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HOUSE

Wednesday, March 14, 1951

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cornelius E. Clark, Minister of Congregational Christian Conference, of Portland.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to Indian Representative John S. Nelson the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) which is the balance due on account of compensation for attendance at the 95th Maine State Legislature. (S. P. 494)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Ballots" (S. P. 165) (L. D. 336)

Report of the same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Limitations for Injuries by Defect in Highways and Notice Thereof" (S. P. 130) (L. D. 240)

Report of the Committee on Labor reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation for Specified Injuries Under the Workmen's Compensation Law" (S. P. 127) (L. D. 235)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions of the Institutional Service Law" (S. P. 133) (L. D. 238) 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. 133, L. D. 238, Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions of the Institutional Service Law."

Amend said bill by striking out Sections 4 and 6 of said bill.

Further amend said bill by renumbering that part of said bill designated as Section 5 as Section 4.

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

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Eligibility for Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 325) (L. D. 724) 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. 325, L. D. 724, Bill "An Act Relating to Eligibility for Liquor Licenses."

Amend said bill by inserting after the underlined word 'by reason of conviction of violation of any liquor laws or because of having had his license for sale of liquor revoked'

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair, at this time, notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of the Union High School, under the supervision of Winfield Kenoyer, Bertha Ladd, Edmund Gibson and Donna Shaw; also the Jefferson Grammar School, in charge of Mrs. Preston Parlin, Principal.

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

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:

Claims

Resolve in favor of Edmund P. Skillin, of Freeport (H. P. 1632) (Presented by Mr. Patterson of Freeport)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Elmer W. Lawrence, of Pittsfield (H. P. 1638) (Presented by Mr. Sinclair of Pittsfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act Establishing Chapman Bird Sanctuary" (H. P. 1633) (Presented by Mr. Bearce of Caribou)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Extending Appropriation of Money to Improve the Approach to the Fish Way at Aroostook Falls (H. P. 1634) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Piscataquis County Fish and Game Association (H. P. 1635) (Presented by Mr. Campbell of Guilford)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Limiting Catch of Pick-erel in Brann's Mill Pond, Piscataquis County (H. P. 1636) (Presented by Mr. Parker of Sebec)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Closing Brann's Mill Pond, Piscataquis County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 1637) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to the County Law Library at Rumford, Oxford County" (H. P. 1639) (Presented by Mr. Parent of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Increasing Retirement Benefits for George H. Woodbury, of Belgrade (H. P. 1640) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Belgrade)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Practice of Land Surveying" (H. P. 1641) (Presented by Mr. Albert of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Provide Partial Cutting Adjacent to Roadsides" (H. P. 1642) (Presented by Mr. Bearce of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Bulldozing of Streams" (H. P. 1643) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion of Mr. Bearce of Caribou, tabled pending reference to a Committee and ordered printed)

Resolve Authorizing the State Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Property Formerly Owned by Anna Gray (H. P. 1644) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Wayne)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Purposes for Which Cities and Towns May Raise Money" (H. P. 1645) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles" (H. P. 1646) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I present an order and move its passage. After it has been read, I should like to speak on it.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, presents an order and moves its passage. The Clerk will read the order.

The order was then read by the Clerk as follows:

ORDERED, that the special order of business, the report of a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, provided for by the House Order passed January 18, be discontinued.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, now that we have the report from the committee covering the general budget, there would seem to be no further occasion for reports on that general budget, which was the subject of the order. Therefore I move the passage of the order.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the order receive passage?

The motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Knapp of Yarmouth, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. E. E. McCormick of Yarmouth, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, April 12, 1951.

On motion of Mr. Bradeen of Waterboro, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Katie MacNeil of No. Waterboro be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Friday, April 20, 1951.

On motion of Mrs. Hanson of Lebanon, House Rule 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 relating to Sales of Liquor to Minors" (H. P. 1326) (L. D. 889) reported leave to withdraw.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the Report of the Committee?

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Fay.

Mrs. FAY: Mr. Speaker, I note that there is some need of correction on the number of this bill; it is either the wrong title or the wrong number. I do not know which.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the gentlewoman that the Report is as read, and as printed. Evidently there is a mistake in printing the calendar.

Thereupon, the Report of the Committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Bearce from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Stockton Springs Water District" (H. P. 1354) (L. D. 929) reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Maxwell from the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act relating to Relief of Paupers in Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 1141) (L. D. 673) reported same.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Appropriating Moneys for General Administration of Inland Fish and Game Department (H. P. 797) (L. D. 475)

Mr. Finnegan from the same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Repealing the Reserve for Operating Capital for the General Fund of the State" (H. P. 180) (L. D. 133)

Same gentleman from the same Committee reported same on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Repealing the Constitutional Provisions Relating to the Office of Treasurer of State (H. P. 446) (L. D. 275)

Mr. Jacobs from the same Committee reported same on Resolve Appropriating Moneys for LaFleur Municipal Airport in Waterville (H. P. 870) (L. D. 518) as it is covered by other legislation.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial

Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Appropriating Moneys for State Military Defense Commission (H. P. 872) (L. D. 520)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Jennings of Strong, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 21st)

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Transferring Duties of Treasurer of State to Commissioner of Finance" (H. P. 445) (L. D. 274)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Jalbert from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Creating a Fund for Scholarships for Vocational and Technical Schools (H. P. 798) (L. D. 476)

Report was read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship, the House voted to reconsider its action just taken where the Report of the Committee was accepted.

