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HOUSE

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Irving Monroe of Bridgton.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement of Firemen Under Maine State Retirement Law" (S. P. 526) (L. D. 1253)

Bill "An Act relating to the Greater Portland Public Development Commission" (S. P. 527) (L. D. 1252)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Welfare on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Charles Watt of Blanchard (S. P. 403) (L. D. 951) reporting leave to withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Consumption Sale" (S. P. 169) (L. D. 343)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Parks on Bill "An Act relating to Baxter State Park" (S. P. 67) (L. D. 73) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 521) (L. D. 1243) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

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

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Providing Funds for Maintenance at Teachers Colleges and Normal Schools (S. P. 224) (L. D. 499)

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

In the House: Report was read.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the committee, since this bill appears to call for \$225,000 out of current funds, what would happen to it if that amount should not be in unappropriated surplus at the end of the current fiscal year.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, requests information through the Chair of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, and any member of the committee may answer if he chooses.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs.

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker, I think the bill would be killed automatically.

Thereupon, the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence, the resolve had its first reading and was assigned for second reading tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time notes in the balcony of the hall of the House the presence of Thomaston High School, Senior Class of Problems of Democracy, Mr. Libby in charge; New Sharon High School, Junior and Senior Classes of Problems of Democracy, Mrs. Gladys DeWever in charge; Maine Central Institute, Classes in History and Government, under the supervision of Principal Howard Nibloc and Mr. Warren Pearl.

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

Report of the Committee on Labor reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Amending the Volun-

tary Apprenticeship Law" (S. P. 458) (L. D. 1072)

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting same on Resolve Authorizing the Trustees of the Town of Houlton School District to Convey Certain Land to the Inhabitants of the Town of Houlton (S. P. 480) (L. D. 1143)

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

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice, the Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Effectuate Salary Plan for State Employees (H. P. 804) (L. D. 477) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 29, as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Came from the Senate with Committee Amendment "A" indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Liberty, Mr. Cole.

Mr. COLE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I move that the House reconsider its action whereby we passed the resolve to be engrossed in the House on March 29th as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and that the House adopt Senate Amendment "A".

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Liberty, Mr. Cole, moves that the House reconsider —

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

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire if anybody knows how much this is going to cost and what relation it may have to the Haskell Amendment to the Appropriations Bill which set aside \$300,000.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, through the Chair, requests information of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Any member of the committee may answer if he chooses.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This calls, from March to June 30th, the end of the fiscal year, for \$198,500. The Senate Amendment to carry this program calls for \$300,000, and there must be another \$300,000 added to complete the biennium.

In other words, if the Senate Amendment dies, the \$300,000 amendment to complete the program should not be introduced. In other words, it has a tag of \$798,500, current expenditures.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker, in reply to part of the question of the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, this has no bearing at all on the amendment or the bill introduced by Senator Haskell.

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

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, would it be too much to ask if they would wrap their pleasant surprises in one package instead of spreading them around in three? (Laughter)

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Liberty, Mr. Cole, to reconsider, under suspension of the rules, the action of the House whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed on March 29th.

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

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, I move this matter lie on the table.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, moves that Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Effectuate Salary Plan for State Employees lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Liberty, Mr. Cole, for reconsideration. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Would the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, assign a special time under the rules?

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, I will assign it one week from today, if that would be satisfactory to the gentleman.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, moves that Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Effectuate Salary Plan for State Employees lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Liberty, Mr. Cole, for reconsideration, and be specially assigned for Wednesday, April 11th. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the Resolve was so tabled and so assigned.

Orders

The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the joint standing committee on Judiciary be, and hereby is, authorized to study federal laws relating to health and welfare programs in the state which deal with old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind, maternal and child health services, child welfare services and crippled children services to determine whether such services may be rendered, in whole or in part, by the towns for more efficient administration of available state and federal funds and be it further

ORDERED, that the result of such study be reported to the legislature together with any recommended legislation by Monday, April 23, 1951. (H. P. 1686)

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House for the many weeks that we have been in session we have continually believed that towns could more efficiently administer at least some parts of our Health and Welfare program.

