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HOUSE

Thursday, March 8, 1951

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. H. C. Schjerland of Jay.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Control and Eradicate Bang's Disease" (S. P. 467) (L. D. 1100)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Vincent Hincks, of Orrington (S. P. 470)

Resolve in favor of Eathel F. Rowe, of Aurora (S. P. 471)

Resolve in favor of La Cie Etchemin Ltee of Quebec (S. P. 472)

Resolve in favor of Russell E. Foster, of Augusta (S. P. 473)

Resolve in favor of Rocco Gedaro, of Portland (S. P. 474)

Resolve in favor of the C. C. Smith Company, Inc. (S. P. 475)

Resolve in favor of Louis Chute, of Bridgton (S. P. 476)

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Belva Leach, of Penobscot (S. P. 477)

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 relating to the Use of Drags in Bluehill Bay, Hancock County" (S. P. 468) (L. D. 1101)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Oil Burning and Liquefied Gas Equipment" (S. P. 225) (L. D. 500)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to the Propagation and Cultivation of Clams, Quahogs and Mussels (S. P. 173) (L. D. 348) which was passed to be enacted in the House on February 28, and passed to be engrossed on February 22, and which was recalled to the Senate by Joint Order.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House, Report was read.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this Bill was passed to be enacted.

The House, under suspension of the rules, then voted to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 173, L. D. 348, Bill "An Act Relating to the Propagation and Cultivation of Clams, Quahogs and Mussels."

Amend said Bill by adding after the underlined word "**inclusive**," in the 3rd line of that part designated "Sec. 61-A" thereof, the following underlined words '**or the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries in the case of deorganized towns**'.

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves, transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to Joint Orders, were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following Committees:

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Conversion Rights" (H. P. 1626) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Harlan Witham, of Lewiston (H. P. 1600) (Presented by Mr. Delahanty of Lewiston)

Resolve in favor of Levite Bellefeur, of Madison (H. P. 1601) (Presented by Mr. Fogg of Madison)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Clinton for Expenses Incurred for Support of Bessie Sites (H. P. 1602) (Presented by Mr. Keene of Clinton)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Clinton for Expenses Incurred for Support of William Pushaw (H. P. 1603) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Dwight D. Dixon, of Clinton (H. P. 1604) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Albion for Burial Expenses for Charles B. Denanco, of Unity (H. P. 1605) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Reimbursing Stanley Bros. of Kezar Falls for Burial Expenses for George Day, of Porter (H. P. 1606) (Presented by Mr. Leavitt of Parsonsfield)

Resolve Reimbursing Stanley Bros. of Kezar Falls for Burial Expenses for Herman J. Pike, of Parsonsfield (H. P. 1607) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Reimbursing Town of Roxbury for Aid Granted to Certain Persons (H. P. 1608) (Presented by Mr. Parent of Rumford)

Resolve in favor of Dexter Bottling Company, Inc., of Dexter (H. P. 1609) (Presented by Mr. Roberts of Dexter)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Resolve in favor of Leavitt Institute (H. P. 1610) (Presented by Mr. Ricker of Turner)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve Designating Bridge at Burnham as Burnham Memorial Bridge (H. P. 1611) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

the balcony of the Hall of the House of Lewiston High School Junior and Senior Classes in Problems in Democracy, in charge of Mr. Rupert Miller and Mr. Gerald Cailler. Among the class are some members of the State Championship Football Team.

In behalf of the House, the Chair, at this time, bids you welcome. (Applause)

Inland Fisheries and Game

Resolve Closing All Tributaries to Lake Moxie, Somerset County, to All Fishing (H. P. 1612) (Presented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville) (Ordered Printed)

Resolve Closing All of Moosehead Lake to Ice Fishing (H. P. 1613) (Presented by same gentleman) (Ordered Printed)

Resolve Closing Three Mile Pond to Ice Fishing (H. P. 1614) (Presented by Mr. Hussey of Windsor) (Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating the Taking of Togue in Cold Stream Pond, Penobscot County (H. P. 1615) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town) (Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Catching of White Perch in Pushaw Lakes, Penobscot County (H. P. 1616) (Presented by same gentleman) (Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Round Pond and Fry Pan Pond, Somerset County (H. P. 1617) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl.) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Operating Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drug" (H. P. 1618) (Presented by Mr. Bubar of Blaine) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Liens for Payment of Assessments on Real Estate" (H. P. 1619) (Presented by Mr. Delahanty of Lewiston) (Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Harry Lutterman, of Waterville (H. P. 1621) (Presented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville by request) (Ordered Printed)

