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HOUSE

Monday, April 21, 1947.

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

Prayer by Rev. Edna Knowlton of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate Senate Reports from Committees Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Licenses for Recreational Camps and Roadside Places" (S. P. 285) (L. D. 804)

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
Snow of Auburn
Atherton of Bangor

—of the House.

Came from the Senate, with the Majority Report "Ought to pass" accepted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Payson of Union, the House voted to accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report in concurrence, and the Bill had its two several readings.

Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield, offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 285, L. D. 804, Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees for Licenses for Recreational Camps and Roadside Places."

Amend said bill by adding at the end thereof the following underlined sentence:

Provided, however, that when such eating or lodging place, recre-

ational or overnight camp has been licensed during the previous year, the fee for such license shall not exceed \$5.'

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

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to Testing of Water Supplies for Public Schools" (S. P. 391) (L. D. 1104) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 517) (L. D. 1407) 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 read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Clerk of Courts in Aroostook County" (S. P. 380) (L. D. 1093)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Clerk of Courts in Hancock County" (S. P. 441) (L. D. 1234)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount for Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Probate in York County" (S. P. 390) (L. D. 1103)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of Clerks in the Office of Clerk of Courts in York County" (S. P. 389) (L. D. 1102)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Clerks in the Office of Register of Deeds for York County" (S. P. 388) (L. D. 1101)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Compensating Philip E. Lamb, of Gardiner, for Duties as Recorder" (S. P. 326) (L. D. 866)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of the Judge of Probate of York County" (S. P. 298) (L. D. 795)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Kennebec County" (S. P. 183) (L. D. 520)

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

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Mars Hill School District" (S. P. 483) (L. D. 1345) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 483, L. D. 1345, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Mars Hill School District."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 7th line of section 5 the figures "2½" and inserting in place thereof the figure '4'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 10th line of the 3rd paragraph of section 5 the figure "40" and inserting in place thereof the figure '25'.

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

Sec. 9. Effective date; referendum. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district, present and voting at a special meeting called and held for the purpose or at an annual town meeting of the town of Mars Hill. Such special meeting or annual town meeting shall be held not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act. In the event a special meeting is called for the

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

Further amend said Bill by striking out the emergency clause at the end thereof.

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

Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of Register of Probate in Androscoggin County" (S. P. 221) (L. D. 569) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Bickford of Auburn, tabled pending acceptance of committee report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 24th)

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act re-

lating to Salary of Register of Probate in York County" (S. P. 392) (L. D. 1105) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 392, L. D. 1105, Bill, "An Act Relating to Salary of Register of Probate in York County."

Amend said Bill by striking out at the end thereof the following underlined figures "\$3,000," and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$2,400.'

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

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of Local Health Officers" (S. P. 296) (L. D. 797) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 296, L. D. 797, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Salary of Local Health Officers."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 9th line thereof the underlined figures "\$1,500" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$1,200.'

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

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of Register of Deeds of York County" (S. P. 393) (L. D. 1106) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee

Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 393, L. D. 1106, Bill, "An Act Increasing the Salary of Register of Deeds of York County."

Amend said Bill by striking out at the end thereof the following underlined figures "\$3,000," and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$2,500.'

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

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Create the Orono-Veazie Water District" (S. P. 459) (L. D. 1289) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 459, L. D. 1289, Bill "An Act to Create the Orono-Veazie Water District."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the word "from" and before the word "Eaton" in the 3rd line of section 2 thereof, the following: 'Chemo Lake and its tributaries in the town of Bradley and the city of Brewer; from.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting in the 4th line of the 1st paragraph of section 3, after the word "Veazie," the word 'Bradley.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting in the 2nd line of the 2nd paragraph of section 3 thereof, after the word "Veazie" the word and punctuation ', Bradley.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in the 5th line of section 15 thereof, the word "such."

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in the 5th line of section 17 thereof, the words “, or Veazie or both” and inserting in place thereof the words ‘and Veazie.’

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 16 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

Sec. 16. Local referendum for towns of Orono and Veazie; meeting, how called; certificate to secretary of state. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of each of said towns of Orono and Veazie at a special meeting to be called and held for the purpose, in the 1st instance, not later than September 1, 1947, but only if the total number of votes cast for and against acceptance of this act at said special meeting equals or exceeds 20% of the total number of legal voters of said town, and the warrant for said town meeting shall contain in each case an article therein reading substantially as follows: To see if the inhabitants of the town will vote in favor of the following question: “Shall the Act to Create the Orono-Veazie Water District be accepted?”

If the act fails of approval in either of said towns, a second such town meeting may be similarly called and held for the same purpose in such town at any time not later than January 1, 1948, and if the inhabitants of said town by a majority vote at said second town meeting approve the act, the act shall take effect as if it had been so approved at the first meeting.