I do not know, and I doubt if any of us know, the full extent of Federal regulations which govern those various activities. In case the Committee on Welfare would feel that the study should be left to their committee, I would state, and I firmly believe, that it is thoroughly a legal matter, and on the Committee of Judiciary are men capable of making such analysis as will be necessary.

I hope that the House will vote to pass the order, and I believe

that the public throughout Maine will be well served after the study has been made, and certainly well served if our committee comes up with an answer to our problem.

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

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I can see nothing to be accomplished by passing this order. I am in sympathy with the idea that the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, has. I think myself that the Welfare Department could be set up in a much better form to save money, and I think this idea of the towns having something to do with it is splendid, but my reason for opposing it is that the Judiciary Committee has got plenty to do without taking this task, and I cannot see where we are going to accomplish anything if we make this examination and report for it is too late to introduce any new bills to change the situation. I therefore hope this order does not pass.

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I am very sympathetic with the Committee on Judiciary. I should have stated that I have contacted the chairman of the committee, and even though it would be an added burden, an extra task for that committee, I believe that this group has come to the time when we must know the answers, and if it is going to require that this Legislature stay in session an extra week or two weeks, the result of this examination would tell us, and we in turn could tell our people, that we had made an honest endeavor to decentralize an octopus which has grown from \$2,000,000 to \$18,000,000, and I feel that we would be remiss in our duties to our people if we did not make every last effort to accomplish that purpose.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think this is one of the most important orders that has come into this House and I certainly will support it.

This thing pertaining to Health and Welfare is becoming a problem

all over this country, and even some of our southern states, in their legislatures this winter, are going way out to find out what can be done. Only about four weeks ago it was reported in the papers that some of our southern states were looking into this vital matter.

Now we can dodge the issue here for years and years, but this one item is the item that is going to destroy the solvency of every state in this Union unless something is done, so I hope the House, here this morning, will pass this order.

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

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

Mr. JAMIESON: Mr. Speaker, I move that this order lie on the table and be taken up one week from today. It will give us a chance to find out what it is about.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Jamieson, moves that the order lie on the table and be specially assigned one week from today. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Calls of "No".

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of the motion will say aye; all those opposed will say no.

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

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the passage of the order.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker - -

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. BURGESS: I would like to ask for a division, Mr. Speaker, when the vote is taken.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, that the order receive a passage. All those in favor of the motion will please rise and remain standing until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred and seven having voted in the affirmative and four in the negative, the order received pas-

sage and was sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Divided Report

Report "A" of the Committee on Public Health reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Importation of Poisonous Snakes" (H. P. 327) (L. D. 187)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. KAVANAGH
— of Androscoggin
— of the Senate

Messrs. BATES of Orono
LUDWIG of Hope
ST. PIERRE of Lewiston

Mrs. MOFFATT of Bath
— of the House

Report "B" of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. SAVAGE of Somerset
HASKELL of Penobscot
— of the Senate

Mrs. DAGGETT of Ashland
Messrs. SENTER of Brunswick
MARTIN of Frenchville
— of the House

Report was read.

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

Mrs. MOFFATT: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House accept Report "A" "Ought to pass".

Realizing that this may not be considered terribly important, I will try to take care of it this time by giving a brief explanation of why I am asking for that.

I will read part of a letter that I received. It says:

"... I am a member of the Herpetologists' League. I was greatly interested in this," (meaning the bill that I introduced). I have heard many rumors that poisonous snakes were being left in the State but as yet have not received any definite proof to that effect. Would you please write and inform me as to where the snakes are believed to have been left, also what species they are and how many were liberated.

"If poisonous snakes are actually being left in Maine, you have introduced a bill that is not only neces-

sary to maintain the peace of mind of the citizenry, but which may some day save human lives."

I can answer the gentleman and say "Yes, I do know of a definite case." It is a common practice, I am told, for a carnival or circus to leave their sick or unwanted snakes behind them. We had an experience in Bath a few years ago when the carnival went off and left a rattlesnake behind. The rattlesnake was shedding its skin. It was found by children who lived in Hyde Park Terrace, a government project; it was found the day after the carnival left. Naturally, the citizens around there were very much concerned about it. Legislation of this kind is not unusual; they have it in Honolulu and several other places.