Resolve Permitting Harry Lutterman, of Waterville, to Sue State

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time notes the presence in

of Maine (H. P. 1622) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Increasing Retirement Allowance of Albert F. Barnes, of Belfast (H. P. 1623) (Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Alice Knight Spinney, of Eliot (H. P. 1624) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Eliot)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Florence Goodwin, of Clinton (H. P. 1625) (Presented by Mr. Keene of Clinton)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Automobile Junk Yards" (H. P. 1620) (Presented by Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Resolve Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Sell Lot 102, St. Agatha, 17, R. 4, Aroostook County (H. P. 1627) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Frenchville)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Maintaining Roads to Shores of Lakes" (H. P. 1628) (Presented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. Bates of Orono presented the following order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the resignation of the Honorable Roscoe J. Grover, Jr. 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 Brewer, 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 Brewer, and the City Clerk of the City of Brewer.

The Order received passage.

House Reports of Committees

Special House Committee Reports

Mr. McGlauffin from the House Committee on Elections on the return of votes cast for Representative to the Legislature in the class towns of Corinna, Exeter, Newport and Stetson at the special election held February 5, 1951 reported the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Honorable Jerome A. Emerson of Corinna, having received a plurality of the votes cast at the special election held February 5 for Representative to the Legislature in the class towns of Corinna, Exeter, Newport and Stetson, is hereby declared to be the legally elected Representative of the said Towns to the 95th Legislature.

Report was read and accepted, and the Resolution was read and adopted.

Same gentleman from the same Committee on the return of votes cast for Representative to the Legislature in the City of Waterville at the special election held February 21, 1951 reported the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Honorable John L. Thomas, Jr. of Waterville, having received a plurality of the votes cast at the special election held February 21, 1951 for Representative to the Legislature in the City of Waterville, is hereby declared to be the legally elected Representative of the said City to the 95th Legislature.

Report was read and accepted, and the Resolution was read and adopted.

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Lacharite from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Household Appliances by Public Utility Companies" (H. P. 1256) (L. D. 830) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Sanborn from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Paying Fire Losses" (H. P. 1300) (L. D. 858)

Mr. Story from the same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Exception in Unfair Sales Act" (H. P. 1254) (L. D. 828)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Printed Bill

Mr. Emerson from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Savings Banks" (H. P. 1253) (L. D. 827)

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Burkett from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of Congregational-Christian Conference of Maine" (H. P. 648) (L. D. 388) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 648, L. D. 388, Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of Congregational - Christian Conference of Maine."

Amend said Bill by striking out the last 2 sentences of the Referendum and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

"The result of the vote in said corporation shall be declared by the proper officials of said corporation and due certificate thereof filed by the clerk of the corporation with the secretary of state; and if accepted by the corporation, this act shall thereupon take complete effect."

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

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to the Hire of Professional Appraisers by Cities and Towns" (H. P. 1214) (L. D. 771) 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.

(On motion of Mr. Taylor of Lyman, the Report with accompanying papers was tabled pending the adoption of Committee Amendment "A").

Mr. Taylor from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Tax Lien Fees" (H. P. 1213) (L. D. 770) 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" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1213, L. D. 770, Bill "An Act Relating to Tax Lien Fees."

Amend said Bill by inserting an underlined comma ',' after the underlined word "notice" in the 7th line thereof and by striking out in the same line the underlined word "fee" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'fees'

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Steam Railroad in Public Utility Law" (S. P. 106) (L. D. 162)

Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of York" (S. P. 136) (L. D. 243)

Bill "An Act relating to Renewal of Certificates by Certain Teachers" (S. P. 157) (L. D. 330)

Bill "An Act to Ratify the Organization of Calvinistic Baptist Church and Society in Eastport and to Change Its Corporate Name" (S. P. 275) (L. D. 614)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Rights, Powers and Privileges of

the Passamaquoddy District Authority" (S. P. 277) (L. D. 616)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of Portland Gas Light Company" (S. P. 338) (L. D. 754)

Bill "An Act relating to Recording of Highway Maps" (H. P. 1239) (L. D. 791)

Bill "An Act relating to Public Burying-Grounds in Unincorporated Places" (H. P. 1240) (L. D. 792)

Bill "An Act relating to Investment of Trust Funds by Towns" (H. P. 1242) (L. D. 794)

Bill "An Act relating to Transporter Registration for Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1599) (L. D. 1140)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Recording of Judgments of Writs of Error" (S. P. 149) (L. D. 267)

Bill "An Act relating to Street Openings by Public Utility Corporations" (S. P. 170) (L. D. 344)

Bill "An Act relating to Signals for Stopping and Turning Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 93) (L. D. 38)

