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

Prayer by the Rev. Frank Kehl-wetter of Bryant's Pond.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that joint rule 10 be amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence; 'Bills not already printed and new drafts shall be printed immediately after reports are deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House.' (S. P. 514)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, was read and passed in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Franco-American Loan Corporation of Lewiston" (S. P. 365) (L. D. 1039) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 504) (L. D. 1384) under same title 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, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Unorganized Townships Fund" (S. P. 398) (L. D. 1147)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Working Capital of the State Liquor Commission" (S. P. 248) (L. D. 711)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Allocation of Moneys by Governor and Council" (S. P. 247) (L. D. 710)

Report of the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reporting same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Somerset County to C. Max Hilton, of Greenville (S. P. 163) (L. D. 402)

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the Bills and Resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bills read twice, the Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass With Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve Providing for Construction of Homes for Physicians at the Augusta State Hospital (S. P. 271) (L. D. 814) reported "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" was read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 271, L. D. 814, "Resolve Providing for Construction of Homes for Physicians at the Augusta State Hospital."

Amend said resolve by striking out in the first line thereof, the figure \$30,000, and inserting in place thereof the figure \$25,000. Further amend said resolve by striking out in the second and third lines thereof the words "unappropriated surplus of the general fund", and inserting in place thereof the words "Maine Post War Public Works Reserve".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the resolve as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Orders

On motion by Mr. DeSanctis of Madison, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Thomas of Hampden, be excused from attendance because of illness in his family; and that Mr. Dorsey of

Fort Fairfield be excused from attendance this week because of illness.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Daniels of Gilead, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Robert Brackly of Alna, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, April 24th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time notes in the balcony the presence of a group from Somerville church of Mt. Desert, Maine, and, on behalf of the members of the House, the Chair bids you welcome here this morning. (Applause)

House Reports of Committees Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Town of Norridgewock School District" (H. P. 615) (L. D. 380) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "B" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Batchelder of York
Blanchard of Aroostook
Baker of Kennebec
—of the Senate.
Anderson of New Sweden
Rankin of Bridgton
Payson of Union
—of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Woodworth of Fairfield
Weeks of So. Portland
Atherton of Bangor
Snow of Auburn
—of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Anson, Mr. Sharpe.

Mr. SHARPE: Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the majority report of the committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Anson, Mr. Sharpe, moves acceptance of the majority "Ought to pass" report of the committee.

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

Mr. WEEKS: Mr. Speaker, this bill, as it comes out with a six to four split of the committee, repre-

sents substantially the same sort of a split that exists in the town of Norridgewock regarding this school bill. There is no unanimity of opinion among the voters of Norridgewock as to the passage of this bill.

It is a bill which has the support of approximately fifty per cent of the population so far as your committee is able to determine after its hearings. Extended hearings were given this bill as well as another bill which this Legislature has already refused to pass. Everyone was fully represented and had their opportunity to speak, and the situation that is revealed there today is that they are hopelessly in disaccord.

The point brought up in this bill merely calls for the appointment of two more trustees. That is not unusual — practically all your school districts have five instead of three as is provided in this present bill. However, there is more to it than meets the eye.

Apparently one side of the picture feels that by getting two more men, which it feels it can elect — upon what basis they proceed on that conclusion I cannot understand, because, as I say they are evenly divided — but they feel that they might be able to get two more men on that district to the point where they could decide where the school building will be placed.

So far, for several years now, these supposedly sensible, reasonable individuals there have not been able to agree on one point, and that is where they will place the school building. They have the funds, between the district and the town itself, necessary to accomplish that purpose but they still cannot agree on where to put the school building. In the meantime the high school situation is deplorable. There is no question about it. But the point is not that the three trustees have not been performing their duty. They have; they are responsible individuals they have made their decisions, and, of course, as I have said before, it does not go with the other half of the town.

Now merely by electing two new trustees you are certainly not going to get a new school building. You are just going to humor one-half of an evenly divided town. They are going to go back to the other side and say, "Look what we did. The Legislature went along with

us." That is not going to bring any new school building. As long as we humor one side or the other they are going to proceed to continue with their colossal bickering at the expense, as they say, of their children, and then have the colossal nerve to come down here and look at your Legal Affairs Committee and say, "You must do something to put our children into decent schools." And that is the obligation that is placed on you.

If some sort of a bill was substituted for this bill to the point where the Governor would appoint a commission to go to Norridgewock and see that the high school was constructed, that would be very fine, very effective and sensible legislation, but where you are merely going through this process of appointing two more trustees and providing for an election where they can get into some more political bickering, then there is absolutely no sense in the whole thing. And that is the basis for your minority report.

We feel that the legislation would not be effective, and that it would not be productive of any constructive results. We are just as much in favor, as you have seen by your other school district bills, of having new schools set up as rapidly as possible as anyone else. That is what we want here, but we feel that the passage of this bill will merely continue the bickering, no one will ever get together, and the result will be you still will not have any new schools. I therefore oppose the motion of the gentleman from Anson, Mr. Sharpe.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Anson, Mr. Sharpe.

Mr. SHARPE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not intend to go over the matter of argument as it exists in the town of Norridgewock in regard to this school question. I do not know about it. I do not think that anybody, other than the people of Norridgewock, know enough about it to argue on what has caused the division of opinion among the inhabitants of the town of Norridgewock in regard to this school question. I do know, however, that one-half if not a great deal more than one-half of the inhabitants of Norridgewock want this bill passed.

Now the opponents of the bill have brought up the argument be-

fore the committee—and it may be argued here in the House this morning too—that this is an attempt by certain people in Norridgewock to pack the board. Now the bill plainly reads that these new members, all the members of this School District board, shall be elected by popular vote of the town, and if you can pack a board on a popular election then I do not know what packing a board means. Certainly I cannot see any argument against having a five-man board on this school district. They are all to be elected by popular vote, and even if it might be conceded that such an act will do no good, I certainly cannot see how it can do any harm.

Now this bill came in from the committee once before here, about two weeks ago, with a majority "Ought to pass" report of seven to three. I move acceptance of that "Ought to pass" report.

The bill was tabled by one of the members of the committee; I did not know at the time what for, but he explained to me afterwards that it was because two of the minority signers were not here. I was quite agreeable to that; it was all right. Then later it was discovered, later on that afternoon, that there was an error in the printing of the bill: the figure "three" should have been changed to "five," and it had not been changed. I suggested putting a House amendment on the bill, and then it was suggested to me that I allow the bill to be recommitted to save the committee embarrassment. I did not quite see how it could embarrass them, but, anyway, I allowed the bill to be recommitted on the assurance that it would come back with the same kind of a report. Now it has come back in here with a majority "Ought to pass" of only six to four.

However, I do not think that is either here or there. I ask for your acceptance of this "Ought to pass" report simply on the ground that half if not a great deal more than half of the people of Norridgewock want the bill passed, and there certainly can be no harm in passing it even if it does no good.

I move, Mr. Speaker, that when the vote is taken that it be taken by a division.

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

Mr. ATHERTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have

no particular interest personally in the affairs of Norridgewock, although they may very well need a new school building there. I would like to very briefly explain the reason why I voted with the "Ought not to pass" report on this bill.

At the present time there are three members of the board of trustees in the Norridgewock School District. They are all elected by a majority of the voters of Norridgewock. At the time of the hearing on this bill, the proponents frankly admitted that the reason they wanted five members was in order that they might elect a member who was coming up for re-election this year and elect two more who would be favorable to their faction. A little later on there was another bill affecting the Norridgewock School District before our committee, and, in the meantime, they had had an election of a member of the board of trustees, and at that election the present member was reelected by a majority of the voters, in other words a member who was favorable to the opponents of this bill. Therefore, if two new members are created by this bill, it was admitted that they would still have a majority of the board of trustees favorable to the opponents of this bill. I, therefore fail to see how it would do any good or where there is any need for the passage of this bill to elect two more members when you still had a majority in favor of the other faction. Therefore I hope that the motion does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, I am one of the six who signed the majority report "Ought to pass"; for the primary reason given already, that I believed that the majority of the people of Norridgewock want this bill. Now I am not sure of that, but I think all six of us who voted on the majority side believed that. It is our carefully considered opinion.

This bill has been before us for weeks; it has caused us a good deal of bewilderment. I think perhaps we do not know precisely what we ought to do, at least we did not; but we came to the conclusion that this was the way to settle the matter, that this would make the dirt fly and give to the people of Nor-

ridgewock a school. It seems to me it must have that result. After the town meeting, whichever side wins, I believe that will bring the matter to a head and break the deadlock that has been so distressing.