I think the gentleman is correct in saying it is "for the peace of mind of the citizens." If we can continue to say: "Come to Maine; we have no poisonous snakes," I think it will be one of the biggest drawing cards we have, therefore I do hope that Report "A", "Ought to pass", is accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, moves that the House accept Report "A", being "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to the Importation of Poisonous Snakes." Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and Report "A", being "Ought to pass", was accepted.

Thereupon, the bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses" (H. P. 1244) (L. D. 796)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ALLEN of Cumberland
BOYKER of Oxford
CHRISTENSEN of
Washington
—of the Senate.
PERRY of Chelsea
KELLY of Rumford

TRAVIS of Westbrook
TURNER of Auburn
NOWELL of Hermon
JONES of Bowdoinham

—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. MAGUIRE of Auburn
—of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Bowdoinham, the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing for Safety Equipment for Large Trucks" (H. P. 1373) (L. D. 963)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ALLEN of Cumberland
BOYKER of Oxford
—of the Senate.
JONES of Bowdoinham
NOWELL of Hermon
KELLY of Rumford
PERRY of Chelsea
TRAVIS of Westbrook
MAGUIRE of Auburn
—of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CHRISTENSEN of
Washington
—of the Senate.
TURNER of Auburn
—of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Turner of Auburn, the two Reports, with accompanying papers, were tabled pending acceptance of either Report.)

Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Examination of Certain

School Bus Operators" (H. P. 1243) (L. D. 795)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ALLEN of Cumberland
—of the Senate.

JONES of Bowdoinham
NOWELL of Hermon
TRAVIS of Westbrook
KELLY of Rumford
PERRY of Chelsea

—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BOYKER of Oxford
CHRISTENSEN

of Washington
—of the Senate.

TURNER of Auburn
MAGUIRE of Auburn

—of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Fenn of Bath, the two Reports, with accompanying papers, were tabled pending acceptance of either Report)

Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Fees in Small Claims Law." (H. P. 1270) (L. D. 839)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HASKELL of Cumberland
—of the Senate.

McGLAUFILIN of Portland
HAYES of Dover-Foxcroft
FULLER of Bangor
DELAHANTY of Lewiston

Mrs. FAY of Portland
Mr. WOODWORTH of Fairfield
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BARNES of Aroostook
—of the Senate.

HARDING of Rockland
—of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Brown of Baileyville, the two Reports, with

accompanying papers, were tabled pending acceptance of either Report)

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Spear from the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Temporary Borrowing by State" (H. P. 1363) (L. D. 954) reported leave to withdraw.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Dumping Waste Material in Public Ways" (H. P. 1530) (L. D. 1123)

Mr. Burkett from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Permitting Greyhound Racing" (H. P. 929) (L. D. 529)

Mr. Hawkes from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Regulate the Practice of Land Surveying" (H. P. 1641) (L. D. 1205)

Mr. Woodcock from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Dixfield School District" (H. P. 643) (L. D. 384)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass Tabled

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Hampden Academy (H. P. 1511) (L. D. 1105)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Nowell of Hermon, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Publishing of State Notices" (H. P. 1509) (L. D. 1117)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing the Merit Award Board" (H. P. 1252) (L. D. 826)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Brown of Wayne, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Tabled

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Cost of Living Adjustment Plan for State Employees" (H. P. 1071) (L. D. 679)

Report was read.

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

Mr. DUNHAM: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that this item lie on the table pending acceptance of the report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Dunham, moves that—

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

Mrs. FAY: Mr. Speaker, and I also move that this matter be specifically heard on Thursday, April 12th.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Dunham, care to make a special assignment?

Mr. DUNHAM: That date is agreeable to me, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will have to inform the gentleman he must make his motion as to the date.

Mr. DUNHAM: Mr. Speaker, I move that this item be laid on the table pending acceptance of the committee report and be specially assigned for Thursday, April 12th.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Dunham, moves that Item 12 lie on the table pending acceptance of the report of the committee and be specially assigned for Thursday, April 12th. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the matter was so tabled and so assigned.