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

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table my motion until Wednesday, and have the matter specially assigned for that day, because that is Mr. Roundy's bill and he is not here.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, moves that Resolve Creating a Fund for Scholarships for Vocational and Technical Schools lie on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be specially assigned for Wednesday, March 21st. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the resolve was so tabled and so assigned.

Mr. Phillips from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Direct Payments for Hospital Care

of Public Assistance Recipients" (H. P. 793) (L. D. 473)

Mr. Larrabee from the Committee on Labor reported same on Bill "An Act Designating Hernia as an Occupational Disease" (H. P. 806) (L. D. 485)

Mr. Burkett from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Saco Relative to Voting" (H. P. 1205) (L. D. 763)

Mr. Albert from the Committee on Liquor Control reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Qualifications of Liquor Licensees" (H. P. 1277) (L. D. 846)

Mr. Chase from the same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Entertainment in Licensed Premises" (H. P. 1325) (L. D. 888)

Mr. Pierce from the same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Location of Licensed Premises from Sale of Liquor Along Turnpikes" (H. P. 1351) (L. D. 926)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Clements from the Committee on Welfare reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Liberalizing Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 173) (L. D. 104)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Bradeen of Waterboro, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 21st)

Mr. Clements from the Committee on Welfare reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Lida Campbell of Winterport (H. P. 1292)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Finnegan from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of the Reporter of Decisions" (H. P. 955) (L. D. 567)

Same gentleman from the same Committee reported same on Resolve Appropriating Moneys to

Obtain Plasma (H. P. 869) (L. D. 517)

Mr. Jamieson from the same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of State Military Defense Commission (H. P. 871) (L. D. 519)

Mr. DeBeck from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act Describing the Jefferson-Somerville Town Line, Lincoln County" (H. P. 1190) (L. D. 718)

Mr. Clements from the Committee on Welfare reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Children's Homes" (H. P. 1142) (L. D. 674)

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

Mr. Patterson from the Committee on Welfare reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Funeral Expenses Under Old Age Assistance Law" (H. P. 1285) (L. D. 823)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Bates.

Mr. BATES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, before accepting the "Ought to pass" report of the Committee on Welfare on this bill, I deem it advisable, in so far as this measure deals with increased expenditures, to direct a question through the Chair to the gentleman on the Committee on Welfare, Mr. Patterson, as to how much additional money is involved.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Orono, Mr. Bates, inquires through the Chair of the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson, how much additional money is involved in this Bill. The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson, may answer if he chooses.

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question as asked by the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Bates, I would say that they came before our committee and proved that the costs were almost up to two hundred dollars. This \$100 cost was given out quite a number of years ago, and the cost of every-

thing now has gone up; and the committee figured that under the circumstances they could not get a fairly decent—half decent—burial unless the cost was raised up to \$150.00. That would cost about \$30,000 more than what was estimated for 1951.

After hearing all of the evidence, the committee decided that it wasn't fair to let them take all of that cost, and they should have a raise of that \$100. to take care of the additional \$50. of the expenses.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the report of the Committee?

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation for Members of State Racing Commission" (H. P. 444) (L. D. 273)

Bill "An Act relating to Workmen's Compensation for Death of Employee" (H. P. 572) (L. D. 378)

Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Wages in Certain Businesses" (H. P. 642) (L. D. 362)

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

Recommended

Bill "An Act Providing for Funds for Civil Defense and Public Safety" (H. P. 792) (L. D. 472)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, in my opinion this bill, conferring emergency and extraordinary powers upon the Governor, does not tie in tightly enough with the emergency provision in the chapter which this bill would amend. I am authorized to state that the Governor agrees with me in this statement. In order that this defect may be corrected, and with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee involved, I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, moves that Bill "An Act Providing for Funds for Civil Defense and Public Safety" be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Teacher' Under Maine State Retirement Law" (H. P. 926) (L. D. 528)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Elevator Inspection Fees" (H. P. 1017) (L. D. 577)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

(On motion of Mr. Maguire of Auburn, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes" (H. P. 1032) (L. D. 587)

Bill "An Act to Provide Forest Fire Prevention and Control in Unorganized Areas not in the Maine Forestry District" (H. P. 1033) (L. D. 588)

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Her Own Business Program" (H. P. 1233) (L. D. 786)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

