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HOUSE

Thursday, February 8, 1951.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Henrickson of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Memorial:

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS
Rescinding Proposal for Considering a Constitutional Convention of the United States or Amendments to the Constitution of the United States Relating to Strengthening the United Nations and Limited World Federal Government (S. P. 205) (L. D. 460)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Hollis Lee-man, of Woolwich (S. P. 213)

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Gertrude Lister, of Caribou (S. P. 212)

Resolve in favor of Merle Libby, of Caribou (S. P. 211)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Military Institute" (S. P. 200) (L. D. 461)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

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

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of the Town of Blue Hill (S. P. 214)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Destruction of Old Records" (S. P. 206) (L. D. 459)

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 to Create the Maine State Safety Council" (S. P. 207) (L. D. 456)

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 Limitation of Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 208) (L. D. 457)

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 Provide for the Issue of State of Maine Airport Bonds for the Construction and Improvement of Airports" (S. P. 209) (L. D. 458)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Transportation.

In the House referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Workmen's Compensation for Death of Employee" (H. P. 572) (L. D. 378) which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in the House on February 1st.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede from its former action whereby this Bill was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and the Bill was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order relative to List of Salaries of State Employees (H. P. 371) which was passed in the House on January 25th.

Came from the Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" as follows:

Amend said Order by deleting from the 2nd line thereof the words and figures "four hundred sixty-eight (468)" and inserting in place thereof the words and figures "two hundred and fifty (250)".

Further amend Order by deleting from the 5th line thereof the words and figures "two (2)" and inserting in place thereof the words and figures "one (1)"; and from the 7th line thereof the words and figures "ten (10)" and inserting in place thereof the words and figures "five (5)"; and from the 8th line thereof the words and figures "thirty (30)" and inserting in place thereof the words and figures "ten (10)".

On motion of Mr. House of Lincoln, the House voted to recede from its former action and the Order was passed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Refusal to Work by Persons Dependent Upon Towns" (S. P. 57) (L. D. 65) 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" was read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 57, L. D. 65, Bill, "An Act Relating to Penalty for Refusal to Work by Persons Dependent upon Towns."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "refuses" in the 4th line thereof, the underlined words, "without lawful excuse."

Further amend said bill by striking out the underlined figure "30" in the 6th line thereof, and insert-

ing in place thereof, the underlined figure, '90.'

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

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:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Seed Law" (H. P. 868) (Presented by Mr. Cobb of Lee)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Obtain Plasma (H. P. 869) (Presented by Mr. Campbell of Guilford)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for LaFleur Municipal Airport in Waterville (H. P. 870) (Presented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of State Military Defense Commission (H. P. 871) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for State Military Defense Commission (H. P. 872) (Presented by Mr. Jennings of Strong)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Construction at Leavitt Institute (H. P. 873) (Presented by Mr. Ricker of Turner)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Construct and Equip a Hospital Building at Central Maine Sanatorium (H. P. 874) (Presented by Mr. Senter of Brunswick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Clyde H. Getchell, of Augusta (H. P. 875) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Howard M. Irish, of Hartford (H. P. 876) (Presented by Mr. Bearce of Hebron)

Resolve in favor of Peter P. Testa, of Waterville (H. P. 877) (Presented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Pittston for Support and Care of Robert Calnan, Otherwise Known as Robert Callman (H. P. 878) (Presented by Mr. Hussey of Windsor)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Dexter for Support Furnished to Henry Edward Hamilton (H. P. 879) (Presented by Mr. Roberts of Dexter)

Resolve in favor of Arthur H. Molasky of Gorham (H. P. 880) (Presented by Mr. Samborn of Gorham)