Now some people have said, "If these people up at Norridgewock want to quarrel so much about that why not let them do it? Let them (to use a rather vulgar expression) stew in their own juice." But after all, in all matters of education the children are the primary consideration, and they are being taught now, I believe, in various buildings and halls and places that are unsuitable. Not only that, but the Department of Education, the State itself, has taken away the stipend from Norridgewock. I think it is not going too far to say that it is an almost disgraceful situation up there; but from all the information that I have been able to gather, a majority of the people really want the passage of this bill. Therefore I voted for it, and five others with me. This is our carefully considered opinion, and I think it is the prime reason for passing the bill, for taking the action which is sought and passing the bill.

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

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I signed the minority report, "Ought not to pass." Two years ago, the town of Norridgewock had a disastrous fire, sometime in March. They came down here to the Legislature, and, as I understand the Somerset delegation did everything in its power to help them. They amended their existing school district bill, gave them all the money that they wanted,—the Legislature, I should say—and sent them back home to build a school. They got home, and all that they have ever done since is fight among themselves on two issues: Where shall the school be; and how much shall it cost? They dug a hole in the ground and it is still there. They got into a couple of equity scraps, and those are still pending. In the meantime the Norridgewock children have no school.

And of course when the Legislature convened this year each faction popped into the Legislature with a bill. One faction said, "If you will give us two more trustees (that is this bill) we will rule the

roost and we will build a school." The other faction said, "If you will give us sixty thousand dollars more, the right to borrow, we won't have to wait for these fellows, we will be able to build the school because we will have money enough." I would say that part of the money is in the town and part is to be borrowed. The town is hanging onto its share and they are not borrowing enough. That is why they said, "If you will let us borrow the money we will build the school." Now there was no reason why they should borrow any more money, so the bill was turned down. This first bill has been hanging before the committee ever since the first time.

Since the bill was introduced, as has been stated, the town of Norridgewock has had a town meeting, and the people who said "we want two more trustees" got licked. There is no question about where the majority was at the annual town meeting. The people who wanted two more trustees got licked and we have not heard very much from them since.

Now if the Legislature two years ago did everything that it could for the town and the town for two years has done nothing, why should we now waste any more time on them?

I think that this case is analogous to the case of a man who comes into court and is ordered by the Court to do something, such as pay his wife a counsel fee or something like that, and he does not pay. The case comes up for hearing. What happens? That man could go into court with six lawyers and the Court would pay no attention to him whatsoever. Substantially, he is in contempt; he has no right to be heard.

Now in this case the town of Norridgewock comes in here and they have done nothing; they have not obeyed the law requiring them to provide a school for their children; they have fought amongst themselves; and, if that is what they want to do, why should we give them any more ammunition? I say it will be time enough for this Legislature to give Norridgewock some new legislation when they shall have performed their legal duties. In other words, I think the town of Norridgewock is as much obliged to respect the dignity and authority of this Legislature as they are bound to respect the dignity and authority

of any court; and until they have done what they should have done, until they have provided a school for those children, I am not interested in giving any help of any kind to the town of Norridgewock. If they want to stay up there and squabble among themselves, then let them squabble. That is a job for the executive branch of the government or the prosecuting authorities; but we can do nothing except add fuel to the flames, and that is what I will not do.

I hope that the minority report will be accepted and that the motion will fail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Anson, Mr. Sharpe.

Mr. SHARPE: Mr. Speaker, I want to be permitted to correct, if I may, the statement made by the gentleman from Fairfield (Mr. Woodworth) that he was the signer of the majority report. As a matter of fact, he was one of the signers of the minority report. The majority report reported that this bill should pass. I am also moved to think by the comments made here that it is being suggested to this Legislature that this House use vindictive methods against the people of Norridgewock. I do not think it is the duty of this Legislature to do anything like that.

Basically, this bill simply will provide that there will be five members on the board of trustees instead of three. It can do no harm and it may do some good. I do not believe that this Legislature should obstruct, as some people in Norridgewock have been obstructing, the settlement of this school affair in Norridgewock.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I rise personally to apologize to Mr. Sharpe, the gentleman from Anson. It was myself who suggested that the bill be recommitted, and I thought at that time that I could expect the same number of signers on both sides. I did note, however, with some embarrassment, that one of the speakers for the minority was at that time on the majority side. Probably if we could recommit this again we could get him on the other side.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question before the House

is upon the motion of the gentleman from Anson, Mr. Sharpe, that the House accept the majority "Ought to pass" report of the committee and the same gentleman has requested a division.

All those in favor of the House accepting the "Ought 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: Sixty-eight having voted in the affirmative and twenty-six in the negative, the motion prevails and the "Ought to pass" report of the committee has been accepted.

This being a printed bill, under suspension of the rules it was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "B" to H. P. 615, L. D. 380, Bill, "An Act Relating to Town of Norridgewock School District."

Amend said bill by deleting the emergency preamble.

Further amend said bill by striking out in line 3 of section 3 the figure "3" and inserting in place there the figure '5'

Further amend said bill by deleting the emergency clause.

Committee Amendment "B" was adopted, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for third reading.

On motion by the gentlewoman from Minot, Mrs. Hatch, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session.

Mr. Patterson from the Committee on Pensions on the following Resolves:

H. P. 21, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Sadie Ballard, of Sangerville.

H. P. 35, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Walter H. Bickford, of Monroe.

H. P. 67, Resolve Providing for a State Pension for John Wells, Sr.

H. P. 68, Resolve Providing for an Increase in the State Pension for Blanche A. Grant, of East Winn.

H. P. 70, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Alfred Gero, of Waterville.

H. P. 71, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Elizabeth A. Mason, of Hermon.

H. P. 94, Resolve Providing for an

Increase in State Pension for Marguerite M. Stubbs, of Caribou.

H. P. 95, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Beatrice E. Bulley, of Randolph.

H. P. 122, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Charles Cote, of Limestone.

H. P. 123, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Grace Booth, of Fryeburg.

H. P. 173, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Georgie Bearce Turner, of Ashland.

H. P. 174, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Dorothy E. Bates, of Hallowell.

H. P. 175, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Daniel H. Meader, of Hallowell.

H. P. 176, Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Eunice E. Hutchins, of Mexico.

H. P. 254, Resolve Providing a Pension for Howard Worster, of Webster Plantation.

H. P. 255, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Burton A. Knight, of Peru.

H. P. 256, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Mary A. Saunders, of Sedgwick.

H. P. 257, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Edith M. Saunders, of Sedgwick.

H. P. 258, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Raymond H. Saunders, of Sedgwick.

H. P. 259, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Lillian Ireland, of South Lincoln.

H. P. 260, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Freda Potter, of Whitefield.

H. P. 261, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Mace Hall, of Whitefield.

H. P. 262, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Robert Arlo Fogg, of Bucksport.

H. P. 344, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Percy Jakins, of Winslow.

H. P. 345, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Charles Bowen, of Newburg.

H. P. 346, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for George W. Rines, of Newburg.

H. P. 455, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Mrs. Charlotte M. Armstrong, of Belmont.

H. P. 456, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Murray J. Wentworth, of Morrill.

H. P. 457, Resolve Providing for an

an Increase in State Pension for Roger T. Creamer, of Thomaston.

H. P. 458, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Annie B. Cochran, of Oakland.

H. P. 459, Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Alfred Wik, of Stockholm.

H. P. 460, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Frank J. Wheeler, of Belfast.

H. P. 461, Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Willard J. Leonard, of Fort Fairfield.

H. P. 462, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Helena Dray, of Newcastle.

H. P. 463, Resolve Providing for a Pension for Harold G. Oldenburg, of Easton.

H. P. 501, L. D. 322, Resolve Granting a Pension to John Smith of Caswell Plantation.

H. P. 502, L. D. 323, Resolve Providing for a State Pension for John Gravel of Ridlonville.

H. P. 503, L. D. 324, Resolve Granting a Pension for Gilbert Bragdon, of Portage Lake.

H. P. 504, L. D. 325, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for James Bowen, of Ashland.

H. P. 505, L. D. 326, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Neville N. Faulkner, of Houlton.

H. P. 617, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Ernest Rounds, of Mechanic Falls.

H. P. 618, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Grace Evans, of Berwick.

H. P. 619, Resolve Granting a Pension to Eugenia V. Coombs, of Ellsworth.

H. P. 620, Resolve Granting a Pension to Leah Jordan, of Walham.

H. P. 674, Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Fern Frances French, of Corinth.

H. P. 675, Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Wilson Bailey, of Bradford.

H. P. 676, Resolve Providing for State Pension for William Henry Lynch, of Augusta.

H. P. 677, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Kathleen Milner, of Lincoln.

H. P. 678, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Lloyd L. Arnold, of Randolph.

H. P. 679, Resolve Providing for

State Pension for Frank Bernier, of Winthrop.