Tabled

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide a Plan for the Administration of Certain Welfare Funds" (H. P. 1298) (L. D. 856).

Report was read.

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

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, in view of the action taken by the House on the order introduced by the gentleman from Limestone (Mr. Burgess) this morning, I move that this report lie on the table pending acceptance of the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, moves that this report lie on the table pending acceptance of the report of the committee. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the matter was so tabled.

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Annual Salary of the Members of the Public Utilities Commission" (H. P. 256) (L. D. 168) as it is covered by other legislation.

Mr. Phillips from same Committee reported same on Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Construction at Leavitt Institute (H. P. 873) (L. D. 521)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing Funds for Nursing Attendant Education (H. P. 795) (L. D. 474)

Mrs. Fay from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Costs in Municipal Courts" (H. P. 1110) (L. D. 690)

Same member from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Including Members and Clerks of Boards of Registration in Maine State Retirement System" (H. P. 1272) (L. D. 841)

Mr. Fuller from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Claims under Small Claims Law" (H. P. 1269) (L. D. 838)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Fuller from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution

Providing for Annual Sessions of the Legislature (H. P. 1113) (L. D. 693)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Brown of Baileyville, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 26th)

Mr. Harding from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Establishing the Low Water Mark at the Dam at Welchville, Oxford County" (H. P. 1176) (L. D. 732)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Including Members of the Legislature in Maine State Retirement System" (H. P. 1273) (L. D. 842)

Mr. Hayes from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Immunity Section of the State Civil Defense Law" (H. P. 1013) (L. D. 598)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. McGlauffin from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Trespass on Lands" (H. P. 1174) (L. D. 730)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Bailey of Woolwich, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. McGlauffin from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Attachment of Wages" (H. P. 1271) (L. D. 840)

Mr. West from the Committee on Labor reported same on Bill "An Act Designating Beryllium Poisoning as an Occupational Disease" (H. P. 677) (L. D. 409)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Legal Fees in Cases Under Workmen's Compensation Act" (H. P. 1427) (L. D. 1064)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Duty of Department of Labor and Industry Concerning Certain Places" (H. P. 1549) (L. D. 1110)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act as to Waiting Period and Compensation Benefits" (H. P. 1323) (L. D. 886)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Thomas from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Enforcement of the Liquor Laws" (H. P. 1321) (L. D. 882)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 12th)

Mr. DeBeck from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Boards of Registration" (H. P. 1488) (L. D. 1096)

Mr. Edwards from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Dog Licenses" (H. P. 1434) (L. D. 1045)

Mr. Martin from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Maintaining Roads to Shores of Lakes" (H. P. 1628) (L. D. 1187)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Taylor from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Annual Reports of Certain County Officers" (H. P. 1594) (L. D. 1166)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Plummer.

Mr. PLUMMER: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the gentleman from Webster, Mr. Wood, I move this matter lie upon the table pending acceptance of the report. I will take it off as soon as he is present.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Plummer, moves that this matter lie upon the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the report was so tabled.

Mr. Taylor from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Certified Copies of Check-Lists" (H. P. 1037) (L. D. 565)

Mr. Clements from the Committee on Welfare reported same on Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Harold L. Weymouth, of St. Albans (H. P. 357)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Aid to the Disabled" (H. P. 175) (L. D. 106)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing an Increase in State Pension for Everett Ervine, of Damariscotta (H. P. 6)

Mr. Fenn from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Charles C. Pullen, of Thomaston (H. P. 370)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Walter H. Bickford, of Monroe (H. P. 668)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Citizen Requisite for Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 1595) (L. D. 1167)

Mr. Lessard from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Desmond A. Kennedy, of Pea Cove (H. P. 360)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Lillian Goodrich, of Brewer (H. P. 356)

Mr. Maxwell from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Edward F. Hutchins, Sr., of Wells (H. P. 214)

Mr. Patterson from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for John Daggett Lane, of Winthrop (H. P. 108)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Lida Nickerson, of Orland (H. P. 364)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Wilfred Duffy, of Benedicta (H. P. 245)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Plummer from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Swan Island Game Preserve" (H. P. 1413) (L. D. 1021) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1684) (L. D. 1259) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Barton from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the Town of Brunswick" (H. P. 392) (L. D. 228) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1685) (L. D. 1260) under title of "An Act relating to the Taking of Clams and Quahogs in the Town of Brunswick" and that it "Ought to pass"