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

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Kittery Sewer District" (S. P. 171) (L. D. 345)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Non-Profit Medical Service Plans (S. P. 46) (L. D. 56)

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. 126 voted in favor of same and none against, and accord-

ingly the Bill was passed to be enacted and signed by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of Gorham, the Act was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Incorporate the Town of York School District (S. P. 50) (L. D. 60)

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. 127 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 relating to Number of Catch of Certain Fish (S. P. 231) (L. D. 502)

An Act relative to Game Preserve, Limington, Hollis and Waterboro (H. P. 629) (L. D. 380)

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

Tabled

An Act relating to Exemption of Parsonages from Taxation (H. P. 1389) (L. D. 934)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Finally Passed

Resolve Closing Certain Ponds in York County to Fishing (S. P. 159) (L. D. 335)

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

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Lincoln Plantation, County of Oxford (S. P. 215) (L. D. 437)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in the Tributaries to Bemis Stream in the County of Franklin (H. P. 736) (L. D. 435)

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first today tabled and assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Horne Pond in the Town of Limington, in the County of York (H. P. 734) (L. D. 423) tabled March 1st by the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Center, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion of Mr. Center the report of the committee was accepted and the Resolve, having already been printed, was read once under suspension of the rules.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 734, L. D. 423, Resolve Regulating Fishing in Horne Pond in the Town of Limington, in the County of York.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the period in the last line thereof, and adding the words 'from June 1st to September 30th.'

Mr. Center then offered House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 734, L. D. 423, Resolve Regulating Fishing in Horne Pond in the Town of Limington, in the County of York.

Amend said Amendment by inserting at the end thereof before the period the word 'only'.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A"

thereto was then adopted, and the resolve was assigned for second reading tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports" (H. P. 206) (L. D. 128) tabled on March 2nd, by the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker, I shall make a motion on this matter, but first I would like to say a few words in support of my motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to say that I have a great deal of sympathy for anyone who, through sickness or misfortune, has to apply to the town for pauper aid. We have cases of this kind in our town, and when people of this type apply for aid we help them all we can in different ways. If a man is able to work we find a job for him and quite often make a job for him in our town work where perhaps we could have the work done more cheaply in some other way. Also, we have quite often loaned people money, at times out of our own pockets. I have been a member of the Board of Selectmen for seventeen years and also a tax assessor, and I am old-fashioned enough to believe that when we assess a tax against a man and he pays that tax that he is entitled to know where the money is spent.

Now I have letters here from several town officials on this matter which I would like to read, with your permission.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CAMPBELL: The first letter is from Dexter, Maine. "Dear Mr. Campbell:

We are requesting your support in opposing the passage of Legislative Document number 123, An

Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports.

It is our belief that passage of this measure would only result in municipalities receiving increased applications for assistance.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Millard S. Quimby,
Town Manager, Dexter"
"Sangerville, Maine.

"Dear Mr. Campbell:

I understand there is a bill coming up not to list paupers' names in the annual Town Report. Some paupers still have a lot of pride and we, as Town Managers, do receive partial payments from time to time on these paupers. A lot of times if a pauper knows his name is going to be published in the report they will get by without any assistance. I would like to strongly oppose any such bill.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Lionel L. Merrill,
Town Manager
Town of Sangerville."
"Town of Guilford

"Dear Mr. Campbell:

I send this information along in an effort to assist you in making a legislative decision which will be in accord with the people you represent. I believe it is the expression of the citizens of this town that they are not in favor of the Act to prohibit the printing of pauper assistance in the Town Report.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Otis Z. Bacon
Town Manager
Town of Guilford."
"Rumford, Maine,
March 5, 1951

"Dear Mr. Campbell:

I am opposed to your L. D. 128 which prohibits the listing of paupers in town reports. I believe the fact that welfare lists are published is helpful to the Overseers of the Poor, and we have still some people who do not wish to have their name published and will put forth a little more effort to keep off the town."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Fred I. Howard,
Town Manager
Town of Rumford."

Town of Abbot, Maine

"Dear sir:

The Selectmen of Abbot are agreed that the bill, L. D. 128, to prohibit the listing of paupers in town reports should not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

A. H. Lovejoy,
Chairman Selectmen."
Town of Brownville, Maine

"Dear Mr. Campbell:

Am writing to ask that you use every means at your command in opposition to the bill now tabled whereas towns would be denied the privilege of publishing the names in the annual report of those who receive public assistance.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

James M. Ordway,
Town Manager, Town of
Brownville."
"Blanchard, Maine

"Dear Mr. Campbell:

We are opposed to Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports.