(On motion of Mrs. Moffatt of Bath, tabled pending third reading)

Bill "An Act relating to a Legal Day's Work" (H. P. 1275) (L. D. 844)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of the Smith Grammar School, Augusta, Eighth Grade Social Studies Class, under the supervision of the Principal, Walter Perkins, and in behalf of the House, the Chair at this time bids you welcome. (Applause)

Bill "An Act Creating the Lubeo Water and Electric District" (H. P. 1631) (L. D. 1192)

Resolve relating to Working Capital for Institutional Farms (H. P. 257) (L. D. 169)

Resolve Restoring Interest on Certain Trust Funds (H. P. 372) (L. D. 215)

Resolve relating to Surplus Property Pool for Institutions (H. P. 796) (L. D. 491)

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

Amended Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Insurance Agents and Brokers" (S. P. 370) (L. D. 898)

Was 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.

Finally Passed Emergency Measure

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Liberalize Limitation of Municipal Indebtedness (S. P. 69) (L. D. 75)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being a Constitutional Amendment and a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a division was had. 116 voted in favor of same, and none against, and accordingly, the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Passed to Be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Brunswick Sewer District (H. P. 164) (L. D. 95)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 124 voted in favor of same, and none against and accordingly, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Certified Seed (S. P. 23) (L. D. 13)

An Act relating to Salary of Council in City of South Portland (S. P. 71) (L. D. 77)

An Act relating to State Aid to Certain Educational Institutions (S. P. 95) (L. D. 150)

An Act relating to Joint Tenancies in Corporate Securities (S. P. 148) (L. D. 268)

An Act relating to the Development Credit Corporation of Maine (S. P. 267) (L. D. 606)

An Act relating to Salaries of Members of Council of the City of Rockland (S. P. 289) (L. D. 628)

An Act relating to a Consumer on Maine Milk Commission (H. P. 8) (L. D. 3)

An Act to Repeal the Incorporation of the Phillips Village Corporation (H. P. 65) (L. D. 31)

An Act relating to Standards of Sardines in Cans (H. P. 68) (L. D. 32)

An Act relating to the Construction of Sidewalks in the Town of Sanford (H. P. 167) (L. D. 98)

An Act relating to Adulterated Feeds (H. P. 178) (L. D. 113)

An Act relating to Maine Milk Commission Law (H. P. 255) (L. D. 167)

An Act Closing the Town of Vinalhaven to Trapping of Muskrats and Mink (H. P. 312) (L. D. 171)

An Act relative to Game Preserve on Monroe Island (H. P. 315) (L. D. 173)

An Act to Incorporate the Chelsea Water District (H. P. 329) (L. D. 189)

An Act relating to Powers and Duties of County Commissioners Regarding Civil Defense (H. P. 338) (L. D. 196)

An Act to Provide Training to Organized Fire Companies (H. P. 377) (L. D. 217)

An Act relating to Costs of Children in Maine School for the Deaf (H. P. 404) (L. D. 248)

An Act to Provide for a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Rumford (H. P. 540) (L. D. 325)

An Act relating to Qualifications for Admission to Practice Law (H. P. 638) (L. D. 359)

An Act relating to the Reporter of Decisions (H. P. 639) (L. D. 360)

An Act relating to Northern Maine General Hospital of Eagle Lake (H. P. 741) (L. D. 427)

An Act relating to Eastern Maine Orphans' Home (H. P. 746) (L. D. 438)

An Act to Incorporate the Kingfield Water District (H. P. 757) (L. D. 446)

An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Deeds in Cumberland County (H. P. 763) (L. D. 450)

An Act Creating the Maine Seed Law (H. P. 868) (L. D. 516)

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 Hours of Sale of Liquor (H. P. 932) (L. D. 542)

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

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

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker, I move that Item 29, "An Act relating to Hours of Sale of Liquor" lie on the table pending enactment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Eliot, Mr. Dow, moves that "An Act relating to Hours of Sale of Liquor" lie on the table pending enactment. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the bill was so tabled.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: If I am in order, may I ask the gentleman from Eliot, Mr. Dow, to assign a time for this bill to be discussed?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, requests of the gentleman from Eliot, Mr. Dow, if he will assign a special time on Item 29.

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker, there are two days, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week; either one or the other. I do not know any definite

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman care to assign it at this time?

Mr. DOW: I would like to leave it that way, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The matter lies on the table unassigned.

