

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**OF THE**

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**HOUSE**

Wednesday, February 7, 1951

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Warren B. Lovejoy of Westbrook.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 199)

February 1, 1951

To the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State of Maine

In accordance with the provisions of law, I submit my report as State Librarian, covering the period July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1950.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Marion B. Stubbs  
Librarian

Came from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House, read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of Somerset Academy" (S. P. 178) (L. D. 390)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to the Kennebec or Carlton Bridge" (S. P. 179) (L. D. 392)

Resolve Providing for Construction and Reconstruction of Road in Baxter State Park (S. P. 180) (L. D. 391)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Eastbrook (S. P. 201)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Sullivan (S. P. 202)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Gouldsboro (S. P. 203)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Winter Harbor (S. P. 204)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Regulating Fishing in the Brook between West Richardson Pond and the Pepper Pot in the County of Oxford (S. P. 181) (L. D. 396)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Deer Mountain Brook in the County of Oxford (S. P. 182) (L. D. 395)

Resolve Relating to Ice Fishing in Speck Ponds in Oxford County (S. P. 183) (L. D. 394)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Upper Dam Pool, County of Oxford (S. P. 184) (L. D. 393)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Number of State Senators (S. P. 185) (L. D. 397)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to Membership of State Racing Commission" (S. P. 186) (L. D. 399)

Bill "An Act to Alter the Charter of Nasson College" (S. P. 187) (L. D. 398)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to Local Option in Liquor Law" (S. P. 188) (L. D. 400)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the York Water District" (S. P. 189) (L. D. 401)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to County Commissioners of Androscoggin County" (S. P. 190) (L. D. 407)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salaries of the Judge and the Recorder of the Northern Aroostook Municipal Court" (S. P. 191) (L. D. 406)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and the Recorder of the Houlton Municipal Court" (S. P. 192) (L. D. 405)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the Judge and the Recorder of the Presque Isle Municipal Court" (S. P. 193) (L. D. 404)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salaries of the Judge and the Recorder of the Caribou Municipal Court" (S. P. 194) (L. D. 403)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the Judge and the Recorder of the Fort Fairfield Municipal Court" (S. P. 195) (L. D. 402)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

#### **Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass**

Report of Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Pneumatic Tires on Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 43) (L. D. 47)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

#### **Ought to Pass Tabled**

Report of Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to the Absent Voting in Cities" (S. P. 59) (L. D. 63)

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

In the House, Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth, the Report, with accompanying papers, was tabled pending acceptance in concurrence.

#### **Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference**

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

#### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act relating to Automobile Travel by State Employees" (H. P. 791) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for Funds for Civil Defense and Public Safety" (H. P. 792) (Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Direct Payments for Hospital Care of Public Assistance Recipients" (H. P. 793) (Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Providing Funds for Nursing Attendant Education (H. P. 795) (Presented by Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Surplus Property Pool for Institutions (H. P. 796) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for General Administration of Inland Fish and Game Department (H. P. 797) (Presented by Mr. Jones of Bowdoinham by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Creating a Fund for Scholarships for Vocational and Technical Schools (H. P. 798) (Presented by Mr. Roundy of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Providing for a Classroom and Library Building at Farmington State Teachers' College (H. P. 799) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Effectuate Salary Plan for State

Employees (H. P. 804) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)  
(1,000 copies Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society (H. P. 794) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth)

Resolve in favor of Foxcroft Academy for Building (H. P. 800) (Presented by Mr. Hayes of Dover-Foxcroft)

Resolve Restoring the Frederick Robie Library Fund (H. P. 801) (Presented by Mr. House of Lincoln)

Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy (H. P. 802) (Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Winthrop)

Resolve in favor of Knox Memorial Association, Inc. for Support and Maintenance of "Montpelier" (H. P. 803) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Transfer of Corporate Stock" (H. P. 805) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Claims

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bethel (H. P. 807) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Bethel)

Resolve in favor of Peter J. Beaulier, of Ashland (H. P. 808) (Presented by Mrs. Daggett of Ashland)