(Signed)

Oscar Davis,

Leon Knowlton,

Selectmen of Blanchard."

I have another letter here, and I will read only the part that pertains to the matter at hand. This is from the Town of Atkinson:

"Am writing in protest of such a bill (L. D. 128) not only as a taxpayer but also as a Selectman and an Overseer of the Poor of a small Maine town. This bill should not become a law.

"It certainly is no disgrace for a person or family to receive pauper aid if there is real need for help. On the other hand, it surely is disgraceful if they are 'putting it over' on the Overseers and getting relief when they really do not need or deserve it.

(Signed)

Edwin P. Snow,
Chairman Board of
Selectmen, Atkinson."

In view of the opposition from the people that I represent and others, and these letters that I have received, I move the indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell, moves that the Bill and Report be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin.

Mr. McGLAUFFIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House; I am definitely opposed to this motion for indefinite postponement. The unanimous vote of the committee was that these paupers' names should not be published. Evidently the town managers in various towns think that it would be some shame to the pauper himself and therefore they might not have to supply him with necessary food or clothing. But that it not where the rub comes; it is on the wife or children. You do not know what heartaches you are opening up here for the poor children. Let me give you an illustration.

When I was a boy my people were poor. We were not paupers by any means; but one day one of the neighbors told me to tell my mother that she had some rags that my mother could have. I went home heartbroken to think that we were so poor that neighbors would give us rags. Now my mother wanted those rags; she was very glad to get them; but I have not forgotten the heartaches that went through me when I felt that we were so poor that we had to have rags given to us.

Members, do not vote for the indefinite postponement of this measure. You are going to cause some heartaches that are unnecessary.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Dunham.

Mr. DUNHAM: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am not too much impressed with this heart-rending story of my friend the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin. I rise in support of the motion of Mr. Campbell of Guilford. I believe that these things can stand the light of day. I believe that the taxpayers in the towns and the cities should know where their money is going. I believe they should know whom they are helping, and I believe that if you don't support this gentleman you are giving a blank check to the selectmen and the city managers to help those whom they wish to help and without giving an accounting to the citizens of their towns and their cities.

I am very happy to support the motion of the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to support this bill of my friend the gentleman from Old Orchard, Mr. Gerrish, because I admire his presentation. This bill is a sincere effort to control those who seek assistance at the community level.

As Town Manager of my community for four years during the depression, I know that for one period eighty per cent of our population were receiving assistance in one form or another. People would come to me and say, "Aren't you too generous with public funds? You are too easy. You are making good - for - nothings out of our people." I was tempted to agree with them but I did not. When work became available again one after the other of those people became valuable citizens and accepted employment in Portland, Boston, Hartford and wherever work could be found. Today this same community has an appropriation of under \$4000 for town poor.

This is an era when the laborer is sometimes faced with problems beyond his ability or resources. The ordinary man struggles along until he is accosted by calamity. I have a friend who operates a small store in the Plantation of St. Francis. Not too long ago a truck hit his boy. A doctor in our community operated on the boy's brain and the doctor's fee was \$900. My friend sold his store to pay that bill and the resulting hospital costs. How many poor people can afford such bills? The town pauper is just one of the six classes of relief recipients. Why should they be compelled to have their names published in the town report? The veteran is exempt. That does not mean that the man who is a veteran cries more frequently for assistance. From my experience, I have not found it so.

We are living in difficult times. Russia plans to destroy from four to six per cent of our population in one terrific blow. Should that occur, security as we have known it in the past will cease to exist. Our

stocks, bonds, annuities and life insurance policies will be so much scrap paper. We have to learn to give and take; we will have to learn to have compassion. Today our nation is pouring millions in relief all over the globe. We do not compel recipients of our national relief to become disgraced thereby. This form of punishment ranks with the whipping-post and the guillotine of antiquity. It is outmoded. If a man has come face to face with adversity I do not want to lash at him with a punishment which is just a brand, a stigmatic brand, lifelong on his wife and innocent children. Members, I favor this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter.

Mr. POTTER: Mr. Speaker, I think, perhaps, we are looking at this bill in the wrong light. I have a great deal of respect for the gentleman here who has defended this bill. On the other hand, yesterday, on the floor of this House, there was some talk against the Federal Government usurping power from the states, and is not the state, this body of men and women, usurping power from the voters back home in their respective communities? Each community has the right under the present law to decide for itself whether it shall or shall not publish the welfare list. I quote from Chapter 80, Section 80, of the Revised Statutes of 1944: "Provided a town may at a regular annual town meeting vote to waive the printing in its annual printed town report an itemized list of receipts and disbursements."