An Act relating to the Salary of the County Treasurer of Knox County (H. P. 938) (L. D. 536)

An Act relating to Licenses of Buildings for Dancing Purposes (H. P. 1020) (L. D. 599)

An Act relating to Number of Voting Districts (H. P. 1036) (L. D. 564)

An Act creating the Town of Albion School District (H. P. 1058) (L. D. 638)

An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Bar Harbor (H. P. 1059) (L. D. 639)

An Act Amending the Charter of the Waterville Sewerage District (H. P. 1060) (L. D. 640)

An Act to Incorporate the Kennebunk Light and Power District (H. P. 1128) (L. D. 713)

An Act relating to Trespass on Airports (H. P. 1461) (L. D. 989)

Finally Passed

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Coffee Pond, Cumberland County (S. P. 161) (L. D. 333)

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

Resolve to Open Black Pond, in the County of Oxford (H. P. 58) (L. D. 24)

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Land with Buildings Thereon in Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln (H. P. 242) (L. D. 136)

Resolve Granting a Pension to Mildred S. Dow of Scarborough (H. P. 386) (L. D. 222)

Resolve Regulating Fishing on Rangeley Stream in the County of Franklin (H. P. 737) (L. D. 436)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of the American History Class of Farmington High School in charge of Dr. Eiel. In behalf of the House, the Chair bids you welcome. (Applause)

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Order amending Rule 26, tabled on March 9th by the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, pending passage; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would mention directly to the new members of the House who perhaps have not gone through what some of the rest of us have, that the purpose of this order is for the ending days of the session when we are all tired out, worn out and tempers are none too good. I think that the older members of the House practically agree, as well as many of the new members, from what they have heard of past sessions, that this might be a curb to some unpleasantness at the end of our session. When we have done a day's work through to 9:00 P.M., that should be a long enough day for any man to work and debate on the floor of this House.

Mr. Speaker, I move that this order receive passage.

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

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I can appreciate what my friend, the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, has in mind, but I oppose his motion to change the rule for this reason: it wont amount to anything to adopt such a rule. When we have been here, as some of us have on several occasions, way into May, and the farmers in this House

find that it is time to get back cultivating their crops, I want you to understand that the question of stopping over one night in this House in order to get something accomplished is not going to trouble them at all, because if you adopt this rule they will change it in five minutes, which they can do at any time by a two-thirds vote.

Now what you do on this I am not greatly concerned with, but I am against it because it is a useless move.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, that the order receive passage.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am sorry to differ with my colleague, the able lawyer from Portland, but we have laws that prohibit murder and prohibit drunken driving. It does not always prevent it, that is true; but I think that every man and woman in this House will agree that it is a curb upon it. That is all I am asking here. I full well knew that two-thirds of this House could suspend any rule in this House at any time, but I still think that it might be a curb on the actions of this House. I do not believe that there is a farmer sitting here who is so anxious to get back to his potatoes or his corn that he wants to make laws in the State of Maine on the Sabbath Day. That has been done in this House in my presence in many years. For that reason, I put in this order to act as a curb and perhaps assist the Speaker in governing this body. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Livermore, Mr. Boothby.

Mr. BOOTHBY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I want to go along with Representative Rollins on that order. I know very well that two-thirds of the House can vote that rule down at any time, but I doubt if you can get a two-thirds vote. I do not think that it is decent or respectable or most anything else to stay here over into the Sabbath Day, as he says, on Sunday morning. I think if we cannot pass laws in this State,

or if this body cannot pass all the laws that we need without doing it on Sunday, I do not think that we ought to pass them. I am very much opposed to running over into the wee hours of the night, especially on Sunday morning.

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

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

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

Mr. DUNHAM: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I bring to your attention the fact that it is always within the province of any member of this Legislature to make a motion to adjourn. I did that myself at the last special session when I saw that the session was going to run into the middle of the night. I was greatly censured because I did that. However, we took our orderly and leisurely time the next day and completed our business. Thank you.

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

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker, I know very well that during the closing hours of the last session bills went through this House that we knew nothing about. The record will show that. I am in favor of this order of Mr. Rollins. I think, Members, that we can do our business on a weekday instead of breaking into the Sabbath Day.

We did not get out of here until people were going to church last session. I met them going to church as I left this House. I did not want to remain, but I knew I had to remain because there were some bills I was interested in and I was afraid they would get away from me. I think there ought to be too much dignity to this House to go through what we went through last session in the closing hours. I am for this order. Thank you.

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

Mr. DELAHANTY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I happen to be one of those young fellows, a freshman in this House,

and possibly I should be substituting my thoughts for those of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaulin. He has argued that we should stay over. I am young enough, probably, to weather out a long night. However, I feel that as long as we have assigned a group to act for the mock session we should not have two, as the last day has been described to me as being. I feel that the measures that we pass here are of sufficient importance, in the last hours, to have as much consideration as any bills that we spend much time on during any day of the session. I would like to go along with the order of Mr. Rollins, and I feel that it should be supported, so that we may give every measure that we may have in the final hours of this session the same consideration that we give to any other measure.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may state his inquiry.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, would the Chair be willing to rule or indicate what would happen at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday if the House were engaged in debate upon an issue at that time? According to the understanding of the Chair, if this order should pass, would the House automatically adjourn at 9:00 p.m. on any week day when a matter was under discussion?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, that there is not any issue before the House that would be in order as a parliamentary inquiry at this time. Nevertheless, the Chair will state that there is nothing to prevent the House from suspending the rules at any time.