H. P. 680, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Abbie Small, of Jay.

H. P. 681, Resolve Providing for a Pension for Lafayette Johnson, of Lubec.

H. P. 682, Resolve Granting an Increase in State Pension for Asa W. Blanchard, of Brewer.

H. P. 861, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Ada Cowan, of Rome.

H. P. 862, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Lettie C. White, of Thorndike.

H. P. 863, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Joseph Henry Wentworth, of Waldo.

H. P. 864, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Beulah B. Knight, of Unity.

H. P. 865, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Margaret Everett, of Fort Fairfield.

H. P. 866, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Susie Devine, of Fort Fairfield.

H. P. 867, Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Elvin L. Trimm, of Charleston.

H. P. 868, Resolve Granting a Pension to Eunice Brackett, of Clinton.

H. P. 869, Resolve Providing for a Pension for Grace Bryant, of Jefferson.

H. P. 870, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Peter King, of Whitefield.

H. P. 872, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Lester A. Fogg, of North Lovell.

H. P. 873, Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Robert Craig, of Dedham.

H. P. 936, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Gladys Eaton, of Sedgwick.

H. P. 937, Resolve Providing for State Pension for John Cooper, of Sedgwick.

H. P. 938, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Artell Cookson, of Newcastle.

H. P. 940, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Grace Lawrence, of Pittston.

H. P. 941, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Daniel McCurdy, of Weeks Mills.

H. P. 942, Resolve Providing for State Pension for William Leslie Cheney, of Pittston.

H. P. 943, Resolve Providing for

an Increase in State Pension for Blanche French, of Carmel.

H. P. 944, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Elmira A. Brown, of Lewiston.

H. P. 978, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Artheline Doucette, of Grand Isle.

H. P. 979, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Bernadette Corbin, of Grand Isle.

H. P. 980, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Fred Jacques, of Van Buren.

H. P. 981, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Joseph Duperry, of Van Buren.

H. P. 982, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Albert Beaulieu, of Grand Isle.

H. P. 1027, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Charles W. A. Scott, of Peak's Island, Portland.

H. P. 1078, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Arthur W. Hunt, of Burnham.

H. P. 1079, Resolve Granting a Pension to Eugene L. Noyes, of Solon.

H. P. 1080, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Ethelyn Stewart, of Clinton.

H. P. 1081, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Nellie Hatch, of Monmouth.

H. P. 1082, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Grace Ingham, of Winthrop.

H. P. 1083, Resolve to Increase the Pension of Josephine M. Storer, of Westbrook.

H. P. 1084, Resolve Granting a State Pension to Alberta E. Bridgman, of Portland.

H. P. 1198, Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Ulmont Hovey, of Augusta.

H. P. 1199, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Fabien Boutote, of Fort Kent.

H. P. 1200, Resolve Providing for State Pension for George Thibeault, of Fort Kent.

H. P. 1201, Resolve Granting a Pension to Louise M. Heath, of Seal Cove, Town of Tremont.

H. P. 1202, Resolve Providing for State Pension for Lennie Reynolds, of Surry.

H. P. 1307, Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Henry Cyr, of Madawaska.

H. P. 1308, Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Irene Dufour, of Madawaska.

H. P. 1309, Resolve Providing for

a State Pension for Francis Cyr, of St. Agatha.

H. P. 1402, Resolve Granting a Pension to Irvin D. Farrar, of Bethel.

H. P. 1403, Resolve Granting a Pension to Lauren Holman, of Dixfield.

reported that the same have been included in a Consolidated Resolve (S. P. 511)

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Carville from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relative to the Limit of Beaver that May be Taken during the Open Season" (H. P. 1168 (L. D. 845) reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Hayward from same Committee reported same on Resolve Permitting Fly Fishing in Certain Waters of Franklin County (H. P. 905) (L. D. 604)

Mr. Patterson from the Committee on Pensions reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Jacob Clegg, of Searsport (H. P. 36) as Applicant has died.

Mr. Williams from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported same on Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Lands in Webster Plantation, Penobscot County to Alfred Smith of Webster Plantation (H. P. 1219) (L. D. 832)

Reports were read and accepted.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Bowker from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of town of Eagle Lake (H. P. 1141) (L. D. 761)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to State Owned Cars (H. P. 1140) (L. D. 760)

Reports were read and accepted.

Tabled

Mr. Bowker from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the University of Maine (H. P. 325) (L. D. 203)

(On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in

favor of the University of Maine for Buildings (H. P. 80) (L. D. 68)

(On motion by Mr. Collins of Caribou, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Mr. Bowker from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the town of Van Buren for a Secondary School Building (H. P. 1046) (L. D. 685)

Mr. Brewer from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Anson Academy (H. P. 1055)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the town of Newport to Aid in Constructing a High School Building (H. P. 1369) (L. D. 991)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the town of Springfield (H. P. 1481) (L. D. 1082)

Reports were read and accepted.

Tabled

Mr. Brewer from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Knox Memorial Association Inc., for Support and Maintenance of "Montpelier" (H. P. 1045) (L. D. 684)

(On motion of Mr. Lord of Camden, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Mr. Finnegan from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Designating Certain Funds of the Maine Post War Public Works Reserve for a Classroom and Library Building at Farmington State Teachers' College" (H. P. 1609) (L. D. 1275)

Report was read and accepted.

Tabled

Mr. Finnegan from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Civil Air Patrol (H. P. 151) (L. D. 117)

(On motion by Mr. Allen of Portland, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Mr. Seeger from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Belfast Home for Aged Women (H. P. 1017) (L. D. 665)

Report was read and accepted.

Tabled

Mr. Seeger from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the town of Cumberland (H. P. 1263) (L. D. 1265)

(On motion of Mr. Sweetser of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Mr. Atherton from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Granting of Licenses for Certain Businesses and Purposes by the city of Portland" (H. P. 1275) (L. D. 880)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Licensing of Buildings for Dancing Purposes" (H. P. 245) (L. D. 172)

Mr. Payson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Public Dumping Grounds" (H. P. 449) (L. D. 301)

Mr. Ellis from the Committee on Pensions reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Joseph Bachelin, of Rumford (H. P. 939)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Charles F. Knowlton of Liberty (H. P. 673)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Samuel Harvey of Belfast (H. P. 672)

Mr. Brown of Milford from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported same on Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Land in Plantation of Molunkus (H. P. 1220) (L. D. 833)

Mr. Rollins from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Franklin County to L. Bradford Craft of North Jay (H. P. 135) (L. D. 91) as it is covered by other legislation.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Ivan L. Clark of East Millinocket (H. P. 351) (L. D. 220) as it is covered by other legislation.

Reports were read and accepted.

Tabled

Mr. Sharpe from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in a Building on Land in Washington County to Fred O. Foster, of Forest City (H. P. 1217) (L. D. 856) as it is covered by other legislation.

(On motion by Mr. Brown of Baileyville, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Mr. Webber from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Somerset County to Frank Lynott, of Rockwood (H. P. 883) (L. D. 495) as it is covered by other legislation.

Report was read and accepted.

Tabled

Mr. Webber from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported "Ought not to Pass" on Resolve Authorizing the Maine State Park Commission to Convey a Lot of Land Situated in Bangor to William Carmalt, of Bangor (H. P. 957) (L. D. 559) as it is covered by other legislation.

(On motion by Mr. Wight of Bangor, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Ought to Pass in New Draft**Tabled**

Mr. Hayward from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on Bill "An Act relating to the Town Road Improvement Fund" (H. P. 1528) (L. D. 1121) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1689) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

(On motion of Mr. Bell of Thomaston, tabled pending acceptance of the report and the new draft ordered printed.)

Ought to Pass With Committee Amendment

Mr. Emerson from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Resolve to Provide Funds for Clam Cleansing Research (H. P. 1620) (L. D. 1292) 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" was read by the Clerk as follows.

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1620, L. D. 1292, "Resolve to Provide Funds for Clam Cleansing Research."