I think that gives each town local option on the matter of publishing or not publishing the welfare list and I think it would be well to leave this to the discretion of the various towns and municipalities.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eliot, Mr. Dow.

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise in opposition to the motion that has been made to indefinitely postpone this bill. I can go along somewhat with those who have already spoken possibly in favor of indefinite postponement to this point: That I too feel as a selectman for over twenty years and a present member of the board

of selectmen in Eliot, that I too want the taxpayer to know where all the money has gone. But, by just printing the pauper list does not take care of it. As you have heard mentioned, there are other aids that are not printed because there is a law against it, because there is federal aid. So, therefore, as far as local option is concerned, if the people voted not to print, as you have heard stated could be done, it would take care of the whole thing, but if they voted to print, it still would let these other types of aid go without being printed. I would say that it is unfair from this point of view. I have had cases whereby after two or three years people have paid back the aid that they have had, and their youngsters have been subject to criticism when they went to school by other youngsters.

An up-to-date case—or two cases which will bear out what I have in mind that printing it in the town report does not take care of what we call the professional seeker for relief. I had a case whereby this family applied for aid within the week and we cannot print them in the town reports because they are receiving another type of assistance. Also, we had an application from a man who thought he might need relief. We found a job for him but sooner or later we are going to have to give him a little assistance, maybe \$25.00. Now, his family is going to be subject to criticism because of the \$25 aid that he gets. That is the unfair part of this law whereby we have to print the list of paupers.

Back a few years ago, I certainly would have opposed to not printing them but it isn't fair under the circumstances to print what we call the "pauper aid," people that aren't getting any type of aid otherwise, when we can supplement amounts to other types of aid and they are not subject to this criticism.

Now, they say the taxpayers should know; they can know, they can come in to the selectmen's office at any time, the books are open, and they can find out without any stigma to legitimate cases. In fact as far as the professionals are concerned, I would say the responsibility is on the overseer of

the poor in the town if he lets them get by with types of aid that they should not have. So, I say in face of that I think it is unfair to the people who are unfortunate, who, in many cases, have to have aid in the amount of \$10 or \$15 to have to be subject to this criticism.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berwick, Mr. Gowell.

Mr. GOWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am not prepared and do not care, at this time, to enter into any detailed statement in regard to the merits or demerits of this bill. I have great respect for the integrity and the judgment of the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell, and I also have had the privilege or disadvantage, whichever way you want to put it, of serving as a selectman and overseer of the poor in my town, not continuously but at different periods, for sixteen years, and I know something perhaps of the troubles which every board of overseers of the poor in country towns have to contend with.

But, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, as I understand the situation this morning, this matter is presented to us by a report of the Committee on Welfare, the unanimous report that it ought to pass, and while it may not be an iron-clad rule that we should always accept the report of the committee, usually it is good practice.

This committee, as I understand it, is composed of men who are interested in matters of this kind and to my mind very able and efficient and their report should not be heedlessly overthrown.

In my opinion, the small amount of money that the towns might save in this legislation is not to be compared with the moral issue involved. I would like to go on record this morning as one who is in favor, when he can be, of the "forgotten man".

Maybe they are taking advantage of it in these different localities but I know many times people, through unavoidable circumstances that they cannot control, are obliged to receive this form of help.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I am heartily in favor of

the support of the acceptance of this report of the Committee on Towns and Counties. I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

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

Mr. MARCH: Mr. Speaker, I do not approve of a rubber stamp, a blank check, at the national level, the state level, or at the local level. While it is, perhaps, deplorable, to the few innocent people to have their pride hurt, we have got to consider the greatest good to the greatest number.

I am in complete accord with the motion of the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell, to indefinitely postpone.

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

Mr. SENTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone this bill. I feel that to the professionally unemployed, the habitual receiver of assistance, that it makes no difference whether you publish his name or not but there are people in our communities who are struggling to get along as best they can and who through no fault of theirs fall upon hard times, perhaps an operation is necessary, they have not been able to accumulate enough money to pay the admittance cost to a hospital, the town must help and by publishing the name in the town report of a person who gets aid of this kind, I think you are doing a great deal of harm.

I know an instance in our town of Brunswick. Last year, while Chairman of the Board, it was necessary for us to give assistance in the way of hospital treatment to a person who had never received pauper assistance before. His sister had tried to the best of her ability to support the brother and family but she could not pay the cost of hospital care and so the town had to come to their assistance. When she saw the name of her brother published in the town report of that year, of course it hurt her feelings and to her it was a sense of shame, and I think it was unfair.

I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone will not pass.

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am well aware that the enactment of this measure may take some courage on the part of the members of the House.