Resolve Reimbursing the Town of South Berwick for Transportation of School Children (H. P. 809) (Presented by Mr. Gowell of Berwick)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Warren (H. P. 810) (Presented by Mr. Ingraham of Rockport)

Resolve in favor of North Waterford Fire Association (H. P. 811) (Presented by Mr. Lord of Norway)

Resolve in favor of Dr. J. H. Smyth, of Edmundston, N. B. (H. P. 812) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Frenchville)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of St. Agatha for Support of Francis Cyr, of St. Agatha (H. P. 813) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Southwest Harbor for Supplies Furnished to Edwin Lunt (H. P. 814) (Presented by Mr. Phillips of Southwest Harbor)

Resolve in favor of Guy L. Chretien, of Westbrook (H. P. 815) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)  
Sent up for concurrence.

#### Education

Bill "An Act relating to Membership in State Board of Education" (H. P. 816) (Presented by Mr. Dick-ey of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Full-time Supervisors" (H. P. 817) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Salaries for Teachers" (H. P. 818) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve for the Purchase of One Hundred Copies of "Highlights of Westbrook History" (H. P. 819) (Presented by Mr. Larrabee of Westbrook)

Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy (H. P. 820) (Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Winthrop)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Highways

Resolve in favor of Certain Towns in York and Oxford Counties for Snow Removal (H. P. 821) (Presented by Mr. Taylor of Lyman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Topsham (H. P. 822) (Presented by Mr. Bailey of Woolwich)

Resolve in favor of the Town of West Bath (H. P. 823) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Caribou (H. P. 824) (Presented by Mr. Bearce of Caribou)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Alfred (H. P. 825) (Presented by Mr. Braden of Waterboro)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Rome (H. P. 826) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Wayne)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bethel (H. P. 827) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Bethel)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bethel (H. P. 828) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Stoneham (H. P. 829) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Greenwood (H. P. 830) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Deer Isle (H. P. 831) (Presented by Mr. Clapp of Brooklin)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Orrington (H. P. 832) (Presented by Mr. DeBeck of Holden)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Fort Fairfield (H. P. 833) (Presented by Mr. Dorsey of Fort Fairfield)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Levant (H. P. 834) (Presented by Mr. Jacoby of Dixmont)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Albion (H. P. 835) (Presented by Mr. Keene of Clinton)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Hancock (H. P. 836) (Presented by Mr. Peterson of Bar Harbor)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Cranberry Isles (H. P. 837) (Presented by Mr. Phillips of Southwest Harbor)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Orland (H. P. 838) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

Resolve in favor of the Towns of Bucksport and Orland (H. P. 839) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Penobscot (H. P. 840) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Verona (H. P. 841) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the City of South Portland (H. P. 842) (Presented by Mr. Spear of So. Portland)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Buxton (H. P. 843) (Presented by Mr. Taylor of Lyman)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Certificates of Marriage" (H. P. 844) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Contracts of Minors" (H. P. 845) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Winifred Malloy, of Hallowell (H. P. 846) (Presented by Mr. Vaughan of Hallowell)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Labor

Bill "An Act Designating Hernia as an Occupational Disease" (H. P. 806) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Liquor Control

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Tavern in Liquor Law" (H. P. 847) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Sales of Liquor to Minors" (H. P. 848) (Presented by Mrs. Moffatt of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Laws on Taverns Concerning Liquor" (H. P. 849) (Presented by Mr. Philbrook of Greene)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Resolve relating to Taking Crabs in Cumberland County (H. P. 850) (Presented by Mr. Spear of So. Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Taxation

Bill "An Act Increasing the Use Fuel Tax" (H. P. 851) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Bethel)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Welfare