Amend said Resolve by inserting after the words "clams from the closed areas" in the 6th line of the 2nd paragraph thereof, the words "and he may grant, and may revoke, written permits for such taking and/or transportation upon such conditions as will, in his opinion, more effectively prevent said clams from being used for human consumption until so purified"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the resolve was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Convictions Affecting Credibility and Constituting Criminal Records" (H. P. 1682) (L. D. 1399)

Bill "An Act to Regulate Public Dance Halls" (H. P. 1685) (L. D. 1400)

Resolve in favor of Alfred Winick of Boston, Massachusetts (S. P. 489) (L. D. 1353)

Resolve Authorizing Maine State Park Commission to Lease Mount Blue State Park to town of Weld (H. P. 1683) (L. D. 1401)

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 (H. P. 1684) (L. D. 1402)

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

**Passed to be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act relating to Seed Potato Board Appropriation (H. P. 1663) (L. D. 1366)

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, 124 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly, the Bill was passed to

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

**Passed to be Enacted
Tabled**

An Act relating to the Salary of the Treasurer of State (S. P. 36) (L. D. 155)

(Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and on motion by Mr. Ellis of Castle Hill, tabled pending passage to be enacted)

Tabled

An Act relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles (S. P. 130) (L. D. 283)

(Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and on motion by Mr. Ellis of Castle Hill, tabled pending passage to be enacted)

An Act relating to Permits for Digging Into and Opening Streets and Highways (S. P. 165) (L. D. 404)

An Act relating to Refunds of Gasoline Tax (S. P. 245) (L. D. 819)

An Act relating to Issuance of Capias Execution in Divorce Cases (S. P. 258) (L. D. 720)

An Act relating to Tuition for Pupils from Towns Contracting for Secondary Education (S. P. 382) (L. D. 1095)

An Act relating to the Supreme Court of Probate (S. P. 383) (L. D. 1096)

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

Tabled

An Act Concerning Agricultural Cooperative Associations (S. P. 405) (L. D. 1154)

(Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and on motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, tabled pending passage to be enacted)

An Act relating to Control of the Sale of Alcohol (S. P. 429) (L. D. 1214)

An Act to Extend the Open Season for Hunting Migratory Birds (S. P. 448) (L. D. 1273)

An Act relating to Eligibility of

Certain Clubs for Liquor Licenses (S. P. 476) (L. D. 1329)

An Act relating to Privately Owned Airports (S. P. 497) (L. D. 1361)

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

Tabled

An Act relating to County and Local Agricultural Societies (H. P. 411) (L. D. 243)

(Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and on motion by Mr. Fitch of Sebago, tabled pending passage to be enacted)

An Act relating to Duties of Insurance Commissioner in Directing Defective Chimneys and Other Dangerous Conditions to be Removed or Repaired (H. P. 445) (L. D. 263)

An Act relating to Inspection of Fire Escapes (H. P. 446) (L. D. 264)

An Act relating to Hunting Seals near Green Island (H. P. 631) (L. D. 391)

An Act to Authorize the Transfer by the Spurwink Congregational Church and the Acceptance by the Inhabitants of the town of Cape Elizabeth of the Spurwink Church and Property (H. P. 846) (L. D. 502)

An Act Repealing Mount Bigelow Game Preserve in Franklin and Somerset Counties (H. P. 899) (L. D. 598)

An Act relating to Method of Payment of Alimony (H. P. 917) (L. D. 614)

An Act Permitting Closing of Banks on Saturday (H. P. 970) (L. D. 628)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Morison.

Mr. MORISON: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter be laid on the table.

(Cries of "No, No.")

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Morison moves that this matter be laid on the table.

All those in favor will say aye; those opposed no.

A vive voce being taken, the motion to table did not prevail.

An Act relating to the Definition of the Term "Sardine" (H. P. 984) (L. D. 635)

An Act relating to Old Town

Game Preserve (H. P. 1161) (L. D. 841)

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

Tabled

An Act relating to the Digging of Clams for Commercial Purposes in the towns of Waldoboro and Bremen (H. P. 1320) (L. D. 917)

(Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and on motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

An Act relating to Damages to Poultry (H. P. 1367) (L. D. 989)

(Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and on motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, tabled pending passage to be enacted)

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Bridgton School District (H. P. 1443) (L. D. 1055)

An Act Creating the Town of Wales School District (H. P. 1447) (L. D. 1053)

An Act to Create the Caribou School District (H. P. 1463) (L. D. 1067)

An Act to Incorporate the Presque Isle School District (H. P. 1487) (L. D. 1088)

An Act relating to Publication of Applications for Liquor Licenses (H. P. 1567) (L. D. 1196)

An Act relating to Tenure of Office of State Liquor Commission (H. P. 1568) (L. D. 1197)

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

Tabled

An Act relative to Bounty on Bobcat, Loupcervier and Canada Lynx (H. P. 1624) (L. D. 1284)

(Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and on motion by Mr. Wight of Bangor, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

An Act relating to Reciprocal Contracts of Indemnity (H. P. 1631) (L. D. 1306)

An Act relating to Police Department Pensions of the city of Bangor (H. P. 1648) (L. D. 1339)

An Act relating to Pensions to Employees of the city of Bangor (H. P. 1649) (L. D. 1340)

An Act relating to Term of Office of Police Department of the city of Bangor (H. P. 1650) (L. D. 1341)

An Act relating to Superintendence of Schools Through Union Towns (H. P. 1666) (L. D. 1371)

An Act Regulating Fishing for Smelts in Tidewaters of East Machias River (H. P. 1672) (L. D. 1376)

Finally Passed

Resolve Closing Farmer's Brook in Franklin County to Smelting (S. P. 362) (L. D. 1031)

Placed on Special Calendar

Resolve to Continue the Interim Commission to Study Methods to Assure Greater Productivity of the Forest Lands of the State (S. P. 442) (L. D. 1235)

(On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, a member of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, the resolve was ordered placed on the special calendar.)

Resolve Closing the Tributaries to Wassookeag Lake in Dexter in Penobscot County to All Fishing (H. P. 904) (L. D. 603)

Resolve Opening Pleasant Lake, in Washington County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 912) (L. D. 542)

Resolve relative to Fishing in Certain Somerset County Waters (H. P. 1501) (L. D. 1126)

Resolve Authorizing the State of Maine to Convey Certain Land in Presque Isle (H. P. 1551) (L. D. 1181)

Resolve Regulating Dipping of Smelts in Lake Cobbosseecontee (H. P. 1594) (L. D. 1250)

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

Placed on Special Calendar

Resolve providing for a Fish Screen at Outlet of Cobbosseecontee Lake, in the town of Manchester (H. P. 1664) (L. D. 1367)

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, a member of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, the resolve was ordered placed on the special calendar.

Resolve Granting a Pension to

Mary E. Dunbar, of Portland (H. P. 1665) (L. D. 1365)

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, a member of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, the resolve was ordered placed on the special calendar.

Resolve Closing Lily Lake in Washington County to Ice Fishing (H. P. 1668) (L. D. 1377)

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair lays before the House the first today assigned matter, "Senate Report "Ought to pass in a 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 11th by the gentleman from Monmouth, Mr. Marsans, pending consideration; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MARSANS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There are a few items on the members' desks I would like to explain a little later. I would first like to move acceptance of the committee report "Ought to pass in new draft."

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Monmouth, Mr. Marsans, moves the acceptance of the "Ought to pass in new draft" report of the committee. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Thereupon the "Ought to pass in new draft" report of the committee was accepted and the bill was given its two several readings.

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

Mr. MARSANS: Mr. Speaker, the members have on their desks a new set of figures compiled by the Department of Education, showing the amount of money that would go to each town in the second year of the biennium. We had to do this because we found that the towns had been raising in your last town meetings much more money than we in the committee could possibly foresee several weeks ago

when we first started trying to figure the cost of this program for the second year. The towns, practically without exception, have raised anywhere from twenty to fifty per cent more for school costs in each individual town. This threw our accounting for the second year quite out of line. We figured, as you recall it, that it would take approximately a million and a half the second year of the biennium. The new figures show it will take closer to two million dollars. That is because the towns have had to raise so much more money for their individual needs.

I do want to impress upon you the fact that this is not a bill calling for additional expenditures for the Department of Education; it is merely trying to do something to help the towns with their problems. It is all money that is going to go to the individual towns to help them in their teacher salary problems and in at least two-thirds of the cases giving them additional funds to help with other school matters. The fact that the second year of the biennium is going to cost more is merely because the towns have found that they have had to raise more money for their needs locally.

It also points out that this educational problem is a vital, serious problem. We know that we are faced here with many vital questions. Of all these responsibilities, there is none that should supersede our consideration of the school problem that faces us. Our attempt to stop this disintegration of our schools which are so vital to our state and nation is of the utmost importance. We concede that teachers are walking out of the teaching profession to enter a more lucrative field in other industries, and if we do not stop this there is only one group of people who are to suffer from it and that is the present-day children.

The only thing that we as a committee could do was to arrive at what we felt was the best solution of the entire problem, keeping in mind each and every town and city and municipality in the State of Maine, their needs, whether it was Portland or Houlton or Bangor or the smaller towns, each one had its individual problems, all facing additional expenditures for schools and teachers, and their problems naturally are our problems. There

is no problem of any town but what is of necessity a problem of the State of Maine. Our attempt was to bring out something that would be of the greatest help to each and every community. Of course, with it, it carries a price tag; and some may feel that where it calls for an extra \$500,000 for the second year of the biennium that perhaps we cannot afford it. It is just a question of how much help you in your town want the State to give you. If you feel that you can carry the load yourself on your own real estate taxes, well and good. If you feel that your taxes are up as high as they should be and the load should be carried by the people of the State through other forms of revenue, that is what we are attempting to do.

As to its costing more in the second year of the biennium, you will recall in the summary presented to us by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, that the second year of the biennium was a light year as far as monetary needs were concerned. There was approximately a million and a half dollars less that would be needed for the second year of the biennium than for the first year; so it would be very easy, whatever tax measure might possibly go through, with that amount of money, the extra \$500,000 could easily be apportioned to cover increased costs of your teachers' salaries and aid to towns.