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

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Spear from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Town of Sebec (H. P. 1663) (L. D. 1261)

Mr. Roberts from the Committee on Public Buildings and Parks reported same on Resolve for Development of State Park Facilities (H. P. 1125) (L. D. 697)

Mr. Hayes from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Rights of Minority Stockholders" (H. P. 1229) (L. D. 782)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of the Garrett Schenk School, Anson, Maine, Eighth

Grade, under the charge of Kenneth Taylor.

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

(At this point the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, assumed the Chair, and Speaker Silsbury retired)

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Deposit of Potatoes into Waters of the State" (S. P. 417) (L. D. 977)

Bill "An Act Exempting Navy Clubs from Taxation" (S. P. 419) (L. D. 979)

Bill "An Act relating to the Transmission of Television Signal by Wire" (S. P. 489) (L. D. 1169)

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the Town of Boothbay" (H. P. 30) (L. D. 7)

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the Town of Westport" (H. P. 330) (L. D. 166)

Bill "An Act relating to Non-Resident Commercial Fishing Licenses" (H. P. 439) (L. D. 262)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Recorder of the Western Hancock Municipal Court" (H. P. 555) (L. D. 313)

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Arrowsic" (H. P. 1063) (L. D. 643)

Bill "An Act relating to Composite Certificates of Organization of Corporations" (H. P. 1108) (L. D. 888)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire of the Lewiston Municipal Court" (H. P. 1135) (L. D. 667)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Recorder of the Bar Harbor Municipal Court" (H. P. 1139) (L. D. 671)

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Alewives in Winnegance Lake in the City of Bath and the Towns of Phippsburg and West Bath" (H. P. 1186) (L. D. 744)

Bill "An Act relating to Fire Protection Tax in Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 1327) (L. D. 890)

Bill "An Act relating to the Digging of Shellfish and Marine Worms in the Town of Yarmouth" (H. P. 1395) (L. D. 987)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Towns to Own Scales" (H. P. 1443) (L. D. 1054)

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Registration of Voters in Towns" (H. P. 1554) (L. D. 1115)

Bill "An Act relating to Purposes for Which Cities and Towns May Raise Money" (H. P. 1645) (L. D. 1208)

Bill "An Act relating to Scallop Fishing Licenses" (H. P. 1682) (L. D. 1256)

Bill "An Act relating to the Employment of Women During War and Other Emergencies" (H. P. 1683) (L. D. 1257)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions of Motor Vehicle Law" (S. P. 72) (L. D. 78)

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

(On motion of Mr. Jones of Bowdoinham, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Friday, April 6th)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Additional Signers for Direct Initiative of Legislation (H. P. 1114) (L. D. 694)

Bill "An Act Creating Beauchamp Point Game Preserve" (H. P. 1412) (L. D. 1020)

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 relating to the Trustees of the University of Maine" (S. P. 515) (L. D. 1234)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair at this time notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of the Boothbay Harbor and Edgecomb Schools, Eighth Grades, under the direction of Carroll R. McGary, and the House now bids you welcome. (Applause)

**Passed to be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act to Incorporate the Porter's Landing Water District (H. P. 1504) (L. D. 1057)

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. 118 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 to Incorporate the Kittery Sewer District (S. P. 171) (L. D. 345)

An Act relating to Weight of Catch of Certain Fish (S. P. 232) (L. D. 503)

An Act relating to Powers of the Housing Authority of Presque Isle (S. P. 271) (L. D. 610)

An Act Creating the Rockland Port District (S. P. 347) (L. D. 813)

An Act relating to the Rockland School District (S. P. 379) (L. D. 905)

An Act relating to Countersignature Fees (S. P. 426) (L. D. 990)

An Act to Incorporate the North Jay Water District (H. P. 549) (L. D. 322)

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

An Act relating to Tuition in Normal Schools and Teachers' Colleges (H. P. 882) (L. D. 524)