The results of said town meeting shall be declared by the municipal officers and due certificates thereof shall be filed with the secretary of state by the clerks of said towns respectively.’

Committee Amendment “A” was adopted in concurrence.

Senate Amendment “A” was then read by the Clerk as follows:

Senate Amendment “A” to S. P. 459, L. D. 1289, Bill “An Act to Incorporate the Orono-Veazie Water District.”

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 26th and 27th lines of section 10 thereof, the words “city of Brewer” and inserting in place thereof the words ‘towns of Orono and Veazie.’

Thereupon, Senate Amendment “A” was adopted in concurrence and

the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Non-Concurrent Matter

From the Senate:

Bill “An Act Providing for Restoration and Development of Shellfish Resources” (H. P. 1453) (L. D. 1050) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on April 7th.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment “A” as amended by Senate Amendment “A” thereto, Senate Amendment “A” being Legislative Document 1440, and Senate Amendment “A” to Senate Amendment “A”, having been reproduced and the filing number 312.

In the House: On motion by Mr. Emerson of North Haven, the House voted to recede and concur.

On motion by Miss Longstaff of Crystal, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today’s session, in order to permit smoking.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Burton of Milo, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Lee of Dover-Foxcroft be excused from attendance this week because of business.

On motion by Mr. McKeen of Lovell, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. William T. Bennett of Norway be invited to act as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, April 23rd.

On motion by Mr. Sharpe of Anson, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. John Fredrick Anderson of North New Portland be invited to act as Chaplain of the House on Friday, April 25th.

House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Bowker from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill “An Act relating to State Normal Schools” (H. P. 581) (L. D. 356) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1708) (L. D. 1434) under same title and that it “Ought to pass”

Same gentleman from same Committee on Resolve Appropriating Money to the ‘Permanent Trust Funds’ to Offset Losses (H. P. 1498)

(L. D. 1123) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1709) (L. D. 1435) under title of "Resolve relating to Impounded Bank Accounts" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Webber from the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to the Manufacture and Sale of Bedding and Upholstered Furniture" (H. P. 1312) (L. D. 891) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1714) (L. D. 1439)

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

Ought to Pass With Committee Amendment

Mr. Marshall from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the town of Sanford" (H. P. 1643) (L. D. 1335) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1643, L. D. 1335, Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Sanford."

Amend said bill by adding a new paragraph to section 7 to read as follows:

'In case of any crossing of any public utility, unless consent is given by the company owning or operating such public utility as to place, manner and conditions of the crossing within 30 days after such consent is requested by said district, the public utilities commission shall determine the place, manner and condition of such crossing; and all work on the property of such public utility shall be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of such public utility, but at the expense of the district.

Provided, however, nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorizing said district to take by right of eminent domain any of the property or facilities of any other public service corporation or district used or acquired for future use by the owner thereof in the performance of a public duty unless expressly authorized herein or by subsequent act of the legislature.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 14 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 14. Local referendum. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Sanford present and voting for or against the acceptance of the district as hereinafter provided for in this section at a regular town meeting or at a special town meeting held prior to January 1, 1948, called and held at the regular voting places of the town by the officers of the town of Sanford authorized to call such meetings. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting; but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act in said election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor cast in said town at the previous gubernatorial election. Such election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Sanford shall not be required to prepare for posting nor the town clerk to post a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days preceding such election, the first 2 days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Sanford be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. A check list shall be used at such election. The result shall be declared by the municipal officers and due certificate thereof filed with the secretary of state by the clerk of said town.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Mr. Marshall from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An

Act to Establish the Old Orchard Beach Sewage District" (H. P. 1595) (L. D. 1248) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

Committee Amendment "A" which had been printed as Legislative Document 1438, was read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1595, L. D. 1248, Bill "An Act to Establish the Old Orchard Beach Sewage District."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 3. Assumption of liabilities. Said district shall assume and pay any and all indebtedness or liability existing on the part of said town of Old Orchard Beach for sewerage construction, repairs and maintenance as of the date when said district shall become active and assume control of the sewer system of said town; and more particularly, but without limitation, said district is to assume the \$20,000 bond issue of said town now outstanding, plus any additional bond issues, or liabilities, incurred for sewer construction during the municipal year 1947 and as now contemplated.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the word "funds" in the 4th line of section 6 thereof, the following: 'not exceeding \$300,000'.