Those are the important things that I wanted to cover, to again recall to you the fact that this is money that is going to each and every town to help you with your school problem.

Of course the vital problem in the school is the teacher. Without the teacher, we have nothing, and, according to the ability and training of your teacher, everything depends on what the youngsters in our schools are going to get.

But, over and above helping out our teachers' salaries this bill also gives, as I say, at least two-thirds of the towns extra money to help them on their educational problems.

After the second year of the biennium there will be a tapering off and it will not cost as much as the second year does cost, and as at the beginning or inception of this program.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the adoption of Sen-

ate Amendment "A". The Clerk will read Senate Amendment "A".

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

Senate Amendment "A" to S. P. 478, L. D. 1336, Bill "An Act to Increase State Aid to Towns for the Support of Schools to Establish Minimum Salaries for Teachers."

Amend said Bill by striking out, in subsection II of that part designated "Sec. 201", the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th lines and inserting in place thereof the following: the 'approved by the commissioner, a budgetary balance after deducting subsidy as above mentioned, which shall provide an amount sufficient to allocate to each municipality, units, as hereinafter determined, which shall be not less than \$100 each, based on the effort made'

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

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker, through the Chair I would like to ask the gentleman from Monmouth (Mr. Marsans) if the passage of this bill hinges upon the passage of some additional obnoxious form of taxation or can this bill be financed under present income?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may answer if he wishes.

Mr. MARSANS: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that all members realize that the passage of any legislation that calls for funds would also call for the passage of some tax measure that might not be obnoxious but would be necessary for the carrying out of these things we need here in the State of Maine.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I dislike to disagree with the gentleman from Monmouth (Mr. Marsans) but I do not think everybody here realizes as yet that we have to have more taxation. The committee report on this has been accepted. According to the order presented and passed last week, all these measures calling for more money are to go along pending enactment and they are to be put on a special calendar—I don't know whether it is a special calendar or a gas chamber. But let's go along with it and place it neither on the special calendar nor in the gas chamber.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the adoption

of Senate Amendment "A". Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: What time will the House assign for third reading? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gorham, Mr. Russell.

Mr. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: I want to say a word in relation to this most important educational bill.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the time for assignment of the bill for third reading. The bill is not before the House. If the gentleman wishes to assign a particular time for its third reading he may do so, otherwise it will be in order for third reading tomorrow morning.

Thereupon the bill was tomorrow assigned for third reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Amendment "B" to Bill "An Act to Create a Legislative Research Committee (H. P. 1646) (L. D. 1332) tabled on April 11th by the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, pending adoption.

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

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I tabled this bill with the thought in mind of moving the indefinite postponement of House Amendment "B". I want to give you this explanation. If my information is correct, under this amendment the Speaker of the House and the President of your Senate would be compelled to serve on this committee. I think that is unwise, because, in the first place, if my understanding is correct, when this bill went before the Judiciary Committee this item was in the bill originally and the Judiciary Committee saw fit to strike it out.

Now, under the bill without this amendment, your Speaker or your President of the Senate, in making up this committee, may assign themselves to it if they see fit, or at any time, if my understanding is correct, they may have the privilege of setting in ex officio. For this reason, I will move indefinite postponement of House Amendment "B".

The SPEAKER: The question

before the House is upon the motion of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, that House Amendment "B" be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Presque Isle. I am the sponsor of this bill and am responsible for the fact that when the bill went before the Judiciary Committee it contained the matter proposed in the amendment, that is to say, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate were to be upon this committee; but the committee, in its wisdom, after deliberation, struck that feature out. I am glad the committee did. I think it would be a mistake, and the chief reason would be the reason that has already been given by the gentleman from Presque Isle, (Mr. Brewer).

So the first reason that I would give for striking out the amendment is the action of the Judiciary Committee. It considered this bill for a long time and in the most careful and meticulous way. I have great confidence in the judgment of that committee especially on a matter like this. So it seemed wise to the Committee on Judiciary that the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate should not be upon this Legislative Research Committee, and I believe that is the correct position.

We have had a Legislative Research Committee for four sessions, and the presiding officers of the two branches have not been upon the committee. It is quite true that in some of the states that have a Director of Legislative Research, which this bill proposes, do place the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House upon the committee—some of them do and some of them do not—the tendency latterly has been not to put them on the committee, for reasons which I shall not stop to give.

I want to express my gratification, my sincere thanks for the excellent work that the Judiciary Committee did upon this bill. They assisted greatly and improved it very much. I think it is not out of order to say I should like to pay tribute also to the advice and the work of Mr. Mayo Payson — this is the Payson from Portland — who has had as much experience, perhaps more experience upon the

Legislative Research Committee than any other man and has played a leading part in it. And of course all of us know how competent he is in these matters.

So I am against this amendment because the Judiciary Committee was opposed to it. This also is true: that a very competent and very able Speaker or President of the Senate might not be exactly the best qualified man to put on the committee; they might feel that way themselves. That is another reason.

This also is true: that there are two types of presiding officers; some of them want to take an active part in legislation upon one side or the other, and others want to be perfectly neutral; and both of those positions are perfectly legitimate. But if they were on this committee they would have to go down in the early part, let us say, of discussion and controversy at times, and I think we want to relieve them of that and I am sure they would want to be relieved of that. I would express it as my own opinion that no President of the Senate and no Speaker of the House would want to be upon this committee. Not only that, but their private business and other conditions might make it unwise for them or make it impossible for them to serve.

Naturally, because I was the sponsor of this bill, some members of the House have spoken to me about membership on it. Some have said they would like to be members; others have said no, they would not accept it under any circumstances; they did not have the time for it. But in this case, in the case of this amendment, as the gentleman from Presque Isle (Mr. Brewer) well said, we are compelling these men, these presiding officers, to be on the committee. All of the other members of the committee are voluntarily upon the committee, but we are compelling these gentlemen to be on the committee whether they want to be on it or not. And I should say that this to me is the most compelling reason of all. I cannot conceive that we should want to put anyone, whether a member of the ordinary garden variety of legislator or the presiding officers, I cannot conceive of any circumstances under which we would want to compel them to serve on this committee. Of course, as has been well said, they can sit

in on meetings, and I believe they would be guilty of no presumption if they were so much interested and were so disposed, I should feel that they were not presumptuous at all if they placed themselves upon the committee. It would be a rather odd circumstance if a man were, for example, a candidate for Speaker of the House or President of the Senate and in his campaign one of his qualifications would be whether he was willing to serve upon the Legislative Research Committee. I say that would be an absurd situation.

So, for all of these reasons that I have mentioned and others that I might mention, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Presque Isle (Mr. Brewer) will prevail, and I ask for a division when the vote is taken.

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

Mr. McGLAUFFIN: Mr. Speaker I also favor the motion of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer. I was one of those that helped strike out that provision. I will be very brief by saying that you are placing in the hands of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate a power of appointment by which they themselves at the head of it, those two men, could control the whole committee. We do not want any such arrangement.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question is upon the motion of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, that House Amendment "B" be indefinitely postponed. The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Rankin, has requested a division.

Those in favor of the indefinite postponement of this matter 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: One hundred and twenty-five having voted in the affirmative and two in the negative, House Amendment "B" has been indefinitely postponed.

Thereupon the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on 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 11th by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Atherton pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ATHERTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Briefly, this bill provides for tax exemption for all veterans of World War II on their estate to the value of \$2,000. In asking to substitute the bill for the report, it is not my intention to ask that the bill be ultimately passed with the \$2000 figure, but merely to give us an opportunity to present an amendment which has been reproduced and distributed to you under filing No. 210. That amendment strikes out the figure "\$2000" and inserts the figure "\$500." Therefore we are advocating tax exemption for veterans of World War II on their estates to the value of \$500.

I am not going to take much time in debating this bill because I believe the issues are clear-cut. First of all, I want to briefly run over legislation which is in effect in other states. This is all legislation which was enacted during 1946.

California, Chapter 85, exempts veterans' property to the value of \$1000. Louisiana, Act 412, provides homestead exemptions of five thousand dollars, 1947 to 1951 for veterans on new homes. Michigan has a provision to provide a special homestead exemption for veterans of World War II and the homestead exemption in Michigan is two thousand dollars. Mississippi, Senate Bill No. 192, which was passed and enacted in 1946 allows a homestead exemption in its benefits to veterans. The homestead exemption in Mississippi is five thousand dollars. New Jersey enacted a bill last year which is very similar to this, and that provides an exemption for veterans of World War II of poll taxes and taxes upon real and personal property or both to a valuation not exceeding \$500. Lastly, Wyoming, Chapter 17 of their laws, gives the veterans of World War II an exemption from the road poll tax and real property tax of two thousand dollars assessed valuation. I wish to call your attention to the fact that this is all legislation which was enacted in these various states in 1946.