Resolve in favor of Charles Norton Pratt, of Leeds (H. P. 881) (Presented by Mr. Wood of Webster)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act relating to Tuition in Normal Schools and Teachers' Colleges" (H. P. 882) (Presented by Mr. Ricker of Turner)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Joint Operation of Schools" (H. P. 883) (Presented by Mr. Stewart of Paris)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Lee Academy (H. P. 884) (Presented by Mr. Cobb of Lee)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve in favor of the Town of St. George (H. P. 885) (Presented by Mr. Barton of Vinalhaven)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Isle au Haut (H. P. 886) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Peru (H. P. 887) (Presented by Mr. Bearce of Hebron)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Buckfield (H. P. 888) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Salem Township (H. P. 889) (Presented by Mr. Carville of Eustis)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Vassalboro (H. P. 890) (Presented by Mr. Dostie of Winslow)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Winslow (H. P. 891) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Solon (H. P. 892) (Presented by Mr. Fogg of Madison)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Solon (H. P. 893) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of St. Albans (H. P. 894) (Presented by Mr. Hamilton of Hartland)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Machiasport (H. P. 895) (Presented by Mr. Hanson of Machiasport)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Carmel (H. P. 896) (Presented by Mr. Jacoby of Dixmont)

Resolve in favor of Freeman Township (H. P. 897) (Presented by Mr. Jennings of Strong)

Resolve in favor of Perkins Township (H. P. 898) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Washington Township (H. P. 899) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Brunswick (H. P. 900) (Presented by Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Columbia (H. P. 901) (Presented by Mr. Lackee of Addison)

Resolve in favor of Township No. 31 M. D. Washington County (H. P. 902) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Camden (H. P. 903) (Presented by Mr. Ludwig of Hope)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Hope (H. P. 904) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Appleton (H. P. 905) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of New Canada Plantation (H. P. 906) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

Resolve in favor of Plantation of Winterville (H. P. 907) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Plantation of Winterville (H. P. 908) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Fryeburg (H. P. 909) (Presented by Mr. Moulton of Sweden)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Brownfield (H. P. 910) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Hiram (H. P. 911) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Byron (H. P. 912) (Presented by Mr. Parent of Rumford)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Byron (H. P. 913) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Swan's Island (H. P. 914) (Presented by Mr. Phillips of Southwest Harbor)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Southwest Harbor (H. P. 915) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Lamoine (H. P. 916) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Mount Desert (H. P. 917) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Newport (H. P. 918) (Presented by Mr. Roberts of Dexter by request)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Shirley (H. P. 919) (Presented by Mr. Rollins of Greenville)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Monson (H. P. 920) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Woodstock (H. P. 921) (Presented by Mr. Stewart of Paris)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Paris (H. P. 922) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Permits to Hunt and Fish for Members of the Armed Services of the United States" (H. P. 923) (Presented by Mr. Jamieson of Presque Isle)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Elderly Teachers' Pensions" (H. P. 924) (Presented by Mr. Dennison of East Machias)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Administrators With the Will Annexed" (H. P. 925) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Teacher' Under Maine State Retirement Law" (H. P. 926) (Pre-

ented by Mr. Robbins of Houlton) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to the Employment of Women During War and Other Emergencies" (H. P. 927) (Presented by Mrs. Fay of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Establishing a Tri-State Authority to Enable the Collective Construction and Operation of Institutions in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont" (H. P. 928) (Presented by Mr. Bates of Orono)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Permitting Greyhound Racing" (H. P. 929) (Presented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Beano" (H. P. 930) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Eliot)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Sunday Stock Car Racing, Horse Pulling and Harness Racing" (H. P. 931) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Sale of Liquor" (H. P. 932) (Presented by Mr. Albert of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Employment of Females by Certain Liquor Licensees" (H. P. 933) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Eliot)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Business of Retail Stores Selling Malt Beverages" (H. P. 934) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Liquor Commission" (H. P. 935) (Presented by Mr. Gosline of Gardiner)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act relating to Interstate Water Pollution Control" (H.