An Act relating to Temporary Judges for Municipal Courts (H. P. 1011) (L. D. 574)

An Act to Ratify and Confirm the Incorporation of East Eddington Public Hall Company (H. P. 1051) (L. D. 631)

An Act relating to Digging of Clams in Northport Village Corporation (H. P. 1064) (L. D. 644)

An Act to Create a Town Council-Manager Form of Government for the Town of Limestone (H. P. 1116) (L. D. 703)

Tabled Temporarily

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

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

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

Mrs. MOFFATT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I ask for the indefinite postponement of Legislative Document 786, An Act relating to Her Own Business Program. I am firmly convinced that it is in no way going to hurt the women who are participating in "Her Own Business Program."

Under the Department of Education appropriation we have appropriated \$239,689 for 1950 and \$251,810 for 1951 for the educational part of this program.

Under the Maine Development Commission we appropriated \$250,000 for 1950 and 1951. These two departments can carry on and are carrying on the most essential part of Her Own Business Program, the training of the women and showing them where they can put their products on the market. It is the firm wish that all women who are participating in Her Own Business Program that the measure, "An Act relating to Her Own Business Program," be indefinitely postponed at this time. That is why I am asking it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair understands that the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, moves that this item lie upon the table until the remainder of the enactors have been disposed of, at which time the Chair will then entertain the motion which she has just made.

An Act relating to Maranacook Game Preserve (H. P. 1307) (L. D. 860)

An Act relating to Interstate Carriers (H. P. 1370) (L. D. 961)

An Act relating to the Digging of Clams in the Town of Wells (H. P. 1394) (L. D. 988)

An Act relating to Closed Season on Deer in Town of Vinalhaven, Knox County (H. P. 1407) (L. D. 1015)

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 and Assigned

An Act relating to Sale of Liquor Near Togus Hospital (H. P. 1485) (L. D. 1092)

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

(On motion of Mr. Caswell of New Sharon, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 11th)

An Act Regulating Registration of Vehicles Leased from Federal Government (H. P. 1490) (L. D. 1097)

An Act relating to Loan and Building Associations (H. P. 1514) (L. D. 1120)

An Act relating to Conversion Rights (H. P. 1626) (L. D. 1170)

Finally Passed

Resolve Opening Certain Ponds in Oxford County to Ice Fishing (S. P. 255) (L. D. 553)

Resolve Closing Bartlett Brook, Oxford County, to Dipping of Smelts (S. P. 256) (L. D. 554)

Resolve Opening Virginia Lake, Oxford County, to Ice Fishing for White Perch (S. P. 305) (L. D. 656)

Resolve Closing Keewaydin Lake, Oxford County, to Ice Fishing for Salmon and Trout (S. P. 306) (L. D. 657)

Resolve relating to Daily Bag Limit of Certain Fish in Portion of Kennebec River, Somerset County (S. P. 334) (L. D. 750)

Resolve relating to Daily Bag Limit of Certain Fish in Spencer Lake, Somerset County (S. P. 335) (L. D. 751)

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.

Tabled and Assigned

Resolve Prohibiting Fishing in Certain Parts of Swan Lake, Waldo County (H. P. 1225) (L. D. 779)

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

(On motion of Mr. Dickey of Brooks, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Thursday, April 12th)

Resolve in favor of Forest Lake Improvement Association (H. P. 1226) (L. D. 780)

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

The Clerk then read again Item 15 on the calendar:

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, moves the indefinite postponement of Item 15, An Act relating to Her Own Business Program, H. P. 1233, L. D. 786.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Burkett.

Mr. BURKETT: Mr. Speaker, this is not a matter in which I am personally vitally interested but it is a bill I introduced, myself, at the request of some of the ladies interested in the program.

It seems that sometime during the last biennium, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry conceived the idea of starting a movement to get people interested, especially women, in small business and, not having any money for that purpose in her budget, she went to the Governor and Council and they assigned to that work funds from available money to start it. A committee was appointed to take charge of it and went around over the State having meetings and clinics with various ladies' organizations in an attempt to get those ladies interested in starting small businesses. The clinics were held and various people who had been in business a long time came and addressed the ladies and gave them facts under which they were encouraged to start in these small businesses.