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Ruth B. Holway, of Mount Vernon (H. P. 852) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Wayne)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Sadie Turner, of Palermo (H. P. 853) (Presented by Mr. Cole of Liberty)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Earl Hewitt, of Portage (H. P. 854) (Presented by Mrs. Daggett of Ashland)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Geneva May Gay, of Clinton (H. P. 855) (Presented by Mr. Keene of Clinton)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Florence I. Cain, of Clinton (H. P. 856) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Harold Alexander of Bruns-

wick (H. P. 857) (Presented by Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Sylvio J. Gagne, of Brunswick (H. P. 858) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Exilia Raymond, of St. Agatha (H. P. 859) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Frenchville)

Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Nelson Bouchard, of St. Agatha (H. P. 860) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Lawrence Bouchard, of St. Agatha (H. P. 861) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Irene Dufour, of Madawaska (H. P. 862) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Maurice Albert, of Madawaska (H. P. 863) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Laura Griffin Donaldson, of Farmingdale (H. P. 864) (Presented by Mr. Perry of Chelsea)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Pauline Dechane, of Patten (H. P. 865) (Presented by Mr. Potter of Medway)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Lena Coolong, of Patten (H. P. 866) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for George Huntley, of Patten (H. P. 867) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Orders

On motion of Mr. Ingraham of Rockport, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Carl Small of Rockport, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House of Friday, March 2, 1951.

On motion of Mr. Fenn of Bath, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Laforest Hodgkins of Bath, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, March 6, 1951.

On motion of Mrs. Moffatt of Bath, House Rule Number 25 was

suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

#### House Reports of Committees Leave To Withdraw

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Malt Liquor in Glass Containers" (H. P. 325) (L. D. 184) reported leave to withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass Printed Bill Tabled

Mr. Woodworth from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Returns of Divorces by Clerks of Courts" (H. P. 153) (L. D. 85) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Campbell of Guilford, the report, with accompanying papers, was tabled pending acceptance of the Report.)

#### Passed to be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide for a Self-Imposed Tax on Sardines for an Industry Development Fund (H. P. 570) (L. D. 271)

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. 136 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

An Act Ratifying Lease Given by the State to Portland Pipe Line Corporation (S. P. 24) (L. D. 14)

An Act relating to Corporate Donations to Charity (S. P. 31) (L. D. 16)

An Act relating to Escapes from Jail (S. P. 42) (L. D. 48)

An Act relating to Fees of Dis-

closure Commissioners (H. P. 59) (L. D. 25)

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.

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, pursuant to Order passed by this House on January 17th, last, for the Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order for a report of the progress of the Appropriations Committee on the hearings held thus far, on Wednesday, January 31st, we heard the Departments of Agriculture, Public Buildings, and Education. On February 1st, Industrial Accidents Commission, Labor and Industry, University of Maine, Development Commission and the State Police. Tuesday, February 6: Running Horse Racing Commission, Maine Maritime Academy, Bureau of Purchases, Attorney General, Baxter State Park, and Personnel Board.

Under the conditions under which we are now operating, I have no further report to make as to our activities in the Appropriations Committee as we have had no executive sessions to determine our recommendations to this House.

I do not know just how far that order might extend but as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee for the House, I would like to suggest to the Members, if they see fit to do so, that they let me know how they stand on the Budget Report of the Budget Committee and the Governor. They can do this by simply doing this: If they favor the Budget Report in its entirety as presented by the Budget Committee and the Governor, put the answer "Yes," or if opposed, "No" in a sealed envelope and give it to me and I will pledge to all that no publicity will be given as to the positions taken on this.

As we go into executive sessions this coming week, it might be helpful to us to know just how the

members stand on this Budget Report. If they believe in it in its entirety as presented by the Budget Committee and the Governor, say "Yes" in this envelope; if not, say "No." That may be a little far-fetched and a bit unusual but I think it would be helpful to this committee to know just how the members stand. No publicity of names or positions will be given.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will announce that under the order it is permissible for the Members to make inquiry of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, through the Chair, and the gentleman from Auburn may answer if he chooses.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I had hoped by this time in the session, through the medium of the report on the order, that certain matters might be brought to the floor of the House for discussion.