P. 936) (Presented by Mr. Bates of Orono)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Water Pollution" (H. P. 937) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Treasurer of Knox County" (H. P. 938) (Presented by Mr. Barton of Vinalhaven)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of Probate in Penobscot County" (H. P. 939) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate in Penobscot County" (H. P. 940) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of Certain County Officers in Washington County" (H. P. 941) (Presented by Mr. Lackee of Addison)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Cities and Towns to Collect Garbage and Rubbish and Make Service Charge Therefor" (H. P. 942) (Presented by Mr. Vaughan of Hallowell)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Berton Knight, of Peru (H. P. 943) (Presented by Mr. Bearce of Hebron)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for George McGinley, of Mattawamkeag (H. P. 944) (Presented by Mr. Cobb of Lee)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Sydney McLeod, of Mexico (H. P. 945) (Presented by Mr. Dorr of Mexico)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Albridge Raymond Ranks, of Randolph (H. P. 946) (Presented by Mr. Hussey of Windsor)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Alice Foster, of Dixmont

(H. P. 947) (Presented by Mr. Jacoby of Dixmont)

Resolve Providing for a State Pension for George W. Worthing, of Levant (H. P. 948) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Caroline R. White, of Augusta (H. P. 949) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Albert Farrar, of Rumford (H. P. 950) (Presented by Mr. Parent of Rumford)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Edwin Harris, of Mechanic Falls (H. P. 951) (Presented by Mr. Ricker of Turner)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Hugh Gallagher, of Mechanic Falls (H. P. 952) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Elva Morton, of Mechanic Falls (H. P. 953) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mrs. Hanson of Lebanon, House Rule Number 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Roundy of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Orville O. Lozier, Associate Minister of the Congregational Christian Conference of Maine, of Portland, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, February 27, 1951.

On motion of Mr. Wallace of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Bernard Hanniger of Portland, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, March 13, 1951.

Orders of the Day

On motion of Mr. Maxwell of Winthrop, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Town of Winthrop School District" (S. P. 35) (L. D. 21) tabled on February 2 by

that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed.

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

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 35, L. D. 21, Bill "An Act Relating to the Town of Winthrop School District."

Amend said Bill by adding before the Emergency Clause thereof a new section to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1949, c. 144, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 141 of the private and special laws of 1949 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1. Incorporation; name; purposes. Subject to the provisions of sections 7 and 9 hereof, the inhabitants of and the territory within the town of Winthrop are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name of "Town of Winthrop School District" for the purpose of acquiring property within the said town for school and related athletic and recreational purposes; for the purpose of erecting, enlarging, repairing, equipping and maintaining on said property a school building or school buildings and related athletic and recreational facilities; for the purpose of completing, grading, furnishing, rebuilding, renovating and otherwise bettering the condition of any or all buildings within said town used for school purposes or which may hereafter be used for school purposes for the purpose of leasing, or letting any property of said district to said town; for the purpose of receiving, accepting and holding gifts, grants or devises of property, real, personal or mixed, to be used for school and related athletic and recreational purposes; all for the benefit of the inhabitants of said district."

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

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

Mr. MUSKIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise to accomplish what, to me, is a very unpleasant task this morning. As most of you know, a little less than two weeks ago I was assigned as Acting Director of Price Stabilization for the State of Maine. For a few days my exact status was uncertain. I didn't receive a formal appointment to the office and, pending clarification, I took no action with reference to my membership in this House.

However, I have now subscribed to the oath of office as Director and, under the provisions of our State Constitution, I can no longer serve as a member of this House.

I want to take the opportunity to say just a few words as I leave your midst. I would like to say a few words of tribute, first, to those good friends of the Democratic membership of this House. They have been loyal friends and they have been nice to work with. I have particularly enjoyed their constructive attitude toward legislation. We have had caucuses during which there has been enlightened and intelligent discussion of issues and they have always tried to reach decisions on the basis of what is best for the welfare of the State. It has been a pleasure acting as their leader and I just want to take this opportunity to pay public tribute to them.