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end of section 4 thereof, a new paragraph to read as follows:

'In case of any crossing of any public utility, unless consent is given by the company owning or operating such public utility as to place, manner, and conditions of the crossing within 30 days after such consent is requested by such district, the public utilities commission shall determine the place, manner and conditions of such crossing; and all work on the property of such public utility shall be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of such public utility, but at the expense of the district.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 11 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 11. Local referendum; effective date. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the

purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district, present and voting at a special meeting called and held for the purpose or at an annual town meeting of the town of Old Orchard Beach. Such special meeting or annual town meeting shall be held not later than April 1, 1948. In the event a special meeting is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided however, that the board of registration in said town of Old Orchard Beach shall not be required to prepare for posting, or the town clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding such special meeting, the 1st and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the last day to enable the board to verify the correctness of said lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Establish the Old Orchard Beach Sewage District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting; but if and only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act in said meeting equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor cast in said town at the previous gubernatorial election. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Old Orchard Beach and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.'

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Election of Town Auditors" (H. P. 513) (L. D. 308)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of the Register of Deeds of Kennebec County" (H. P. 1086) (L. D. 704)

Bill "An Act relating to Regula-

tion of Smelt Fishing in Casco Bay" (H. P. 1519) (L. D. 1142)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to the Taxation of Railroads" (H. P. 1626) (L. D. 1298)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and on motion by Mr. Haskell of Portland, tabled pending passage to be engrossed, and specially assigned for Friday, April 25th)

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Telephone and Telegraph Companies" (H. P. 1629) (L. D. 1302)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and on motion by Mr. Cole of Portland, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, April 25th)

Bill "An Act relating to the Town Road Improvement Fund" (H. P. 1639) (L. D. 1466)

Bill "An Act relating to Billboards" (H. P. 1702) (L. D. 1425)

Bill "An Act relating to State Owned Cars" (H. P. 1704) (L. D. 1427)

Bill "An Act relative to Open Season on Partridge and Pheasants" (H. P. 1705) (L. D. 1428)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season for Trapping Beaver during the Month of January of Each Year" (H. P. 1706) (L. D. 1429)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Act providing for the Board of Commissioners of Police for the city of Augusta" (H. P. 1707) (L. D. 1432)

Resolve Closing Saddleback Stream to All Fishing (H. P. 906) (L. D. 605)

Resolve Opening the South Branch of Dead River and Tributaries (Except Nash Stream) to both Fly and Bait Fishing (H. P. 908) (L. D. 607)

Resolve relating to Impounded Bank Accounts of Kennebec Bridge Fund (H. P. 1483) (L. D. 1084)

Resolve, Sale of Hatcheries and Feeding Stations Property Authorized (H. P. 1703) (L. D. 1426)

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.

Amended Bills

Resolve in favor of W. S. Christie, of Orneville (H. P. 1049) (L. D. 688)

Bill "An Act relating to Permanent State Trust Funds" (H. P. 1479) (L. D. 1080)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of Winthrop Water District" (H. P. 1640) (L. D. 1324)

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, An Act Relating to the Fort Fairfield Municipal Court (H. P. 1653) (L. D. 1348) tabled on April 15th by the gentleman from Monmouth, Mr. Marsans, pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MARSANS: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the gentleman from Fort Fairfield, I have tabled this bill. I understand he is ill in the hospital, having been operated on, and I asked, last Friday, someone up there to let me know what disposition should be made of this matter. So far I have heard nothing. I would suggest, if that be in order, that this matter be tabled until tomorrow, until I get some clue as to what to do with it.

Thereupon, the matter was tabled pending passage to be enacted and was specially assigned for Tuesday, April 22nd.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to Liquor Licenses in Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 1679) (L. D. 1390) tabled on April 15th by the gentlewoman from Crystal, Miss Longstaff, pending first reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentlewoman.

Miss LONGSTAFF: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: A very unfair situation exists in many localities throughout the State in regard to granting liquor licenses in unorganized territory. By that I

will explain just a little what I mean.

In my particular locality all of the towns at our regular election, voted dry, but there was this little piece of unorganized territory bordering on these several towns, and immediately after election this gentleman opened up a store, and in a short time was granted a license to sell liquor. You can very plainly see the unfairness, and the really very unpleasant situation that it brought to these several towns which had manifested their sentiments so plainly at their elections by voting dry. Nevertheless, in this little piece of unorganized territory there was a store selling liquor, and I felt, as many others did, that there might be something done about that, so with the approval of the Liquor Commission attorney, there was a bill drawn up, Legislative Document 1251, which gave the people in an unorganized territory, if there were enough people to circulate a petition having twenty-five names upon it,—they could petition the Liquor Commission and the Commission would cause an election to be held where the people could vote either wet or dry, just as they saw fit, but if, when the votes were counted, there were not fifty votes, then the only way for liquor to be sold in a piece of unorganized territory would be with the approval of the Liquor Commission, and you can see that by designating a certain number of votes, that would do away with one, or two or three families, perhaps going into a piece of unorganized territory for the sole purpose of setting up one of these stores.