I fully appreciate the difficulty under which the Committee on Appropriations labors in the consideration of this formidable budget document. It consists largely of figures and figures are, at best, a poor way of depicting the condition of State government.

The budget is, of necessity, presented in this form. Behind these figures and not readily available to the Appropriations Committee lies all the reality of the State government, all the people who work for the State, all the emotions which enter into the administration of State affairs, all of the problems which cannot be expressed in figures. They can only be aired and thrashed out and settled as best they may through discussion in both branches of the Legislature.

The Governor's budget, which traces back twenty years to the original Code Bill, I think, has been a constructive contribution to State government but we do miss in its consideration the debates which used to occur on matters of policy.

At the present time, if someone should believe that some department of State government should be thoroughly overhauled, that certain drastic changes should be in order, he has very little opportunity to express himself to that end in



legislation because this document was drawn and has been considered on the assumption that things would go on as they are; that laws now on the statute books would not be changed and that is the assumption behind the figures. So, if there is anyone who thinks that there should be a change in a particular department, he has very little opportunity to present it.

True, he can go before the Appropriations Committee, and he should, when this particular department comes up for consideration, but it is embarrassing for a legislator to do so. The figures are presented by a head of a department, who is very familiar with them, and one is at a great disadvantage when he goes down to contend that some changes should be made. The changes he advocates may not be directed at the figures but he may want the whole thing reorganized and he knows well enough that he will probably get little cooperation from the department head in making his suggestions and from that the committee, itself, which is under great pressure to complete its job.

Now, for example, let us take for a moment the Department of Education, which represents several million dollars in this budget. There has been proposed by the State Board of Education a new equalization formula, which some of us have seen, which certainly is a great contribution in the nature of a suggestion from that committee for the simplification of educational formulas in State aid.

This formula bill, however, follows the usual pattern of most things which are presented to the Legislature. The assumption which seems to lie behind it is that although simplification is aimed at, everyone is going to get a little more money than he gets now, and when you add up the increases they come to a very substantial total.

The theory, to put it crudely, behind such a procedure is to persuade by a very practical incentive all of the Legislature. It would be considerably cheaper if the method adopted were to persuade only a majority of the Legislature but they have always followed the other pattern.

Now, on this budget it is extremely difficult to give the Appropriations Committee any direction as to whether we want to do something about this formula or whether we don't. If they knew, they would be able to adapt themselves to the budget. There is no bill under consideration, or at least not so far considered, with respect to this formula. Now, furthermore, there may be those who believe, in fact I am sure there are those who believe for I am one, who believe that it would be a great thing for education in this State if local authority and responsibility in the educational field were strengthened. To my mind, education needs an enlightened public opinion far more than it needs new money. If the principle of equalization, in which I believe, were scaled down to a different level so that those cities and towns which are fully capable of taking care of their own affairs receive nothing and those who receive equalization or aids or grants were the ones who really needed it, it would be possible to knock off the educational budget of the State two million dollars or two and a half million dollars just by scaling off the peaks of the aid which go to such towns as mine which are fully capable of taking care of their own educational problems. To be sure, it would mean, if the same teachers were employed and the same schools were run, that the towns would have to pay the bill.

I am inclined to think, in many cases, it would be a good thing if they did and a very good thing for education in the long run. I am aware, however, that there are others who differ from me in this respect because they have seen in recent years everyone, including the cities and towns, running away from their responsibilities, dumping them into the lap of the State and the disposition on the part of the State to dump them into the lap of the Federal government. It is all a grand flight from responsibility which I personally think ought to be resisted and stopped if possible.