It is intended that the passage of this bill will benefit the veteran, show appreciation for his services, and help him in his readjustment to civil life. I think we will all agree that a property owner is likely to be more stable, steadier and a better citizen. Therefore the passage of this bill will encourage the veteran and assist him to obtain property or a home and thus exert a stabilizing influence on the veteran and make him a better citizen.

I am fully aware of the fact that there are several objections to this measure. One remark that I have heard is that the passage of this bill would result in a wave of transfer of property in the name of veterans. I wish to call to your attention that this section includes the following provision: "No property conveyed to such male or female veteran for the purpose of obtaining exemption from taxation under the provisions of this subsection, shall be so exempt, and any attempt to obtain such exemption by means of fraudulent conveyance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.

Tax exemption of the property of veterans is nothing new. The present law, and I might point out that this bill, the additional part, provides for exemption up to the age of sixty-two years. That is because at present all veterans of all wars over sixty-two receive an exemption to the value of \$3,500. Up until I believe two years ago, the last session of the Legislature, that exemption was \$5,000. At that time it was reduced to \$3,500. I have not heard of any instances during all the time that this exemption has been in effect of any such conveyances as some people seem to fear might happen if this bill is passed as we propose.

As far as the cost of the bill to the towns and cities, it is admitted that they will of course lose some tax revenue. However, I believe that the amount would be surprisingly small. I might say that some members of this House have stated to me that they would be very glad to pay a few dollars more on their tax in order to assist the veteran a little in obtaining property or a home for himself.

No one knows how many veterans own property at present; no one knows how many veterans will own property. Any figures that are given are a pure guess.

Originally this bill when it appeared before the committee was on the \$2000 exemption and now we propose reducing it to \$500, which is only one-fourth or twenty-five per cent of the original amount asked. I believe that all figures given as to the cost at that time were greatly exaggerated. Now they have to be reduced by one-fourth they would still be exaggerated.

It has been said that this bill is a camouflage for a bonus. What is a bonus? According to the dictionary a bonus is a premium. Is there anything so far wrong as giving a premium to the veterans when they need assistance? I do not believe that that matter warrants any further discussion.

Therefore, Ladies and Gentlemen, in closing I want to say that I firmly believe with all sincerity that this type of legislation is that most beneficial to the veteran who needs assistance. It is far better than any bonus which the State cannot afford and which may be in the veteran's hands one day and gone the next, whereas a tax exemption such as this is a lasting benefit to the veteran.

This is a taxation measure in only a very minor sense, and that aspect is greatly overshadowed by the veterans' issue. A vote for this exemption is a vote for the veteran, a vote of appreciation for the services rendered by the veteran in compensation for the sacrifices made by the veteran. If the State of Maine or the Legislature is ever going to show its appreciation and give the veteran a break this is the time, and this may very well be the only real opportunity which is feasible or practicable.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill be substituted for the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Muskie.

Mr. MUSKIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to speak against the motion of the gentleman who has just spoken and I wish to so speak as a veteran.

In the committee hearing on this bill and this morning, I have heard this particular measure praised as preferable to a cash bonus. As the gentleman has suggested, and as I firmly believe, this is a cash bonus.

Let us, for example, assume a forty-five mill tax rate. With the gentleman's amendment to this

measure, that means that each and every year that a veteran owns property he will have exempted taxes to the amount of \$22.50 a year.

Now I ask you: What is the difference between giving him an exemption to that amount or handing him the cash in that amount to be applied to taxes? In either case it is a cash benefit.

Taking again some other figures for the purpose of illustration, let us assume that of the eighty thousand veterans who are in the state forty thousand eventually own property or real estate. On a 45 mill tax rate, that would mean that a cash bonus to the extent of \$1,800,000 every year would be paid to veterans holding property. If we assume further that forty thousand veterans would hold property over an average of twenty years, we find that this cash bonus, disguised as an exemption, would amount to \$18,000,000.

Last summer this Legislature debated seriously the payment of a cash bonus by the State which called for a bond issue of \$16,000,000. Here it is playfully suggested that we pay \$18,000,000, or \$2,000,000 more to the veterans and that that payment should be made not by the State with its available tax sources but by the municipalities whose relief we are seeking in this Legislature. That is my first objection to this bonus, that it is to be paid by the municipalities.

My second objection to it as a bonus is that it is a discriminatory cash bonus. Looking back again to that special session of the Legislature, the Legislature passed a bonus of \$150 to be submitted to referendum, to be paid equally to all veterans. What would be the situation here? Again, taking our 45 mill tax rate, let us consider the situation of one single veteran property holder. Each year he would be paid \$22.50. If he held property for thirty years, his cash bonus would amount to \$675.

Now it has been suggested that this measure would encourage veterans to hold and own property. If that is actually true, if the objective were actually achieved and if every veteran owned property to that extent, then we would find that we would be paying eighty thousand veterans a bonus of \$675 provided they held property for as long as thirty years, or in propor-

tion as they held property for a shorter time. But I say that would not be the case. We would instead find that a small percentage of that eighty per cent would hold and own real estate. This exemption would then result in a loss of revenue to the towns. That revenue would have to be made up in some way, either by an increase in the tax rate on real estate or by grants from the state to the municipalities for some of the municipalities' functions. That could conceivably result in sales taxes, income taxes, selective sales taxes, or other forms of taxation which would have to be borne in part by the veterans who did not own property. To that extent, I say that this measure is a cash bonus to be paid to a select group of property-owning veterans and discriminate against veterans who would not be in a position to own property.

In the hearing on this measure I ventured to speak for the veterans of the city of Waterville. Since that time I have made it a point to consult an organization which represents a majority of the veterans in Waterville. The Waterville Veterans' Council is a sounding board for local veterans' policy. It represents five recognized veterans organizations. It represents the local post of the Amvets, two local posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the local post of the Marine Corps League, and the local post of the Canadian Legion. That organization unanimously opposed the measure that is before you this morning for the reasons that I have outlined; and, for those reasons, it is my hope that the motion of the gentleman will not prevail.

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

Mr. JORDAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a member of the Taxation Committee which passed out a unanimous "Ought not to pass" report, I thought that I should give my reasons and the committee's reasons. We passed it out "Ought not to pass" because we thought it was an unfair bill. Now I do not believe that I can improve on the reasons for being unfair to citizens and other veterans any more than what has been told you by the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Muskie.

We think it is unfair to the other citizens of the State to have to pay the bills for this exemption, and we

think that a lot of veterans would be deprived of bonuses, and we believe this to be a cash bonus.

We also wish to call your attention to the fact that it is unfair to the people receiving the bonus themselves in some instances, because you will realize that there is a difference between valuations in every city and town, and that in low valuations a bonus of \$500 means more than it would in a city of high valuation. A \$500 exemption in a low valuation town might be equivalent to \$1000 as compared to other towns, because some valuations are twice as large as others. For that reason I certainly agree with Mr. Muskie, and I hope that the motion of Mr. Atherton does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nobleboro, Mr. Palmer.

Mr. PALMER: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that most members of this Legislature have agreed with the proposition that perhaps in some ways the State of Maine should show its appreciation of the veterans of World War II, but to show it in this way I think would be an error at this time.

We have before us for consideration numerous measures, major tax measures, which have as one of their prime purposes the idea of relieving the municipalities from the terrible burden which they are under today.

Not only that, but we have a tax measure for gasoline before us which would take the problem of snow removal out of the towns and give it to the State. In fact, most of our thinking has been along this line throughout this session. We should try to relieve the municipalities as much as we possibly can from the excessive burden which they are carrying today. And yet we are turning around here by this proposition and asking this Legislature to place an additional burden upon the municipalities of Maine. We are asking the municipalities to pay a bonus to the veterans of World War II. In other words, the State is passing the buck to the municipalities. Therefore I agree with my colleague from Waterville that this is unfair to the municipalities of Maine for this Legislature to pass any such measure as this.

Moreover, it is unfair to the veteran, as has been stated, because not all veterans own real estate and not all veterans ever will own real

estate. It is unfair for another reason. We would not only be discriminating against those who do now own property but we would also be discriminating as far as length of service is concerned, because we would in effect be giving a bonus to some who did not serve as long, and others who perhaps did not own property at all would be getting nothing. So, for these two reasons, the fact that it is unfair to the municipalities of Maine and unfair to the veterans, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Bangor will not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Morison.

Mr. MORISON: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say as a member of the taxation committee that I signed the "Ought not to pass" report which was unanimous. We had a full and complete hearing; there did not appear to be any great demand from veterans or veterans organizations for this legislation. It was very evident from the testimony at the hearing that it would place a serious burden upon some of the smaller towns. For that reason, I hope that the House will support the committee and not vote to substitute the bill for the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cousins.