I feel that this is a fair bill; it gives people living in unorganized territory the privilege of voting the same as people in our towns and cities,—if they want beer to be sold or if they don't wish it to be sold. I feel that our County Commissioners are very fair and just men; they are on the spot; they know the situation, far better, I think, than our Liquor Commissioners—I am not casting any reflections whatsoever upon the Liquor Commission—but I do feel that our County Commissioners are well capable of taking care of the situation, therefore I move that the new draft be indefinitely postponed and the original bill substituted for the new draft.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recog-

nizes the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I just this moment arrived; I don't know all of the ground that Miss Longstaff has covered. I do, however, wish to correct one statement she made, which I don't think she realized at the time. If I understand the bill correctly, if fifty votes are not mustered, this would put the district under the County Commissioners. Now I wish to say this to those who are not familiar with the subject: We have two entirely different situations in Aroostook County. In the northern part there are not very many unorganized townships and these licenses do not seem to be a problem, but in the south, and very near Miss Longstaff's district, they have this thing happen, that is, that under the present set-up, in some small unorganized towns or townships one individual can go in even though all the larger towns or unorganized townships have voted dry, and it has been a very unsatisfactory situation.

The County Commissioners have been very generous in giving the northern section their liquor licenses to sell beer and what-not, but in the southern end, where it seems to be much dryer, they are overruled at the present time by the Liquor Commission.

We do feel that this particular bill will answer our purpose, and we understand that we are one of the few that have the problems of this sort, and I do hope that you will go along with Miss Longstaff in her motion to substitute the bill for the new draft.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madison, Mr. DeSanctis.

Mr. DeSANCTIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table this matter, because, in looking over the heading it says the new draft was reported by Mr. Peirce from the Committee on Judiciary. We have had several of these bills pertaining to liquor licenses in unorganized territory, and until I can clarify them, I would like to have the matter tabled.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Madison, Mr. DeSanctis, moves that this matter be laid on the table pending the motion of the gentlewoman from Crystal, Miss Longstaff, that the original bill be

substituted for the new draft. Is this the pleasure of the House?

A viva voce vote being doubted, A division of the House was had. Forty-six having voted in the affirmative and thirty-eight in the negative, the motion prevailed, and the matter was so tabled.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Majority Report "Ought not to pass" and House Minority Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve, In Favor of Portland Junior College" (H. P. 414) (L. D. 244) tabled on April 15th by the gentleman from Union, Mr. Payson, pending acceptance of either report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I had some literature prepared to distribute on this bill, and it didn't arrive here in time to be placed on the members' desks. In view of this, I would like to ask permission of the House to retable this matter and have it specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

The motion prevailed, and the matter was retabled pending acceptance of either report and was specially assigned for Tuesday, April 22nd.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, "Resolve, to Authorize a Forest Survey for the State of Maine" (H. P. 1047) (L. D. 686) (In the House, read the third time) tabled on April 15th by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I had fully intended to ask for the indefinite postponement of this bill or at least have it placed on the special calendar until we found out what funds we would have available. The bill calls for what I consider a lot of money. I do notice, however, that the principal sponsor of the bill is absent, so, in courtesy to him—a courtesy which has not been granted to me every time—I would move that the bill be laid on the table and specially assigned for Friday.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed, and the matter was tabled pending

passage to be engrossed, and was specially assigned for Friday, April 25th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned 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 on April 15th by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allen, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In moving to substitute the bill for the report, I think probably the main question you would like answered in your own minds today is: What is the Civil Air Patrol, and what is the story behind the Civil Air Patrol? I find that very few of our people are well aware of this very important organization which served a very important task during the war and which certainly has a peacetime function. Because of that reason, I would like to read to you this afternoon a report of the CAP, which I feel is very interesting and very enlightening, on an organization which has accomplished much and which has a future, I feel, which will benefit our people here in the State.

"The Civil Air Patrol is a nationally chartered, volunteer organization set up for the purpose of national defense and the training of boys and girls from the ages of 15 to 18 in aviation subjects and citizenship and to organize and train an air search and rescue unit to be available in any emergency and for the promotion of aviation throughout the State and the United States. The organization was started December first 1941 as a division of the Office of Civilian Defense for the purpose of patrolling the coast line from the northern to the southern tips of both coasts and the Gulf of Mexico. There were twenty-one bases stretching from Bar Harbor, Maine to Brownsville, Texas. Maine had two bases. The planes were used entirely as subspotters at first and later equipped with bombs and depth charges and gave the Anti-submarine Command a big hand in driving off the submarine menace which threatened to bottle up our shipping lanes. Civil Air Patrol pilots have flown thou-

sands of miles on other essential and urgent missions. These consist of target towing, courier service, forest patrol, searching for missing aircraft, acting as the air arm for the Red Cross disaster service and performing hazardous mercy missions. In all fifty-one Civil Air Patrol members gave their lives on active-duty missions; fortunately only two were lost from Maine. In every state Civil Air Patrol Wings are ready to go when emergencies arise.