First, I want to pay a tribute, a personal tribute, to that gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Gerish, who had the courage to draft and introduce what, in my opinion, is a piece of legislation which is social reform number one, and I am proud to be able to support this measure and I think I speak with some experience in connection with administering pauper relief.

Now, today, under your existing laws and practices, if a family is receiving aid to dependent children, you do not list their names and thank God for that. Those children are not humiliated when they go to school by other children who may, under the pauper set-up, say to them: "You are receiving assistance."

If an aged man is receiving old age assistance and the town has to subsidize his existence, you do not list his name or pauperize him. If he is receiving aid to the blind, and that means he is unable to work, unfitted for work, because of loss of eyesight, it becomes necessary to subsidize his income with your town money but you do not list his name among the paupers. If the man is a veteran and needs assistance, you do not list his name and thank God for that.

Now, your town is spending fifty per cent of its money appropriated for relief for these various items in which you do not publish the names. If there is any responsibility, it is upon the administrator of your relief funds. It is up to him or them to have the courage to give or refuse; that is what he is hired or elected to do. You cannot expect to place the responsibility on that person who is applying for public assistance but let the responsibility rest where it should be upon those officials elected or appointed to administer your money.

Another point, which I believe can be well applied to this issue, although not directly: Once a

young man has grown up to the age of 18 or 19, do we say "He has been a town pauper and we do not want him in the armed forces of the United States?" No. We make no designation of that kind. We do not wish to embarrass him or his family.

As I have previously stated, this is a social reform. It will not cost your towns and cities a nickel. It will avoid the embarrassment to a great many children and to whom do we look for the future of our country? To those kids. I care not for their parents—some of them are good and some of them are no good and never will be, but those children are the future of America and I ask you, Members of the House, to give that consideration and vote against the motion of my good friend, the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell, for the indefinite postponement.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar.

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am against any man or any association that is cruel enough and I want to emphasize that word, and heartless enough and I want to emphasize that, to want to publicize the misfortune of any individual. That is what this pauper business means.

There are many in this House who are receiving pensions. Are they pauperized? The pension comes from the taxpayers just the same as the pauper aid, as you call it, comes from the taxpayers. Until you pauperize the judges of the Supreme Court and every other man who receives a pension from the taxpayers and until you pauperize those who cash in on the support price, I am against this publishing of the pauper relief. It all comes out of the taxpayers.

I sat in a town office a year ago and a woman, the mother of seven children, came in. Her husband was dead. Benjamin was Town Manager. She said: "I am hungry, my children are hungry. What am I going to do? If I call on for support, they will publish my name and think of my children, I can't do it." And is there a member here who is heartless enough to want to tie a tag onto that woman that she is a pauper, or her child-

ren? I am surprised because they have bread enough and to spare.

A young woman came to me who was about to be married, a quite brilliant young woman, and she said: "Is it true that—calling him by name—was a pauper?" She said: "I never found it out until today. I love him and I am going to marry him. Isn't there any way to get around that? Is it possible that his name was in the town book of the town of Blaine?" She was thinking about the children that were unborn; and you want to pauperize her and pauperize her children? Members, that is a heartless thing.

I had a young man come to me some years ago. He said: "I would like to find out if my mother is a pauper, and I do not want to go and look it up. I don't want to go and ask them. I have reasons why I want to know it. Mr. Bubar, will you kindly do it?"

We had a young man working for us a little over a year ago and he wanted to enlist in the Army. I saw there was something bothering him. The recruiting officer was down from Presque Isle. He took me aside and he said: "You know my father and mother were paupers and if I go up to Presque Isle and enlist, is that going to be brought up against me?" And he cried like a baby. I said: "No." He is in the service.

Those are the things that I am opposed to. I am opposed to tying a tag around any child as yet unborn: "Your father was a pauper; your mother was a pauper." I beg of you members, let's eliminate that pauper act.

Thank you.

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

Mr. SENTER: Mr. Speaker, I move that when the vote on this motion is taken that it be taken by division.

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

Mr. HAWKES: Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I am young and I do not have the experience which the other Members have shown here this morning as regards the effect which publishing the names of the

paupers would have on the town finances.

It seems to me that everybody has agreed that it certainly does some harm at least as far as the children are concerned and as far as the parents are concerned, that only once, in cases of emergency, have to apply for pauper aid.