Mr. COUSINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The Gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Muskie, says that this is a cash bonus. He says that there is no difference between a tax exemption and a cash bonus. I can't see it that way. How can you say that this is a cash bonus that there is no difference — when if a man was given a bonus he would be given cash money, the old green folding, he could go out and spend it on anything — when this measure would give him an exemption on one thing, property, his home, he can have that home and it would help him to get that home.

They also throw around figures, for instance, if forty thousand of the veterans of the State of Maine had this exemption for thirty years I don't think anything like that could happen. In thirty years quite a few of the veterans of the State of Maine are not going to be here. They are not going to take advantage of that.

The gentleman then went on a little further and admitted that a

small percentage would take advantage of that. All right. They say that this is unfair, that it gives to one type of veteran, the property-holding veteran, a bonus. I do not see it that way. I see it this way: It gives to a man, a veteran, a chance to have a home, it helps him out. He may not have a home now, he may not be a property-owning citizen right now, but it encourages him to go out and get a home, to settle down to raise a family in that home and be a better citizen.

You probably are tired of veterans' problems. I do not think it is time to be tired of veterans' problems. This state, the State of Maine, is getting to be known as an old man's state; they are saying that the young people are leaving the State — and they are leaving the State, and if the State of Maine does not do something soon to help the young people — and the young people are the veterans — they are going to be sorry because there are not going to be very many good young people left.

I like this measure because it helps them to settle down. It says, "All right, boys, get a home, be a good man, have a family, be a good citizen, and we will help you, we will give you a tax exemption of \$500, \$22.50 a year." That is tremendous; that cost is going to be great!

They say that this places a burden on the municipalities. Surely it places a burden on the municipalities, but, more than that, it places a burden upon the citizens of the State.

The citizens of this State and the municipalities of the State make up the State government. The money comes from the same sources; you do not have a separate entity of the State sitting over here and saying "All right, I will take fifty thousand dollars from here and a citizen over here and take fifty thousand dollars from here." We are all the same thing.

It may be that this is not the ideal thing to give to a veteran. I do not know. I do not know just exactly what the answer to the veteran's problem is, but to me this seems the best thing. The No. 1 problem anywhere is housing. As long as they cannot have homes, as long as they cannot have a roof over their head, they are confronted with a terrible problem. They cannot raise their children to

be right-minded citizens and they support the wrong type of thing.

Now we in the State of Maine evidently cannot do much about the housing problem. I do not like to think so, but the powers that be tell me this: we have not the money to have a good enough housing program to take care of them. All right, you are leaving it to industry, leaving it to the private citizens. That is the way it is. But here is a measure that says to a veteran: "All right, go out and get yourself a home through private industry and we will help you then; we will give you a tax exemption."

That is what I would like to see. You may wonder why we should do something for the veterans. That, to my mind, is just out of the question. It has only been two years since the war ended. Two years ago in April the boys were cleaning up on Iwo; they were cleaning up on Okinawa; they were bombing Japan; they were finishing in Germany.

Now they pass it off and say, "Why should we do something for the veteran?" I think we should do something for the veterans, and I think the people back home want to do something for the veterans. I have had it thrown in my face so many times that the people of the State of Maine passed upon the bonus question last fall and they voted it down, and that means it is dead. That is just a politician's answer to it. That is a very, very easy way out. I do not think that the people of the State of Maine said "No" to the veterans when they voted against the bonus question last year. They did not like the way the question came up to them; they did not like the way it was put out. The legislators and the people down here in Augusta went out and fought against it one on one side and one on the other; there was confusion, they did not know what was going on, they did not know what it implied, they did not know the question, and so they voted against it.

Do not say that they do not want a bonus, that they do not want to do anything for the veterans just because they voted against it last time.

My main reason, as I have said before, for liking this measure, is that it helps the veteran out. It says, "All right boy, go ahead, be a good citizen." For that reason, I

hope that the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Atherton, does not prevail, and when the vote is taken I ask that it be taken by the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Burton.

Mr. BURTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am also a member of the Taxation Committee, and if I said anything more than to say that the report was unanimous I would just be repeating. I think that the ground has been so well plowed and harrowed that there is nothing else that I personally can say.

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

Mr. LACHARITE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not see much difference between a municipality giving a veteran a cash bonus of \$22.50 a year or refunding to him \$22.50 from his real estate taxes. One way or the other, I think he is getting a premium of \$22.50.

I also would like to say that the figures given by the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Muskie, are far from being exaggerated. For example, in our town real estate taxes are now 63 mills, and I believe that in most towns they are over fifty mills now. At the rate of 63 mills there would be a bonus of \$31.50 a year, and that would increase the figures given to you before considerably. Therefore I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Bangor (Mr. Atherton) does not prevail.

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

Mr. DOUCETTE: Mr. Speaker, I am a veteran, members of the Legislature, myself, I have two sons that served in the last war four years time. This morning, coming out of my home—every morning in fact, the same thing applies—this legislation that we are now discussing, I have heard nothing about it by the veterans. I have heard none of the veterans ask for this exemption, but I did hear the veterans this morning say to me: "What we want is the mazooka; we want the money; we are entitled to it."

Understanding that there is pending in committee here at the present time two good bonus bills, to come up in the House in the

future, I wish to say, Mr. Speaker, owing to the fact that only a few of the veterans will receive it and the remainder will get nothing, I therefore wish to go along with the committee report.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is upon the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Atherton, that the House substitute the bill for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. The gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cousins, has requested the yeas and nays. In order for the Chair to entertain the yeas and nays vote, the consent of one-fifth of the members must be indicated.

All those in favor of the vote being taken by the yeas and nays 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: Obviously less than one-fifth of the members having arisen, the yeas and nays are not in order.

All those in favor of substituting the bill for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee will say aye; those opposed no.

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

Thereupon the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, recessed until 4:00 P. M.

After Recess—4:00 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourth 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 11th by the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cousins, pending acceptance of report.

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

Thereupon the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth 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 11th by the gentleman from Monmouth, Mr. Marsans, pending acceptance of report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the committee report.

Thereupon the "Ought to pass" report of the committee was accepted.

This being a printed bill, under suspension of the rules the bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1400, L. D. 1017, Bill "An Act Relating to Board of Boiler Rules."

Amend said bill by deleting the entire emergency preamble.

Further amend said bill by striking out in line 14 (line 16, as printed) of section 3 the underlined figure "\$15" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "\$20."

Further amend said bill by deleting the entire emergency clause.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: In introducing an amendment to this bill, I wish to say a few words explaining it. If you will look the bill over, you will find there is no provision for a certain type of boiler.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire: Is the gentleman speaking on the pending amendment?

Mr. ANDERSON: That is right, Mr. Speaker. I offer House Amendment "A" and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The pending question now is on the adoption of Committee Amendment "A".

Mr. ANDERSON: Excuse me, Mr. Speaker.

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

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I present House Amendment "A" and move its adoption. I would like to say a few words in regard to the amendment.

In the bill there is no provision for a boiler that has no grate, and today they have a few boilers, I understand, that do not have a grate in them. This amendment is to take care of that particular type of boiler.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Anderson, 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. 1400, L. D. 1017, Bill "An Act Relating to Board of Boiler Rules."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the 6th sentence of that part designated "Sec. 62" of section 3 thereof, the following underlined sentence:

'Provided, however, that in cases of special designed boiler wherein no grate area exists, the board is hereby authorized to set the fee on the basis of the maximum horsepower that can be generated.'

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for third reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the sixth 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 11th by the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill was originally tabled by me with the idea that it might be confusing in its operation, and I had intended this afternoon to move indefinite postponement. However, the former Probate Judge, who was interested in the matter, is trying also to draft an amendment, and I would like to ask your indulgence while I move to table this matter until Friday to see if we can get it in satisfactory form by that time.

Thereupon the matter was retabled pending passage to be en-

grossed and specially assigned for Friday, April 18th.

The SPEAKER: Pursuant to House Order providing that all matters tabled prior to the preceding Monday and unassigned be taken from the table on Tuesday of each week, the Chair now lays before the House the first tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on Bill "An Act Relating to the Maine Turnpike Authority." (H. P. 1333) (L. D. 925) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, pending acceptance of report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Machias, Mr. Hayward.

Mr. HAYWARD: Mr. Speaker, I move that we accept the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Machias, Mr. Hayward, moves acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

Thereupon the House voted to accept the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to Veterans' Permit to Hunt and Fish Free." (S. P. 178) (L. D. 523) (In the Senate, passed to be engrossed) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cousins, pending third reading.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Robbins.

Mr. ROBBINS: The gentleman from Fort Kent (Mr. Cousins) being unavoidably absent this afternoon, I move that this matter be retabled until tomorrow.