Civil Air Patrol was taken over by the War Department from the Office of Civilian Defense in April 1943 and is now an auxiliary arm of the Army Air Forces and has a national charter which was granted in July 1946. Each state has its headquarters staff, responsible to National Headquarters. The Maine Wing of Civil Air Patrol has a Wing Staff of ten men who supervise the activities for the state. The state is divided into three groups, Northern, Central and Southern. Each group is divided into flights located in various communities. The enrollment in Maine is approximately 2100. Of this number 1300 are seniors and 800 are Cadets.

The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program got underway in October 1942 and still ranks as a major activity in all sectors. Cadets are given courses in citizenship, military courtesy and discipline, and afforded a background in pre-flight training. Young men with a Civil Air Patrol background made rapid progress in their ground-school courses in the Army Air Forces and found adjustments to Army life easy. The Cadet training program has been acclaimed by social leaders as a great aid in combating juvenile delinquency.

Three Cadet Summer Encampments have been held in most states, two in Maine at Dow Field, Bangor, because the base was not available to Civil Air Patrol in 1946. The encampment lasts two weeks and is attended by approximately 100 boys. They are given an opportunity to see first hand how an Air Base operates. Courses are given in radio mechanics, meteorology and other subjects relating to aviation by trained Air Corps instructors, and are treated as Air Corps Cadets. It is the wish of General Spaatz that the program be continued so that the Army and Navy

Air Forces may have a back-log of semi-trained pilots and navigators.

Flight scholarships have been granted to several of the most active Cadets on a competitive basis. All scholarships have been donated to Civil Air Patrol by organizations and individuals recognizing the fine work Civil Air Patrol is doing in the State. Many states have given credit in their high schools for Civil Air Patrol work done in the schools. In some parts of the country these courses are made a regular part of schoolroom classes. This is being done in one school in Maine. However, principals of high schools throughout the state are willing to aid Civil Air Patrol and help with units in the schools. All courses are taught by trained personnel; eighty percent of the instructors are comprised of Army and Navy veterans of the last war.

Money is needed by Civil Air Patrol in Maine to purchase Cadet training equipment. Civil Air Patrol is given high priority by the Government for the purchase of war surplus equipment at a discount because of its classification as an Educational Institution. Money is needed to obtain surplus real property to house training classes and equipment. In many places no suitable buildings are available to Civil Air Patrol, unless they can be purchased. Money is needed to pay for gasoline for orientation flights for Cadets and to provide flight scholarships to deserving Cadets. The Air Bases provide barracks for summer encampments, but funds are needed to pay for meals and transportation to and from the encampment.

All men and women in Civil Air Patrol are strictly on a volunteer basis. During the past five years the Maine Wing has supported itself financially by various means. Government support is given in the form of certain materials such as instruction manuals, but no financial support is given. The time has come when financial support must be provided for the operation of Civil Air Patrol in order to present adequate training programs to the Cadets. The organization is in the process of acquiring buildings at former Army and Navy Air Bases in Maine.

The communications section of the Maine Wing has had national recognition as the outstanding unit of its kind in the country. Even

at the present time, in the period of reorganization, this unit could cover ninety per cent of the state in three hours' time with communication facilities. The Federal Communications Commission recently set aside two frequencies for the sole use of Civil Air Patrol, 2374 kc and 148140 kc. When the reorganization is completed, not only will there be a state-wide radio network but a nation-wide system.

The Maine Search and Rescue Unit consists of approximately two hundred personnel trained as pilots, observers, engine mechanics, radio mechanics and operators, first aid and general emergency workers. There are approximately fifteen privately owned planes available to this unit. In the last few years this unit has successfully participated in many search missions for missing aircraft and lost persons, covering the whole of Maine and parts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The requests for searches have come from the Army, Navy and individuals."

That, in brief, Gentlemen, is the story of CAP. We feel that there are many requests here at the State House for money. I asked the persons most interested in this bill how much money they really needed, they honestly needed to put this program across, and they said "between forty and fifty thousand dollars." We did not put in a bill for that amount; we did not put in a bill for twice what we needed; we put in a bill for about one-half what the CAP could really use, and we feel that twenty-five thousand dollars, about fifty to sixty per cent of what the CAP really needs, is an investment in a worthy cause. I am told that if this money is not forthcoming the CAP program may close down.

I certainly urge you, therefore, to support, to the extent of twenty-five thousand dollars, the Civil Air Patrol. I feel it is worthy of that much money of the State's funds.

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

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Mr. Allen has already put a price tag of twenty-five thousand dollars on this bill. I do say to you that it does involve new revenue if it is to pass, so you can govern yourselves accordingly.