Now the question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, that the order receive passage.

All those in favor of the motion that the order receive passage will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: 105 having voted in the affirmative and 14 in the negative, the order has received passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports" H. P. 206, L. D. 128, tabled on March 9th by the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, pending adoption, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: At this time, I would move the indefinite postponement of House Amendment "A" which I presented and which I wrote out at my desk as it didn't conform to the language of the bill and, after that vote is taken, I will present House Amendment "C".

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, moves that House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports" be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, then presented House Amendment "C" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H. P. 206, L. D. 128, Bill, "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof before the period the following underlined clause:

' , unless any Town at its Annual Town Meeting shall vote to include such names in its next Annual Report'.

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

Mr. MCGLAULIN: Mr. Speaker, once more I arise to oppose my friend, the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, in his suggested amendment.

We voted just two or three days ago, 82 to 43, that they would not publish, that they should not publish, the names of the town paupers.

When I voted on that occasion, I meant just what I intended to mean: That we shouldn't publish them and that means that we shouldn't publish it whether the town votes it or doesn't vote it.

Now, if you meant what you voted, as I did, this can quickly be taken care of.

I move the indefinite postponement of the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, moves that House Amendment "C" to Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports" be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterboro, Mr. Bradeen.

Mr. BRADEEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It seems to me that this bill under discussion reflects certain, you might say, social and human values which are not altogether obvious on its face. Now, my interest in it stems very largely from a realization that the impact of this practice - - and I call it a vicious practice - - of printing these items in our town reports falls upon our children.

Now, the children are innocent victims of circumstance; they are helpless, they have nothing to say about it. I can't see where this accomplishes any useful purpose. You take a town report and you engrave on the pages of that report a list of the individuals receiving pauper assistance, and that list stands for all time, for all to see. Now, just exactly what has been accomplished by that move save an advertisement, an advertising, of human disappointment, human suffering and human misery?

I recall some years ago I was running through the pages of Thomas Buckley's History of the Rise of English Civilization. In that text I recall a statement which in substance is this: Progress consists no more in the doing of something new than the undoing of something old.

Now, I say to you members, here is the opportunity, now is the time, to undo something old and to the individual members of the 95th House, I want to say this in closing: Pick up a town report, look through those names, study them

and then think: There, but for the Grace of God, go I.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, will not prevail.

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

Mr. CENTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I agree with the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, when he states that this matter was very thoroughly discussed in this assembly last week and the members left no doubt in anyone's mind as to how they felt about this matter when, by a two to one vote, they refused to indefinitely postpone this legislation.

Now, we have been offered an amendment which, in reality, defeats the intent of the bill. It returns the matter to where it was before the bill was ever introduced.

I am not particularly worried nor impressed by the gentleman who would have us believe that in this piece of legislation we are taking away from our towns that autonomy which they prize so dearly.

The statutes are filled with examples which refute that contention. To mention just one or two: The law clearly states that the towns shall raise money for schools, provide the school books, appliances and apparatus for use in the public schools but doesn't say that they may do this if they so vote at the town meeting. There is no local option here.

Again, the statutes state clearly a town shall relieve persons having a settlement therein when, on account of poverty, they need relief. They do not say that they shall do this provided they have not voted otherwise at a previous town meeting. This is mandatory.

Now, this amendment, to my mind, is simply an attempt by the proponents of this measure to evade, in what under other circumstances might seem a plausible excuse, the intent of this legislation. Let us be very definite about it. This is still a moral issue. It is still an issue between the human and spiritual forces and the material forces. Let us reaffirm our position that we took last week, without any ifs, ands or buts.

I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone will prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Crabtree.

Mr. CRABTREE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is the first time in my first session that I have felt impelled to rise on a question. I hope this amendment fails.

I would like to suggest to the men and women of this House that they turn their heads and look into the balcony as I have been doing. Is there a man or a woman in this House who wants to have any part in casting a shadow on the lives of these wonderful boys and girls? I don't think so.

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

Mr. DUNHAM: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I was informed after last week's debate by a lawyer of this House that the Constitution says that the paupers of your towns or your cities, a list of the paupers, must be published three months before voting takes place. I am not a student of the Constitution and if that is true, I didn't know it. It doesn't say that it must be published in the town reports. I gather from that that it means that it can be posted in the town hall or any conspicuous or in conspicuous place.

Therefore, I withdraw any objections which I might have had against publishing the list of the paupers.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I understand my colleague, the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Center, said that the matter was fully discussed. To be honest with you, that is the reason I put in the amendment. When the subject was under discussion there were six men on their feet and the previous question was moved. You can go back in my record in this House and you will find where I stood many times and fought for a man's right to speak. That is his privilege, to speak on a bill in this House and perhaps, in the final analysis, I would vote against it. Nevertheless, I will fight

for any man's right to speak on a bill. There were many men on their feet when that question was put. That is what first prompted my idea of writing an amendment.