Now, if there are such ideas or conflicting ideas in the Legislature, they ought to be thrashed out in

some manner for the information of the Appropriations Committee which must eventually adapt this budget, or should eventually be able to adapt this budget, to the policies which the Legislature wants, not the policy of keeping everything as it is, not the policy of taking the department recommendations at their face value but the policy determined in frank and open discussion in both branches of the Legislature, and I don't know how, under present parliamentary procedure, we can get at that except if the Appropriations Committee will bring us a problem as soon as it can, stated in the approximate number of dollars, and we can really bite into it and take hold of it and see if we want to make some drastic change by which a substantial revision in the figures will be accomplished. And it was with such discussion in mind that this order was introduced in the first place, to follow along with the Appropriations Committee so that they can come to us for our advice and counsel and debate and dispute to get what they can from us in the consensus of opinion as to what the Legislature really wants to accomplish with respect to the departments of government which are expressed in the figures in this budget.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw.

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker, I would like to add a little bit to what Mr. Chase has already said about his idea of buying out everybody, as you call it, because I have the formula here that he mentioned and I will state that there is a bill drifting around here somewhere to try to put that new formula into force, and I believe if that new formula for State subsidy went into force it would cost an extra \$1,656,362 the first year.

Just to take at random a few towns and cities, I will take Portland, for instance. On the new formula plan for the State Aid for 1950, the City of Portland is \$177,868. Under the new formula they would get \$222,419, which would be an increase of \$44,000 in the City of Portland. Take another city at random, the City of Rockland, their State Aid for 1950 was \$27,227. Un-

der the new formula they would get \$37,812, and that would be an increase of \$10,588. Then you take a small town like Friendship, and their State Aid for 1950 was \$5,291. Under the new formula, they would get \$4,526, and that would mean a loss of \$765 for Friendship. There are 79 smaller towns, I think, that would be hit when the large cities would gain by it.

I guess this bill has not come before the House. It may have been on the calendar; I just lost track of it, but it is drifting around here somewhere.

I would like to say just one or two more words. I realize this is expensive, but Mr. Chase asked me to give more or less of a report on the Education Committee. Last week, after the Education Department appeared before the Appropriations Committee, the newspapers stated that the Department was asking for \$15,100,880. At first I was not certain as to where the newspapers arrived at their figure, but if you take Legislative Document No. 55, which was put in by Senator Brewer, and you add up the two totals on page 6 for the Education Department for the biennium and then you take the \$591,327, which the Education Department claims the budget cut them short, and you add those three figures together, you arrive at \$15,100,880, which was on the front page of the Kennebec Journal several days ago.

But there are some other figures that I am pretty certain of. Now the Education Department, under the old subsidy plan which pays four subsidies, teaching positions, equalization, tuition and conveyance, they are asking for \$11,014,000. Operating expenses for the five Teachers Colleges is \$959,000. Unorganized territory is \$455,000, and the cost of departmental operation is \$339,000. There are one or two other little items in there that I have not been able to track down. But then you take the cost of this new subsidy formula and you add on \$3,312,724, you get over \$16,000,000, which does not quite check with the item in the newspaper.

There is another bill that is going to cost a little money, and I believe it is already in the hopper. That is the repair bill on the normal schools. They are asking for \$19,200

for the Aroostook State Normal School; \$72,500 for Farmington State Normal School, \$67,000 for Gorham, \$26,700 for Madawaska, \$39,600 for Washington State Teachers College. That adds up to \$225,000.

Now some of you may have had a different figure on that. You might have had \$274,810. But the State Board of Education made a visit to all of these normal schools and they decided it would be more practical to run Madawaska on a day program rather than as a dormitory school, so they have cut out the cost of operating those dormitories, which makes the difference between \$274,000 and \$225,000.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Perry.

For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. PERRY: To speak on this same bill, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to inform the members of the House that under the order we are confined to the matter of the Appropriations Committee. The Chair does not believe, under the order of the House — and will so rule — that the House has a right to discuss future legislation or bills which are to come before this House.

Will the gentleman please state for what purpose he arises?