The SPEAKER: Is the House

ready for the question? The question before the House is upon the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allen, that the House substitute the bill for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

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

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

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

On motion by Mr. Moulton of Livermore Falls, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-fourth tabled and unassigned matter, Committee Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act relating to the Payment of Fines and Costs and the Salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court in the town of East Livermore, now Livermore Falls." (H. P. 950) (L. D. 555) tabled on April 17th by that gentleman pending adoption; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the matter was retabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 22nd, pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A".

On motion by Mr. Wight of Bangor, the House voted to take from the table the tenth tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act Relative to Bounty on Bobcat, Loupcervier and Canada Lynx" (H. P. 1624) (L. D. 1284) tabled by that gentleman on April 15th pending passage to be enacted; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield, the House voted to take from the table the eleventh tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act to Protect the Public Interest in and to Facilitate the settlement of Controversies Between Employers and Employees," (H. P. 1638) (L. D. 1404) tabled on April 15th by that gentleman, pending assignment for third reading.

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

Mr. MELOON: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I wish to speak on this labor bill because I am heartily in favor of the or the thinking of the members of this Legislature to do something very definitely, and, if possible, very constructively, to help with our industrial freedom.

Civil liberty is, I think, perhaps one of our most precious possessions. Without it, we have no religious freedom, we have no freedom such as we enjoy in these good United States of America. At no time in the history of the world have the barriers between men and nations, barriers of mistrust, suspicion and misunderstanding, been erected so high. At no time in the history of the world, to my thinking, have the valleys of greed and hate and intolerance been more deeply cut. Today vast throngs of the world's peoples are in want, starving, cold, because of lack of spiritual as well as physical food. Man's inhumanity to man has, in the last ten years, been demonstrated in the most bestial form; and so we prize our civil liberties the more because of these things.

For these things, wars have been fought, men have died by thousands, and we give our all to preserve our civil liberties. And, very akin to that, very closely related to that, is our industrial liberty, industrial freedom, and industrial harmony. And I think that the time may now well be that we give very serious consideration to some form of industrial promotion and harmony.

This bill might not be the answer, but, if it is fifty or sixty or seventy per cent of that answer it will be well worthwhile, and it may be well worth all that it may cost in dollars and cents to carry it through. If we can make a start during this Legislature, I think it would be one of the most worthwhile things that we can do.

I would like to point out to you somewhat briefly some of the things why I feel this particular bill here merits its existence and is entitled to be given very sincere consideration. I will go briefly through them.

We have set up a board of five on this bill. The Chairman of that board receives a salary; the Chairman of that board is elected for five years; the Chairman of that board is appointed in the public interest and for the public good. Together with him serving on the board are four other members. It is recommended to the Governor and Council that those members shall be appointed after a certain fashion, one of them from large industry and one from small industry, one of them from large labor organizations and one of them from small labor organizations, or from unorganized

labor, taking into consideration at all times that the Governor and his council in their good judgment will do as they see fit in their appointment, but that is the recommendation that this bill puts forth. And three of those members, The Chairman, one member from industry and one member from organized labor or unorganized labor, three members shall constitute a quorum.

In the fourth section — for the sake of brevity I will go along and tell you as I go — Section 4, line 17 — and I quote: "The chairman, together with the member representing the employer interest and a member representing the employee interest, shall constitute a quorum." That is written into the bill as I have already told you.

On Page 6, line 5, Section 10, the right to petition the board for elections as to who is entitled to represent the employees. All elections are held by secret ballot and under conditions prescribed by the board. I do not think that there can be anything more fair; I do not think there can be any coercion or browbeating from angle if that maintains, as it must under this bill.

Section 11, fifteenth line: "Strikes shall be authorized only by the affirmative vote in secret ballot of a majority of employees entitled to vote, in an election conducted by the board." There again the board has jurisdiction.

Section 12: "All collective bargaining agreements shall be mutually and equally binding upon and enforceable against each of the parties thereto either at law or in equity in the manner hereinafter provided."

That is a step ahead. This bill provides that when a controversy arises, breach of agreement, minor things, or bickering, it shall be taken care of by arbitration and mediation. After that an appeal can be made to the Maine Labor Relations Board. Either side binds themselves that they will do nothing, neither a lockout nor a strike, for a period of five days while that board has opportunity to look it over. If, in their judgment, they shall take jurisdiction, after they have taken jurisdiction they may even go along to the court of equity, the Superior Court, or the Supreme Judicial Court. The settlement of these controversies can be carried through just as high as the Court

of the State of Maine is binding upon them.

Under Section 12 also, a suit for damages for such breach or injunction relief in equity may be maintained by the party or parties aggrieved in the Superior Court or in the Supreme Judicial Court of the State. It carries it right along through the various sections. The duties and the rights of employers are clearly set forth; the duties and rights of employees are also clearly set forth. It is fair on one side and fair on the other. And also, infringement, unfair practices, are set up for employers and set up also for employees.