Thereupon the matter was retabled, pending third reading, and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 16th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Providing for Fire Escapes with the Approval Thereof of the Insurance Commissioner or Fire Inspector." (H. P. 444) (L. D. 262) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Fowler, pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Fowler, the bill

was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourth tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Cumberland County. (S. P. 134) (L. D. 280) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Finnegan, pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Finnegan, a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the matter was placed on the Special Calendar, pending passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act Relating to the Salary of Governor." (S. P. 149) (L. D. 343) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Finnegan, pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Finnegan, the bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the sixth tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act Relating to Salary of State Auditor. (H. P. 22) (L. D. 12) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Finnegan, pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Finnegan, a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the matter was placed on the Special Calendar, pending passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the seventh tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act Relating to the Fort Fairfield Municipal Court." (H. P. 1653) (L. D. 1348) tabled on April 8th by the gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Dorsey, pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth, the matter was retabled, pending passage to be enacted, and specially assigned for Monday, April 21st.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the eighth tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act Relating to Weights and Measures. (H. P. 582) (L. D. 405) tabled on April

8th by the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Mills, the House voted to reconsider its action 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. 582, L. D. 405, Bill "An Act Relating to Weights and Measures."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 3rd and 4th lines of that part designated "Sec. 94" of section 1 thereof the underlined words "a binary submultiple of the gallon or 5/8 of 1 pint" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words "2 quarts, 1 quart, 1 pint, 5/8 of 1 pint, 1/2 of 1 pint or 1 gill"

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 ninth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to Indebtedness of Wholesalers of Liquors." (H. P. 1673) (L. D. 1378) (In the House, read twice) tabled on April 9th by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, pending third reading.

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

Mr. LACHARITE: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of Mr. Jalbert, I move that we retable this matter.

The motion prevailed and the matter was retabled, pending third reading, and specially assigned for Thursday, April 17th.

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

Mr. LACHARITE: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider our action whereby we voted to accept the "Ought not to pass" report on Bill "An Act Relating to the Maine Turnpike Authority." (H. P. 1333) (L. D. 925)

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lacharite, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee on Ways and Bridges on

Bill "An Act relating to the Maine Turnpike Authority." Is this the pleasure of the House?

Cries of "No, no."

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lacharite, that the House reconsider its action whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee will please say aye; those opposed no.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the tenth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Regulating Lights on Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 1628) (L. D. 1300) tabled on April 9th by the gentleman from Madison, Mr. DeSanctis, pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. DeSanctis, the matter was retabled, pending passage to be engrossed, and specially assigned for Friday, April 18th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the eleventh tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Providing for Giving Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses by Governor to Congressional Medal of Honor Holders." (H. P. 1667) (L. D. 1372) (In the House, passage to be engrossed reconsidered) tabled on April 9th by the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cousins, pending passage to be engrossed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Robbins.

Mr. ROBBINS: Mr. Speaker, in view of the unavoidable absence of the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cousins, I move that this matter be retabled and specially assigned for tomorrow.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was retabled, pending passage to be engrossed, and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 16th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the twelfth tabled and unassigned matter, House Majority Report "Ought not to pass" and House Minority Report "Ought to pass in a New Draft" (H. P. 1681) (L. D. 1392) of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Conveyance of Elementary School Pupils." (H. P. 337) (L.

D. 210) tabled on April 10th by the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Broggi pending acceptance of either report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Broggi, the reports were retabled, pending acceptance of either report, and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 16th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the thirteenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report, "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Telephone and Telegraph Companies." (H. P. 1629) (L. D. 1302) tabled on April 10th by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Cole, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Cole, the report was retabled, pending acceptance, and specially assigned for Friday, April 18th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourteenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Imposing an Income Tax." (H. P. 1474) (L. D. 1078) tabled on April 10th by the gentleman from Thomaston, Mr. Bell, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifteenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to a Severance Tax on Forest Stumpage in Organized Towns." (H. P. 1591) (L. D. 1242) tabled on April 10th by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Webber, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Webber, the report was retabled, pending acceptance and specially assigned for Friday, April 18th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the sixteenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to the Taxation of Railroads." (H. P. 1626) (L.

D. 1298) tabled on April 10th by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Haskell, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Haskell, the report was retabled, pending acceptance, and specially assigned for Thursday, April 17th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the seventeenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Exemption from Taxation of Properties Acquired by Public Subscription" (H. P. 1324) (L. D. 893) tabled on April 10th by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the eighteenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act to Provide Increased Revenue for Cities and Towns" (H. P. 1633) (L. D. 1314) tabled on April 10th by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Cole, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the nineteenth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses in Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 1679) (L. D. 1390) tabled on April 10th by the gentleman from Crystal, Miss Longstaff, pending first reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Miss Longstaff, the bill was retabled pending its first reading and specially for Monday, April 21st.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the twentieth tabled and unassigned matter, House Majority Report "Ought not to pass" and House Minority Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve, in Favor of Portland Junior College" (H. P.

414) (L. D. 244) tabled on April 11th by the gentleman from Union, Mr. Payson, pending acceptance of either report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Payson, the matter was retabled, pending acceptance of either report, and specially assigned for Monday, April 21st.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the twenty-first tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Time of Racing Meets" (H. P. 1509) (L. D. 1108) tabled on April 11th by the gentleman from Sebago, Mr. Fitch, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Fitch, the matter was retabled pending acceptance of report and specially assigned for Friday, April 18th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the twenty-second tabled and unassigned matter, House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Relating to the Control of Rats on Public Dumping Grounds" (S. P. 241) (L. D. 662) tabled on April 11th by the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, pending adoption; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Mills, 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: Under Orders of the Day the House has completed all matters pursuant to the House Order. We now have on the table eighteen unassigned matters. If any member has any matter on the table which they wish to dispose of at this time, it is in order.

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

On motion by Mr. Brown, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-fourth tabled and unassigned matter, House Majority Report "Ought to pass in New Draft" (H. P. 1688) (L. D. 1404) and House Minority Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act to Protect the Public Interest in and to Facilitate the Settlement of Controversies Between Employers and Employees"

(H. P. 1625) (L. D. 1299) tabled by that gentleman on April 14th, pending acceptance of either report.

On further motion by Mr. Brown, the Majority Report "Ought to Pass in New Draft" was accepted, and the new draft, having already been printed, under suspension of the rules, was given its two several readings.

On motion by Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield, the bill was tabled pending assignment for third reading.

On motion by the gentleman from Thomaston, Mr. Bell, the House voted to take from the table the thirty-third tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought to Pass in New Draft" (H. P. 1689) (L. D. 1406) of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on Bill "An Act relating to the Town Road Improvement Fund" (H. P. 1528) (L. D. 1121) tabled by that gentleman earlier in today's session, pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the matter was retabled pending acceptance of report and specially assigned for Friday, April 18th.

On motion by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-fifth tabled and unassigned matter, "Resolve, to Authorize a Forest Survey for the State of Maine" tabled on April 14th by that gentleman, pending passage to be engrossed.

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

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Sometime earlier in today's session I put a rather blunt question through the Chair to the gentleman from Monmouth (Mr. Marsans) as to the status of the teachers' increased pay bill and whether that bill was hinged upon the passage of some form of taxation. If anyone did not know just what I meant by the question they might assume that I was not in favor of granting an increase in teachers' pay. That, of course, is not so. Being married to an ex-teacher, having an aunt who is a teacher, several cousins and assorted relatives, I would not dare to go home if I did not feel that the teachers were entitled to some more money.

I am concerned, however, in having their bill hinged upon the passage of a tax that will not pass. I

feel that the real way to pass this bill to give the teachers more pay is to have it go through the regular channels. If we cannot find the money from the sources already available, crowd out something else and crowd the teachers' bill in. Here is a wonderful opportunity. Legislative Document 686 goes blithely along, calling for \$25,000 this year, \$25,000 for next year, fifty thousand dollars wasted in taking aerial pictures of the woods and forest regions of the State.

This bill has been amended so that the money will come out of post-war funds and not general funds. I doubt very much if you can call that a post-war project.

However, Mr. Speaker, if by any chance we do have available money, undoubtedly there is some justice and merit to this bill, but not quite as much as there is in granting an increase of teachers' pay.

I move you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, that everyone study this bill and study dozens of other bills just like it, and figure out for yourselves whether you want to pay \$50,000 to take pictures, \$2,000 for this, \$10,000 for that, and not pay the teachers their increase, or whether you prefer to dump these things if necessary and pass the teachers' increase.

So, Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be retabled and specially assigned for next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that next Tuesday is more than six calendar days beyond today.

Mr. SLEEPER: Monday, then, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, moves that this matter be laid on the table, pending passage to be engrossed, and be specially assigned for Monday, April 21st. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

On motion by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allen, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-ninth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve in Favor of the Civil Air Patrol" (H. P. 151) (L. D. 117) tabled by that gentleman earlier in today's

session, pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the matter was retabled pending acceptance of report and specially assigned for Monday, April 21st.

The SPEAKER: We are proceeding under Orders of the Day.

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

On motion by Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.