Then, I would like to say just a word to my Republican opponent, just at the last minute, my good friend, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin. I am going to miss these friendly fisticuffs on the floor of the House. I remember that my maiden speech on the floor of the House was on the subject of "Democratic Representation on Committees." I can remember saying that my plea was not for the purpose of gaining recognition for us as individuals but rather on the basis of principle. And I meant that. Yet, at the same time it has been nice to know in my three terms here that more and more there has developed a friendly attitude among the Republican and Democratic members of this House. There are only twenty-four of us here out of a total number of one hundred fifty-one

We might very well feel ill at ease and amongst enemies but we don't. I know all of us feel that we are among friends and I certainly, as I take my leave, feel that I am leaving a second home, in a way.

And then I would like to say one word in connection with my new job. We are trying to accomplish an almost impossible task. We are trying to stop almost overnight a flood tide of rising prices. It cannot be done that easily. Prices are going to continue to rise; for how much longer we don't know. The success of the job depends upon our agency but it depends almost equally as much upon the voluntary cooperation of our citizens throughout the country. And so I want to take this opportunity of addressing you who are a representation of all of our citizens of Maine, this message.

Have patience, bear with us and in so far as it is possible for any individual to take any action to halt these rising prices, take that action. Rises in prices are caused in part by an excess of demand over supply. To the extent that you can cut down on your own demand and own requirements to that extent you can assist in keeping prices down.

It is going to be my effort to make the office of Price Stabilization in Maine a public service agency, not a police agency. We will, naturally, crack down on violators in the interests of the welfare of our people, but we are set up to help you in tackling a vicious problem, and we hope that you will look upon us as people to whom you can come for advice and assistance.

With those few words, I would like to present to you, Mr. Speaker, my letter of resignation in the House and to you, Members of the House, express my heartfelt regret at not being able to continue with you in your deliberations this winter.

(Prolonged applause, the members rising)

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Muskie, presents herewith his written resignation.

Thereupon, the letter of resignation was read by the Clerk as follows:

123 Forest Avenue
February 8, 1951

Hon. William S. Silsby
Speaker of the House
95th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

On January 29th last I was assigned as Acting District Director for Maine of the Office of Price Stabilization. I have been acting in that capacity without a formal appointment. Pending clarification of my status with the Federal Government I have not previously taken any action with respect to my position in the legislature.

Today I have taken and subscribed the formal oath of office as Acting Director. I cannot, therefore, under the provisions of our State Constitution continue to hold office as Representative to the Ninety-Fifth Legislature from the city of Waterville. Consequently, I tender my resignation herewith. I take this step with regret. No other experience has been more interesting and more enjoyable than my terms in the House.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Edmund S. Muskie

Maine Director

Thereupon, the House voted to accept the resignation and the communication was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Delehanty of Lewiston presented the following order out of order and under suspension of the rules and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the resignation of the Honorable Edmund S. Muskie as a member of the House of Representatives of the 95th Legislature has been accepted, now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that the House of Representatives declares a vacancy to exist in the representation in this House of the City of Waterville, and be it further

ORDERED, that a copy of this Order, certified by the Clerk of the House, be sent to the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Mayor of

the City of Waterville, and the City Clerk of the City of Waterville.

Thereupon the Order received passage.

The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, surely I have never risen in this House when I was so conscious of the hope of the House that I might be able to find the words to express the unanimous sentiment of the group and our regard for the gentleman (Mr. Muskie) whose resignation has just been accepted, and our great regret that he finds it necessary to leave our midst.

If Ed Muskie finds that the price of tangible personal property is as hard to stabilize as some of us had found it hard to define, he will need all our sympathy in the job which he has undertaken and he will need more than our sympathy, he will need our full faith and confidence. This he has earned by his able service here.

It has been my privilege and, at times, my pain to know a good many legislators, but I have never seen one of either party who was his superior in the ability to come to the heart of the question, to sustain controversy without rancor and especially to serve his opposition by the pertinence and the courtesy of his criticisms.