Secondly, it was because this House was not courteous enough to let me table a bill the day before and now I come to that bill. My colleague, the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Center, says: "Re-affirm the position taken last week." That is all I want you to do, Members. The day before you spoke on a bill: "Don't let the Federal Government get a foot in the door," and you ruled almost to a man and spanked me hard and then you wouldn't let me table the bill.

All I ask you to do is to do unto others as you would they would do unto you. You didn't want the Federal Government to step in the door. All right. Let's let the towns, your town, the town you represent, let them say what they want to do whether they want to publish that list in the town report or not. That is all this amendment is, and it is up to the town, at their annual meeting, to so vote and I do not feel there is any political issue involved in this.

I was rather disappointed to think that this House would refuse the 28,000 odd dollars that was due to improve our fish and game for our youngsters in this State of Maine. We are paying the bill, we are paying the freight. But no, we didn't want it passed but now you say to your towns: "No, we will tell you what to do." Why, because we are sitting in the driver's seat. Just be consistent, members, and vote the way you did the day before you voted on this bill.

Thank you.

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

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I arise in opposition to this amendment. I believe that it is just a club over the unfortunate people and, as a town official, I still think it isn't fair. When you come to think of taking the rights away from the town, or the townspeople voting, if you will check back I believe you will find that the statute reads that it is illegal to publish marriages and births, that the town has no

local option in that regard. I think you will find right down over the days that many, many laws have been passed that we might say were infringements on the town.

But getting back to the listing of the paupers, I still feel the same. If the overseers of the poor do their duty they would not have to worry about printing names in the town report.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think the merits and demerits of this affair have been fairly well aired, and I feel confident of the outcome when the vote is taken.

I would like to point out to the Members of the House what seems to be a general practice throughout the State. Now the law, if you want to check me on it, is Section 80 of Chapter 80, and it provides that at least three days before each annual town meeting your municipal officials shall in writing publish an itemized list of receipts and expenditures and to whom and how much each expenditure has been made and from whom the receipts have been received.

Now, that custom has long since gone by. Most towns and certainly all of the cities do not publish the name of John Jones who works on your highways and receives \$2.80. What they are doing today, and it is most practical, is breaking down expenditures to show for what the money was expended, not to whom. But this list of the paupers is the one last remaining thing which is listed by name.

I just want to add this: That it is a moral issue and this House has an opportunity this morning to do something for the future generations as well as those children living in our midst today.

I feel certain that by defeating this amendment and carrying through with the bill that we will have done something for humanity that we have not had an opportunity to do in a long day.

I certainly hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone prevails.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: When the vote is taken, I ask that it be taken by the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, that House Amendment "C" to Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports", H. P. 206, L. D. 128, be indefinitely postponed. The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, requests that when the vote is taken it be taken by the yeas and nays. In order for the vote to be taken by the yeas and nays it requires the consent of one-fifth of the members present.

As many as are in favor of having the vote taken by the yeas and nays will kindly rise.

The SPEAKER: Obviously less than one-fifth of the members having arisen, the yeas and nays are not in order.

All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, that House Amendment "C" to Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports" be indefinitely postponed will say aye, those opposed, no.

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

Eighty-four having voted in the affirmative and thirty-nine in the negative, the motion prevails and House Amendment "C" is indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, I am about to offer House Amendment "B" to this bill. My reason for offering the amendment is that the bill in its present form does not appear to me to accomplish the purpose for which it was intended.

I am heartily in favor of the purpose of the bill. The bill says this: "Except that an itemized list of those persons receiving pauper assistance shall not be printed." It seems to me that under this bill in its present form it would be permissible to print the names in the book without printing any

itemized list. I think it is the purpose of the bill to prevent the printing of the names and, for that reason, I have prepared an amendment which provides that the names of those persons shall not be printed.

I have shown this amendment to the sponsor of the bill, who is the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Gerrish, and I have also shown it to the House Chairman of the committee which considered the bill and my amendment meets with their approval and I hope it will meet with the favor of the House.

Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment "B" and move that it be adopted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, presents House Amendment "B" to Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 206, L. D. 128, Bill, "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports."

Amend said Bill by striking out in next to the last line thereof the underlined words "an itemized list" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words "the names"

Thereupon House Amendment "B" was adopted and the Bill as amended was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act relating to Greely Institute", H. P. 1070, L. D. 604, tabled on March 9th by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, pending adoption.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow.

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, is not present, today, but he kindly assured me yesterday that he is not now opposed to either the bill or the amendment, and he agreed to any motion that I might make.

I now move the adoption of House Amendment "A".