The movement, of course, had no legislative sanction so this bill was put in by me with the idea of transferring the activities directly to the Department of Labor and Industry and give it some standing. We went before the Committee on Labor and it was unanimously reported "Ought to pass".

I am informed that there has been money set up in the budget of

the Labor Department to take care of it and there is no other department of the State that is interested in having that activity in its department. I think it would be a shame, at this time, to spoil what everybody seems to have agreed is a very helpful and constructive program.

I hope that the motion of the gentlewoman from Bath (Mrs. Moffatt) does not prevail.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rather hesitate to arise and oppose my good friend, the gentlewoman from Bath (Mrs. Moffatt). However, I feel this morning that it is my duty to stand up and support this measure that has received praise not only in the State of Maine but in many of the other States in the Union. Many of the other states up to this present time have adopted a similar program to the one that has been adopted in the State of Maine and this morning I want to bring to you the evidence to support this bill here in the State. My good friend, the gentlelady from Bath (Mrs. Moffatt) said that all the business organizations in the State would like to see it changed but I hold up here this morning (holding papers) the evidence of the organizations in the State of Maine who are out crying from the rooftops in support of this measure. I would like to read a letter that came from the City of Bath in support of this organization. If you will just bear with me a moment until I find it. I don't intend to read all of these letters this morning; I don't think it is necessary but I would like to bring just one or two of them to your attention.

"Mrs. Ida Bennett
Division of Home Industry
Department of Labor
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

At a meeting of this Club held last night it was voted that we write you to find if it would be possible to combine with other civic groups in this vicinity to promote another clinic in Bath sometime in the near future. We believe there is a lot of material available in this

section. The club members who were able to attend the clinic in Portland last week were very much impressed with the programs and the general benefits due to the constructive type of programs offered and they feel that it should be shared with more people hereabouts.

(Signed)

Mrs. Caroline G. Carpenter"

I do not know — I have about fifty letters here and I don't believe you people want them all read.

"Miss Marion Martin,

"The program of "Her Own Business," second in the nation, has done much to interest the women in the State of Maine and to place on the market different articles that they have been making in their own homes.

"Every day there is someone that is anxious to know about how to sell the articles that they are making and the advice from the council and the support program have been most valuable.

"The women in Aroostook County are much interested in this program and many of them have put their goods on the market and have found a saleable place for them. I have spoken to many clubs, many organizations in the county have given much individual help and a keen interest is felt by all.

"I hope that the 95th Legislature will honor "Her Own Business Program" and its value to the State and to the many women who have taken advantage of this very fine program and that they will provide the necessary funds so that we may carry on. Many are looking forward to receiving advice from the council and the consultant for the work that they are doing in the future.

"Very sincerely and with personal best wishes,

(Signed) Sue Valentine Thompson
Member of the Advisory
Committee"

Now, I think that is information enough to support the passage and the enactment of this bill and I trust that the Members of the House will have confidence enough in your committee who heard the

evidence on this vital measure to support it here this morning.

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

Mrs. MOFFATT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: You have heard from the gentleman (Mr. Burkett) who introduced the bill. You have heard from the gentleman on the committee (Mr. Brown), the Committee on Labor.

I am speaking from several conversations and several pleas of women who are under this program and who are not happy. I dislike standing here and having to argue with my fellow members but may I indulge in just, perhaps, slight amusement—and I do feel that I am a good enough friend of the gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, for him to appreciate it. He started off by saying that this was a program carried on by several states and then he reads and he says: "And this is the second in the Nation." Yes, it is a copy of the New York bill and I am trying to tell you this is "Her Own Business Program" and I want it to be "Her Own Business Program" and the ladies do not feel that it is "Her Own Business" the way it is working.