Under Section 13, Article 3 and Subdivision B, it has to do with the secret ballot. And this is true all the way through "as evidence by a vote by secret ballot cast under conditions which the board shall prescribe." So you see the board is an over-all government for this particular secret ballot whenever it appears.

The second line under "D": " * * * with advantages enjoyed by a majority of the membership and shall have full access to the financial records and other records of the labor organization." And that is also true — we are talking now about employees — that is also true insofar as employers go; they shall have full access to the books of the employer or the industry.

Under F: We have expressed by a vote here that we do not favor in Maine a closed shop. We do favor some sort of a shop. Industry wants unions; industry wants organizations of labor; they get along with them far better. I doubt if there is a man of industry that I have talked with that does not say that they like labor. We have indicated that we as a body here do not like closed shops. All right, under "F" we are given very definitely in this bill a union shop. It says that "an employee shall not be required to join a labor organization during the first thirty days of his employment." That is your union shop right there.

There are several other things that are paramount in this bill. Disputes between the State, its political subdivisions and agencies, and their employees, and between public utilities and their employees, shall come within the jurisdiction of the board. That is very definitely set down.

We have also in Section 18, the

seventh line, another reference which I think is of utmost importance. "The application shall contain a statement of the matter in controversy and a promise to continue in business or at work without any strike or lockout until the decision of the board, if such decision is made within 30 days after the date of filing the applications." So, in an industrial strike, both sides promise and covenant, each with the other, that they will wait thirty days before there is a lockout or a strike.

Again, in Section 21—I will not read the whole of it, because it is a long paragraph in there, but it says this: In the case of a public utility either side agrees, binds themselves, that they will not have either a lockout or a strike for a period of ninety days. That pertains to public utilities.

There are many other reasonable and sound features to this, I believe. I have given you the highlights. I think that the bill justifies its existence because of the few things that are set up in there that have not been set up in previous bills. I expect there will be controversy on it, maybe it will be torn apart, but I think before we get done, it is my sincere hope that it will be reassembled in such form as will be for the lasting good of industrial labor relations in the State of Maine.

Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the "Ought to pass" report of the committee, and when that vote is taken I ask that it be taken by a division.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is on the assignment of this matter for its third reading.

Mr. MELOON: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, if I have spoken out of turn.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may move to fix a time when this bill will receive its third reading if he so wishes.

Mr. MELOON: Mr. Speaker, I leave that to the discretion of the Speaker from now on.

The SPEAKER: What time will the House assign for the third reading of the bill?

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

On motion by Mr. Chase, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its third reading, passed to

be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Robbins of Houlton, the House voted to take from the table the sixteenth tabled and unassigned matter, "Joint Order relative to Appropriation for the Maine Maritime Academy" (S. P. 518) tabled on April 17th by that gentleman pending passage; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the matter was retabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 22nd, pending passage.

On motion by Mr. Clements of Belfast, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-fifth tabled and unassigned matter, House Majority Report "Ought not to pass" and House Minority Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act Repealing Law Relating to Enrichment of Flour and Bread." (H. P. 1513) (L. D. 1134) tabled on April 18th by that gentleman, pending acceptance of either report; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the matter was retabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 22nd, pending acceptance of either report.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the Special Calendar Item No. 1, "An Act to Provide for Maintenance and Operation of State Technical and Vocational Schools." (S. P. 275) (L. D. 815) pending passage to be enacted.

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

Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am about to start clearing the so called "gas chamber," with the thought in mind that these bills, if you see fit to pass them, will then be collected in the Senate, piled up there, and possibly expedite the matters of the Legislature. There is still the problem of the hen and the egg, which comes first. We realize that the Taxation Committee cannot say how much revenue is needed in the way of a tax bill until we of the Appropriations Committee decide how much money is to be raised, nor can we decide how much money is needed until we pass on the various bills. I will, however, attempt to put a

price tag on these various bills as they are taken off the table and give some explanation of them.

This particular bill which has just been taken from the table involves \$33,350 the first year and \$36,850 the second year. This is part of a veterans program which was instituted by the Governor and Council, and, like many of the others that you will be called upon to decide whether it has value or not, will involve new revenue. As I say, it is part of the Veterans' Program, and it does involve new revenue if it is to continue.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the Special Calendar Item No. 2, "Resolve in Favor of a Special Recess Committee to Study the Creation of Domestic and Family Courts and Report to the Legislature." (S. P. 283) (L. D. 806) pending final passage.

Mr. BREWER: This calls for three thousand dollars.