Mr. PERRY: I rose to discuss this subsidy equalization program, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will have to rule that the matter is out of order. It is not included in the report of Mr. Jacobs.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time notes the presence in the rear of the House of the gentleman Marion Longstaff, who served in this House many years, and the Chair thinks it is in order at this time for us all to give her a hearty welcome. (Applause, members rising)

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

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, this

question of the budget which we are discussing here and the report of the Budget Committee reminds me somewhat of a plane up here in a big storm, their instruments have gone haywire and they cannot land. This Legislature is just the same at this time. We have been sailing around here in a storm, trying to find a landing place, and after six weeks we are still trying to land.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire of the gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, if he has any questions to ask of the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs. As I understand the order, it is the purpose to ask questions after his report. I do not believe the matter is debatable under the appropriate part of the order.

Mr. BROWN: I am trying, Mr. Speaker, to arrive at that point.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may ask his question.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, the question I would like to ask and was leading up to is this: Why is it that we cannot have the budget for a certain department brought in under a separate bill so that we can get our teeth into it, find out what is going on in that department and then go on from there to other departments and, by that move, arrive at something here?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire if the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, desires to answer? If he desires to answer, he may.

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker, the Appropriations Committee is following the same plan that it has always followed, at least for the last five terms because this is my fifth term on this committee; to hear all the department heads and their requirements and all figures. Before we could submit it to this Legislature department by department, it would cause considerable difficulty. This bill would all be one bill, these department heads' requests and our answer or our recommendation in regard to these requests.

As I have said before, we have had no executive sessions on any of these bills, and it would not be right for me as a member of that com-

mittee to come in here and report something we have not definitely settled in our minds. But I feel, and I will say in answer to the gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, and the House as well, that just as quickly as possible after the hearings have been held we will go into executive sessions, probably evenings, five or six evenings, from now on, and try to present to this Legislature our findings and our report. Until then we can not do anything else.

The SPEAKER: Members of the House: I feel that the Chair should remind you at this time of the wording of the order. It is designed to inform the House regarding the progress being made in the study of the general fund budget, and that following such report discussion and questions shall be in order on the matters covered by the report without formal motion. The Chair is sorry, but under the order the Chair is under a duty to keep the discussion on the matters of the report.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I feel that on the Speaker's explanation of the order I owe an apology to the House for speaking at some length and touching upon these matters. I had assumed that when it said, "Following such report discussions and questions shall be in order on the matters covered by the report without formal motion" that if the Appropriations Chairman said that they had had a hearing on the subject of Education or Labor and Industry or University of Maine, that it would then be in order for members of the House to discuss such things as had been made as having been considered by the committee, and it was with that understanding that I ventured to speak at some length.

I urge upon the Speaker that he consider my own interpretation of the order in subsequent meetings, because if it does mean we cannot discuss anything which the Chairman mentions as having been under consideration it will considerably narrow the discussion. In any event, if I were in error, Mr. Speaker, I apologize.

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

The Chair would state that it feels in this matter and will rule that the discussion must be confined to the report and it must be in question form.

The Chair now lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Fire Chiefs and their Deputies" (H. P. 33) (L. D. 9) tabled on February 2nd by the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, pending acceptance of the committee report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce.

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I liked the remarks of the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw. He says, "Somewhere, flying around the House is another bill. So far it has not as yet been presented." We have, as you know, a deadline tomorrow at one o'clock. At the suggestion of some of the members of the Transportation Committee of the other body and with the approval of several of the members of this House, particularly the Chairman of Transportation, it was suggested to me and I now make the motion that we recommit this matter to the Committee on Transportation.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, moves that Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Fire Chiefs and their Deputies" (H. P. 33) (L. D. 9) be recommitted to the Committee on Transportation. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the report with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Transportation and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Overtaking and Passing School Buses" (H. P. 94)

(L. D. 39) tabled on February 2 by the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, pending acceptance of the report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis.

Mr. TRAVIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill is taken from the General Code, but some objections have been stated which I think the committee can iron out. I therefore move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Transportation.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, moves that the report with accompanying papers be recommitted to the Com-

mittee on Transportation. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the report with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Transportation and sent up for concurrence.

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The Speaker: There being no further matters to come before the House, the Clerk will read the notices.

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On motion of Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.