As we say our official goodbye here today, let us assure our friend that his presence will long endure in the inspiration which he has afforded to us here by his fine example.

(Applause)

The gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There is nobody in the House who will miss Ed Muskie more than myself. Many of you are new members; you have not had the opportunity to learn of his courtesy, his ability, his logic, which is convincing. He is a Democrat; I am a Republican. No two men in this Legislature have crossed swords more frequent-

ly than he and I. I have grown to love him. I respect him and he respects me. Ed, I shall miss the controversies that you and I have had on this floor, for it was a great pleasure to have you for an opponent. The State of Maine is losing an able representative; we are losing an able legislator.

I have served with him on the Judiciary Committee. We need able men on that committee. It is an important one. We shall miss him there.

I know of no man in this House who has endeared himself more to his fellows, both Democrats and Republicans, than Ed Muskie. I want to say to you, Ed: May God bless you; we wish you Godspeed and all the success in the world. (Applause)

The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In my six years as a member of this august body I have had some extremely happy moments and I have had some extremely sad moments. I recall, for instance, the first time that I asked for a division vote on that bill that I thought was the best bill that had ever been presented in the Halls of this House. I was overwhelmingly defeated, and I assure you that where I felt that the dome of the State House rested on my head, I felt somewhat sad when I got home that that best bill had been defeated.

This morning the thought had not hit me as yet, but as I heard the word "resignation" it was then that I felt that this was the saddest moment of the six years that I have spent here.

I feel that the City of Waterville is losing a humble and a good, thoroughly fine servant. I feel that the State of Maine is also suffering a loss. I know what we in the Democratic Party are suffering. We are losing a temperate gentleman, one who seems to be able to get along with everybody. I wish that my lexicon were such that I could bring to you my real feelings this morning. Ed has been a dear friend of mine politically and personally. I know that we will all feel his departure. We know it will be a loss.

I want to bring you this message, Ed, through Mrs. Muskie who happens to be in the Hall of the House this morning. Mrs. Muskie, a message to your husband, a gentleman whom I have known for years to be thoroughly mentally and morally honest: God bless you Ed. (Applause)

The gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Dunham, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. DUNHAM: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is a fine tribute to pay to Ed. Some correspondent in the paper a while ago wrote this, and I cannot say anything any better than he said: "It couldn't happen to a nicer guy." I cannot say anything any better than that.

As a new member two years ago, I listened to Ed time after time and I enjoyed his logic, I enjoyed his straight-thinking, and I thought to myself it is too bad that he is a member of the minority party; if he belonged to my way of thinking, I think Ed would go an awful long ways. (Laughter) But I compliment him; I like him; he is a fine fellow. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth, the House voted to take from the table the fourth tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to the Absent Voting Law in Cities" (S. P. 59) (L. D. 63) tabled on February 7th by that gentleman pending acceptance in concurrence.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I tabled this bill because there is an error in the printed copy. I find that the language of the original, which is of course controlling, is correct.

If the members wish to make the minor correction in the printed copy of L. D. 63, it is in the 5th line from the bottom on Page 2. The word "of" in the middle of the

line should be "or" and it is so in the original. As I understand, Mr. Speaker, there may be another member who wishes to make a motion regarding this matter, I make no motion at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield, the Report with accompanying papers was retabled pending acceptance in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Campbell of Guilford, the House voted to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment 'A'" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Returns of Divorces by Clerks of Courts" (H. P. 153) (L. D. 85) tabled on February 7 by that gentleman pending acceptance of report.

On further motion of the same gentleman, it was voted that the report of the Committee be accepted.

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 153, L. D. 85, Bill, "An Act Relating to Returns of Divorces by Clerks of Courts."

Amend said bill by striking out, in the 10th and 11th lines thereof, the stricken out words "if any, when ascertainable" and insert in place thereof the words 'if any, when ascertainable' and the underlined words 'from the record'

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

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

If there is no further business for the House to consider, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.