Thereupon the resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the Special Calendar Item No. 3, Bill "An Act Continuing the Division of Veterans Affairs." (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1319) pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. BREWER: As I understand it, this would take this part of the department away from Health and Welfare, and the price tag on this one is \$78,000.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer requests consideration of the third item on the Special Calendar, "An Act Continuing the Division of Veteran Affairs," pending passage to be engrossed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question through the Chair of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may ask the question.

Mr. BURGESS: What are the advantages or disadvantages of changing this from the Department of Health and Welfare to the Veterans' Division?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may reply if he wishes.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, that

I cannot answer; but the veterans seem to think they had rather have this particular item in their own control rather than under Health and Welfare. I cannot go any further in explanation as to its advantages or disadvantages.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the passage to be engrossed.

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

Mr. BIRD: Mr. Speaker, I believe I can answer the gentleman's question. Under this bill, the Division of Veterans Affairs will be run as it is now; the only addition will be that the World War Assistance Program, which is under the Health and Welfare Division, will be transferred to this division, so instead of having two callers, one from the Veterans Division and one from Health and Welfare, the Veterans Division caller will take care of the whole business.

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

Mr. MUSKIE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Mr. Brewer a question through the Chair. I would like to ask what the difference in expense of administering the work that will be administered by this division will be if it is retained in the present Department of Health and Welfare. That is, if we retain this work in the present department do we save \$78,000?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may reply if he wishes.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to debate this. I understand that the funds of the Health and Welfare Department—and I stand to be corrected by Mr. Bird, who is more familiar with it than I am—the funds of the Health and Welfare Department will be transferred to the Veterans Administration. So far as I know, it would not cost any more money under this set-up than under the other.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the Members of the House that if they will consult that little blue book which gives a list of salaries of the different State departments, they will find that approximately \$25,000 of this \$78,000 goes to pay for salaries in this present department they are seeking to set up.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the passage to be engrossed. Is it now the pleasure of the House that this bill be passed to be engrossed?

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

A viva voce vote being doubted, A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Fifty-five having voted in the affirmative and seventeen in the negative, the bill has been passed to be engrossed. It will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, due to the fact that I have been asked by the sponsor of item No. 4 on the Special Calendar to leave this on the table until Tuesday or Wednesday, I would like to jump over this one and go to No. 5.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the Special Calendar Item No. 5, "An Act Relating to Tuition for Pupils from Towns not Maintaining a Standard Secondary School" (H. P. 1651) (L. D. 1349) pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Elliott of Corinth, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 31st 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. 1651, L. D. 1349, Bill "An Act Relating to Tuition for Pupils from Towns Not Maintaining a Standard Secondary School."

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

"In the case of any youth attending school in a town other than the town of his residence as provided for in this section under conditions as provided for in the preceding paragraph, the tuition shall not exceed \$125 \$150 annually for any one youth, except that the tuition shall not exceed \$100 \$125 annually for any one youth in a secondary school which has not maintained a pupil-teacher ratio of at least 15 to 1 during the preceding year, or an average pupil-teacher ratio of 15 to

1 during the preceding 5 years, and which does not offer at least 3 courses of study, two of which shall be industrial or occupational.

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

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the Special Calendar Item No. 6, "Resolve Directing Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries to Make Study of Life and Habits of Seals." (S. P. 118) (L. D. 355) pending final passage.

Mr. BREWER: The price tag on this one is \$3000.

Thereupon the resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the Special Calendar Item No. 7, "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) pending final passage.

Mr. BREWER: The price tag on this one is \$2000.

Thereupon the resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the Special Calendar Item No. 8, "Resolve Providing a Fish Screen at Outlet of Cobbosseecontee Lake, in the Town of Manchester. (H. P. 1664) (L. D. 1367) pending final passage.

Thereupon the resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the Special Calendar Item No. 9, Resolve granting a Pension to

Mary E. Dunbar, of Portland." (H. P. 1665) (L. D. 1365) pending final passage.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I cannot give you a price tag on this. I do not imagine it will involve much money. The resolve says: "Resolved: that a special pension be, and hereby is, granted to Mary E. Dunbar, of Portland, comparable with that paid under the teachers' noncontributory pension law, based on 25 years of teaching service, as is now or may hereafter be provided by the legislature, to be paid quarterly from the appropriation for pensions for retired teachers. Such pension shall begin on July 1, 1947 and continue until otherwise provided by the legislature."

Thereupon the resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the Special Calendar Item No. 10, An Act Increasing the Salaries of the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Cumberland County (S. P. 134) (L. D. 280), pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, this involves \$2,600 and \$3,500.

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

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the Special Calendar Item 11, An Act Relating to Salary of State Auditor, (H. P. 22) (L. D. 12) pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. BREWER: This involves a salary increase from \$4,500 to \$6,000.

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

On motion by Mr. Fuller of Hallowell,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.