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow, moves the adoption of House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act relating to Greely Institute". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the bill as amended was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick, the House voted to take from the table the sixteenth tabled and unassigned matter, An Act Relating to Exemption of Parsonages from Taxation, (H. P. 1389) (L. D. 934) tabled by that gentleman on March 8th pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion of the same gentleman, the House voted, under suspension of the rules, to reconsider its action of February 28 whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

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

Mr. LACHARITE: Mr. Speaker, I now present House Amendment "A" and after the amendment is read I would like to give a brief explanation.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lacharite, now presents House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Relating to Exemption of Parsonages from Taxation" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1389, L. D. 934, Bill "An Act Relating to Exemption of Parsonages from Taxation."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined amount "\$6,000" in the eighth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined amount "\$10,000".

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

Mr. LACHARITE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: First, I would like to apologize for not presenting this amendment at an earlier date. It is one of the bills that skipped my view and was first brought to my attention by the

President of Bowdoin College, Mr. Sills.

This bill before the House is a redraft of the original bill presented by the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, and relates to the exemption of taxation on parsonages. Under the present law, the property held by a religious society as a parsonage, not exceeding \$6,000 in value and from which no rent is received, is exempt from taxation. Now, that means that if a parsonage is partly rented, it isn't taxable for the full value of the property.

The bill which the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, presented, the original bill, took away all limitations and parsonages could be taxed whether they were rented or not, or partially rented. Under this redraft, however, the property owned and used by religious societies as a parsonage, to the value of \$6,000, and so much of any of it as is rented is liable to taxation. This means that if a parsonage is valued at more than \$6,000, it will be taxable and if any part of it is rented it is taxable for that part which is rented regardless of value.

Now, the intention of the original bill was to make a parsonage non-taxable. I believe religious property where no rent is received should be non-taxable but I understand that it might be difficult to have a complete exemption on parsonages and I am willing to compromise on a figure. Due to the increased cost of building and the increased value in existing properties, I believe that most parsonages have, today, a value exceeding \$6,000.

We have, in Brunswick, about eight churches of different denominations and I know at least four of those have parsonages which exceed \$6,000 in taxable value, and I believe the situation is likewise throughout the State. So I think that we should raise this value to \$10,000 and thereby make a parsonage exempt from taxation to the value of \$10,000. I believe that the section which says "so much of any parsonage as is rented is liable to taxation" should stay on the books. I think we should tax those who receive rent.

Mr. Speaker, I move that House Amendment "A", which increases

the value from \$6,000 to \$10,000, be adopted.

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

Mr. TRAVIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise to support the motion of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lacharite, for the adoption of House Amendment "A." When I submitted this bill I intentionally left off any limit of exemption, leaving that to the Taxation Committee, and, frankly, I was somewhat disappointed when they failed to recognize the devalued dollar we have today and left the exemption at \$6,000, which is the way it has been for some time. The Taxation Committee did an excellent job in clarifying the bill.

I presented this bill because last year the Universalist Church of Westbrook received a gift of a residence for a parsonage which last year was assessed at \$14,500. It is badly in need of repairs, and we are spending over \$8,000 to bring that into livable condition. Therefore it was a real financial problem to our church, and this bill is an important factor in the economy of the Universalist Church in Westbrook if the church is to continue in existence.

I appreciate that a lot of towns have small parsonages and do not like to have any more property exempt than is now exempted. I appreciate their problems, but I hope that the members of this House will look with favor upon this amendment and consider that the exemptions we make for religious, charitable and educational purposes are certainly very much worthwhile.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, this amendment would considerably liberalize the original intent of the Taxation Committee in reporting this bill favorably. To adopt the amendment would considerably change the issue upon which the hearing was held before the committee and would result in removing from the tax lists of towns a considerable amount of property. At the present level of assessed val-

uation in this State, it seems to me that the exemption of \$6,000 on a parsonage, as this bill now reads, is entirely adequate. When and if we have a valuation in the State which approaches true value, it may then be in order to propose an enlargement of this amount.

I hope that the amendment will not be adopted.

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

Mr. **LACHARITE**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I dislike very much to take issue with my good friend from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase. I very seldom do it. However, on this occasion I feel that I must.

It is my understanding that in many towns the taxable valuation is approximately seventy-five per cent of the actual value of property, and in most cases at least two-thirds, and, according to those figures, a parsonage of the value of eight or nine thousand dollars would become taxable. I think we all realize that for eight or nine thousand dollars today we do not get much of a building. So, for that reason, Mr. Speaker, I hope that the amendment will be adopted.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson.

Mr. **PATTERSON**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is kind of a peculiar proposition at this time. I am willing to figure that the parsonage should be cut off from taxation, which we do in our town ourselves, we never tax the parsonages, so far as that goes, no matter what they are worth. But the situation is this: Connected with the parsonage by an ell, we have two apartments that are rented right straight along. I do not think that those apartments should be cut off from taxation, because they pay that rent money in right straight along. As far as the parsonage itself is concerned, it is all right and good, but I do not think that a building that is really connected between or just beyond it should be cut off from taxation. I do not think it should be and I do not think anyone else thinks it should be.