I wish that it would be possible in this debate to bring out to my satisfaction the reason for publishing the pauper list except for the fact that it acts as a checkrein on the selectmen. It would seem to me that if I lived in a town, at a town meeting, if I didn't have sufficient confidence in the selectmen to run the affairs of the town, I wouldn't vote for them. If I did have that confidence in a man I certainly would not feel that any checkreins would have to be put on him or rather I would gladly trust to his judgment and feel that his judgment in the pauper list, in giving out the money to the poor, would be just as good as if he published it in the town report also.

I would like to say that I am definitely, at this time, opposed to the motion to indefinitely postpone unless it is possible for somebody to show where it will do a little good, whether it will save the taxpayers some money or not.

So far, it seems as though the only reason is to put a checkrein on the selectmen and watch over the way they see fit to give money out to the poor and needy of the particular community.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Dunham.

Mr. DUNHAM: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman of the House: I would like to clarify my position, if I may. I am not particularly for or against publishing names but I do resist, I do resist this House, interfering with the autonomy of the towns and cities of this State. I do not like for us to tell them that they must do so and so. I believe they are perfectly capable of handling their own affairs, and that is the only reason why I rise to support the motion of the gentleman from Gullford (Mr. Campbell).

The last few days, we have been reading in the papers how these towns and cities have been meeting together, their citizens have been solving their own affairs and it has been pointed out to us that this is the last stand of democracy. This is the last stand. Ladies and Gentleman, of democracy.

Therefore, I say to you they are perfectly capable of handling their own affairs, and if they want to publish those names it is all right and if they don't want to publish them, it is all right with me.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Center:

Mr. Center: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In my mind, this law serves no useful purpose today. There are two classes of people asking assistance at the town level: First, those that do it by choice, and, second, those who do it by necessity. In regard to the first group, you cannot shame those people; they are entirely immune to any kind of unfavorable publicity. But in the second group there are many honest, sincere, hard-working people who have gotten along without aid for years, and, under normal and usual conditions, will continue to get along without aid. To these people aid in this form is extremely distasteful. It is when some unusual, unexpected expense presents itself that these people are forced to ask for help. They must swallow their pride and seek aid. And as a practitioner of medicine, I know that very often this unexpected and unusual expense comes to them in the form of hospital bills, nursing bills, and allied expenses. Only too often have I examined a patient where hospitalization was urgent and immediately necessary, and yet there were no funds available. The hospitals will not accept these patients unless somebody guarantees the bill. That is where the town comes in. In many cases that I have known of, these people have later on reimbursed the town. They have wanted to look upon this matter as a sort of a temporary loan from the town. But, lo and behold, before that happened their names were published as paupers in the town reports. Rather than

decrease the number of town paupers, in my humble judgment, it tends to increase them, because some of these good people lose courage and they feel that if they have the name they might as well have the game.

Now, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, these people deserve something better than this from society; they deserve help in times of distress without having their names spread all over the community. They have received no more than what is their right and just due from society. Let's give them that help in a dignified manner. I trust that the human and spiritual forces will prevail this morning rather than the material ones. I hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone will not prevail.

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

Mr. PERRY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I also rise to voice my sentiments against the indefinite postponement of this bill. I think the subject matter has been very well covered. All the groups that have been listed, Old Age Assistance, the Veterans, A. D. C., the Special Resolves, Aid to the Blind, that cannot be published, actually make up in the greatest extent the amount of money expended from our tax revenues; the direct relief from the town aid is a minor part of it. However, I am in full agreement with the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Dunham, that I am against taking away the authority from the towns to do what they wish to do. The only thing, I can state is that we consistently have, here in this Legislature, and in past Legislatures, taken away those things. We have taken away the A. D. C., the Veterans and down through; we cannot publish those names. The towns do not like it, but they cannot publish them. Therefore I do not see why we should draw the line here now and stop taking away anything on this particular part. I do believe, without sentiment, from what has been brought out, that in fairness these names should not be published.

A gentleman did rise and ask what good it would do besides may-

be put a checkrein on the assessors. In my experience as an overseer of the poor and a selectman, it will do no good at all. I see no reason for its doing any good in any way, shape or manner except making the job maybe a little bit easier for the selectmen or overseer of the poor by having that weapon to hold over a person's head and stating, "Well, you are going to have your name published and everyone is going to know about it." Supposedly then he will not have to go out and investigate the case so much and can get by with a little less work because a lot of them will refrain from coming in. But if he is going to do the job adequately in the way he was elected to office and paid for doing, he should be checking the cases properly and fairly. The records are in the town office, available to the public and to every citizen of the town so they can see them as they can in all these other cases. Therefore I see no reason whatsoever for publishing these names in the town report.

I want to commend the Representative from Old Orchard, Mr. Gerrish, for this humane bill that he has put in, and I wish to support him all the way through. I hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone will not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar.

