increase the Clerk Hire in the Office of Recorder of the Portland Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the third line of the second paragraph thereof the underlined word "effective" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'available'

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

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.

The Chair reminds the members that we convene on Monday afternoon at 4:00 P. M., not at 4:30.

On motion by Mr. Webber of Bangor,

Adjourned until Monday, April 14th at 4:00 P. M.