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

Mr. **PERRY**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I want to go along with the Taxation Committee so far as the adoption of this amendment is concerned. I think the Taxation Committee has had a clear picture from the hearing before them covering this particular amendment.

I take issue with my friend, the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lacharite, that most towns have a valuation of seventy-five per cent or two-thirds. You will find that most towns have a valuation of anywhere from twenty-five to forty per cent, and even some cities. The City of Augusta does well to get to fifty per cent on valuation of the property.

As the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson, has stated, speaking at the local level, they see fit in their particular town to exempt parsonages. Speaking of economy, at the local level, as we heard mentioned today, I believe that is where it should be. I think it should be up to the towns. I believe, in Mr. Patterson's words, that most towns will do it if they see fit. When you have the situation of parsonages going off the taxable property list in towns and letting other citizens pay the extra load, a good share of the citizens, perhaps not particularly believing in that faith and not patronizing that church but going to another town or city to church, asking them to absorb the amount of money that has been lost is unfair.

I strongly urge that this particular amendment raising it to \$10,000 will not be adopted.

The **SPEAKER**: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. **SENDER**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise to support my colleague, the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lacharite, and hope that the amendment will be adopted.

I would like to correct what is perhaps a misunderstanding in the mind of Mr. Patterson, the gentleman from Freeport. I am very certain, and Mr. Lacharite said so

here this morning, that he believes firmly that any part of the parsonage that is rented should be liable to taxation like any other property. I agree with Mr. Lacharite that many parsonages are worth considerably more than \$6000, and many of them are valued more than \$6000, and I feel that the parsonage should be exempt from taxation regardless of its value.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Lord.

Mr. LORD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: We have recently acquired a parsonage in Norway, Maine, which, as you know, is a small community, and I think that the valuation in these towns is such that the limit of \$6000 as proposed by the Taxation Committee and recommended by them should be sufficient exemption at this time.

It seems to me that oftentimes legislation is introduced to take care of one particular instance, and it seems this is one of those cases where my good colleague, Mr. Travis, has a case that he thinks should have special consideration, but, in so doing, it often upsets the rest of the State. I think that is what happened here. An exemption of \$6000 on a state-wide basis in the towns and most of the communities should be a sufficient exemption.

I would like to concur with the Taxation Committee and hope that the amendment is not adopted.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lacharite, that the House adopt House Amendment "A" to Bill, "An Act Relating to Exemption of Parsonages from Taxation" (H. P. 1389) (L. D. 934)

All those in favor of the adoption of the amendment will say aye; those opposed no.

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

Thereupon, the Bill, having had its three several readings, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Moulton of Sweden, the House voted to take

from the table the 7th tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act relating to Powers of Fryeburg Village Fire Corporation" (H. P. 558) (L. D. 316) tabled on February 28 by that gentleman pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion of the same gentleman the bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Rockland, the House voted to take from the table the 12th tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act to Apportion Representatives to Congress" (S. P. 386) (L. D. 912) tabled on March 6 by that gentleman pending third reading; and on further motion of the same gentleman the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Baileyville, the House voted to take from the table the 5th tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Suspension of Licenses in Drunken Driving Cases" (H. P. 320) (L. D. 178) tabled on February 21 by that gentleman pending third reading.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My reason in tabling this bill back there on February 21st was that I do not believe that we are going far enough in this matter of drunken driving. I realize in this bill that you have cut the time down for the total suspension of the license; you have also cut the time down to a year in which the party may make application to the Secretary of State for a conditional license.

I have heard a great deal of discussion on this matter over the State from different people, not from the people who have been convicted of drunken driving, but other people who are interested.

My belief is that after a person has had his license suspended for a certain length of time that he should have his license given back conditionally to him and the return of this license should be mandatory without having to hold these series of hearings all over the State. It

seems to me that after a person has suffered this suspension of his license and paid the penalty, that he should have his license back without going through that formality, giving him an opportunity to prove that he is trying to get along without driving under the influence of liquor.

Again, this plays into the picture of economy in the State. Our Deputy Secretary of State, with an assistant, is compelled to travel all over the State and conduct these hearings at a large cost to our State. I checked into this thing and I found out that there are very few second repeaters who have been convicted of drunken driving.

Now I realize that possibly getting any change in this law at this time would be a tough proposition, so, with the thoughts that I have expressed and knowing the feeling, I am going to move that

the bill be given its third reading at this time.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, moves that Bill "An Act relating to Suspension of Licenses in Drunken Driving Cases" (H. P. 320) (L. D. 178) be given its third reading at this time. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

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. Chase of Cape Elizabeth,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.