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to comment on the statement of the worthy gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Dunham, that he objects to us interfering with the economy of the town. Members, that is what we are here for. That is what I came here for. If there is a law that is not for the best advantage of society, it is our business to repeal it. That is what I came here for, to enact the good laws and repeal the bad ones. Members, that is our business.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Fenn.

Mr. FENN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I agree very heartily with some of the things that have been said here this morning, but I do stand opposed to the indefinite postponement of this bill.

I would like to point out to my good friend, the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Dunham, and to the House, as has been pointed out before here, that this report came out as a unanimous "Ought to pass" report of the Towns and Counties Committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt.

Mrs. MOFFATT: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, moves the previous question. In order for the Chair to entertain the motion for the previous question it requires the consent of one-third of the members present.

All those in favor of the Chair entertaining the motion for the previous question will rise and stand in their places until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Obviously more than one-third of the members present having arisen, the motion for the previous question is entertained.

The question before the House now is: Shall the main question be put now? All those in favor will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the main question was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell, that on House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports," (H. P. 206) (L. D. 128) that the bill and report be indefinitely postponed.

The gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Senter, moves that when the vote is taken it be taken by a division.

All those in favor of the bill and report being indefinitely postponed will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Forty-three having voted in the affirmative and eighty-two in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I now move acceptance of the "Ought to pass" report of the committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, now moves that the House accept the "Ought to pass" report of the committee on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports." Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the "Ought to pass" report of the committee was accepted.

The bill, having already been printed, was given its two several readings under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Rollins of Greenville then presented House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman please send the amendment to the Chair.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I had better read it. I have just written it out.

House Amendment "A"

"Any town at its annual town meeting may vote upon the right to publish names of paupers in their annual town report."

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the amendment, not having been reproduced for the benefit of the members of the House, it automatically lies on the table.

Thereupon the Report with accompanying papers was tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A".

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, An Act to Create the Limestone School District (H. P. 747) (L. D. 452) tabled on March 7th by the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion of Mr. Burgess, the House voted, under suspension of the rules, to reconsider its action of February 27 whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Burgess then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 747, L. D. 452, Bill "An Act to Create the Limestone School District."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, the United States government has now under construction in the town of Limestone a huge bomber base; and

Whereas, the population of the town of Limestone has greatly increased because of government spending for defense; and

Whereas, the present school facilities in the town of Limestone are wholly inadequate; and

Whereas, the town of Limestone must provide additional school facilities for the additional increase in population now taking place by the increase of armed forces as well as additional construction personnel; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the headnote and 1st 2 sentences of "Sec. 9" and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Emergency clause; effective date; referendum. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Limestone at any regular or special meeting called and held for the purpose not later than 8 months after the approval of this act."

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill, having already had its three several readings, was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Bangor, the House voted to take from the table the fourth tabled and

unassigned matter, House Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Majority "Ought not to pass", Minority "Ought to pass", on Bill "An Act Increasing Pensions of Retired Members of the State Police" (H. P. 198) (L. D. 120) tabled by that gentleman on February 20 pending acceptance of either report; and on further motion of the same gentleman, the report with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Jamieson, the House voted to take from the table the fourteenth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to County Commissioners of Aroostook County" (H. P. 1436) (L. D. 1047) tabled by that gentleman on March 2 pending reference.

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

Mr. JAMIESON: Mr. Speaker, before I make my motion with regard to this unassigned matter, I would like to explain that I have the support of the Aroostook delegation in making this motion.

I now move that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Jamieson, moves that Bill "An Act relating to County Commissioners of Aroostook County" H. P. 1436, L. D. 1047, be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lord of Norway, the House voted to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Amending the Maine Housing Authorities Act" (H. P. 159) (L. D. 90) tabled by that gentleman on February 21 pending acceptance of the report.

On motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Fuller, the report with accompanying papers was recom-

mitted to the Committee on Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Patterson of Freeport, the House voted to take from the table the eighteenth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Lands in the Unorganized Territory (H. P. 1503) (L. D. 1060) tabled by that gentleman on March 6 pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion of the same gentleman the Resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Burkett of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby Bill "An Act relating to Signals for Stopping and Turning Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 93) (L. D. 38) was passed to be engrossed; on further motion by the same gentleman, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted; and on further motion of the same gentleman, the Bill was tabled pending adoption of Committee Amend "A".

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

On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, the House voted to take from the table the eleventh tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Natural Resources on Resolve Changing the Name of No-name Pond (H. P. 390) (L. D. 226) tabled by that gentleman on March 1 pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion of the same gentleman, the Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Bates of Orono, Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.