You appropriated money to carry on the educational side of it and here again I might say that I don't think as legislators we often fall down by not going home and telling our constituents exactly what freedom, substantially what sources they have for information here in the State House. Possibly it is because when I was here a few sessions ago, I went down to Mr. Greaton along with the other lady members of the House and we were given wooden belts which were made by people here in the State. If you will go down to the Maine Development Office, you will find out in that office that they have a pretty good idea of what is being made here in the State of Maine. They will tell people how to put it on the market. I have talked with ladies who have been to help conduct these clinics. About the first time I heard of it was at a meeting of the Progressive Union, a woman's group in Freeport, and one lady who had just been or was

just going to one of these clinics said: "Mrs. Moffatt, if you are going to Augusta and there is anything that you can do to change this Her Own Business Program do see that it is taken off the books because it is one of the worst wastes of money that the State of Maine has." And that lady had been hired to go to the clinics and explain the work.

When I have someone asking me to take something off the books or try to kill something, I immediately want to know why, and what have you to take the place of it? That lady said to me: "You have enough to carry on that program right now. That program is going along all right. We have people in the State who are going out and teaching them." I think the members of the Labor Committee will remember that there were two bills before that committee that afternoon and the Senate Chamber was packed. And if anyone will remember, the lady, I believe, who had on a green dress, asked three questions of what she could do with her work and finally was told by the gentleman there: "I will not try to analyze your case here." That woman met me outside in the corridor almost in tears and she said: "Where does it leave me? What can I do?" She said: "If I make an article, if I embroider, can I sell it?" She could not get her answer to that that afternoon and every member of the Labor Committee will have to agree with me that she had no answer and, finally, I believe she had most of the members in the Senate doubled up in laughter and, yet, it wasn't exactly funny because that poor woman was striving, struggling to find an answer to that: "Could she sell her article?" No answer.

That is why I stand here and say I am asking for indefinite postponement.

I had an amendment put on this and here I will state that if anyone will go to Mr. Harland Ladd, the Commissioner of Education now, he will state that yes, he does remember the conversation with me whereby he would take this into his department because that is where it started. I remember from a long time ago that you do not

stand on the floor of this House or anywhere else and make statements unless you can turn around and back them up. Naturally, I wouldn't get up here and offer an amendment to put a bill under a certain department if I hadn't been to that department and talked with them beforehand.

I wasn't present the morning when that amendment was indefinitely postponed but I am present here today and I am speaking in all sincerity, in all honesty, that if you want the women of Maine to be able to continue in "Her Own Business" activities, to put her objects on the market and sell them, then do indefinitely postpone this because it will be helping this industry. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman Dixmont, Mr. Jacoby.

Mr. JACOBY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I represent a group of towns that probably contribute thousands of dollars worth of this home knitting and crocheting work, and I have been asked by the women of those communities to oppose this bill. I have yet to find one woman who does this crocheting and knitting work who favors this bill. I wish to go along with the motion of the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, to indefinitely postpone this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Plummer.

Mr. PLUMMER: Mr. Speaker, I feel a little out of place in speaking on this bill, but I too have been approached by several of the older women, some of the crippled women, about this order that was passed by the Governor and Council. I feel, from what I have learned of it, that it is now so overloaded with red tape that it is really working a hardship on at least the women that do a small business in their own home. I understand from some that they are not able to go ahead and knit a sweater or a pair of stockings and sell them. I therefore go along with the lady from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, in the indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Fay.

Mrs. FAY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to tell you a few things as to my own experience with this program. Between the last session and this one it did come to the attention of the Labor and Industry Department that this program would be worth-while, and, under executive order, it was started. They had a very excellent clinic at the University of Maine which was well attended and there were a great many exhibits there, a great many people who are conducting their own business. By the way, it is purely an advisory program. In no way is there a fee charged, or is there any control of the individual person who has a business.

At that clinic some of the materials and some of the products offered were of an inferior quality or were not designed to sell. With the help of advisors, and with consulting between the different clinics, the quality of the goods offered at the second clinic was very much improved.

Now there is a great confusion among the members of the House and there was among the people at the hearing before the Labor Committee, in relation to two different measures. One is Industrial Home Work and the other one is Her Own Business Program. Industrial Home Work requires that the persons who hire other people to work for them register and pay a fee of twenty-five dollars, a licensing fee from the Department. It is a health measure; it is quite necessary. The ladies who have been fighting this program and all programs of the Labor Department have been confused in thinking that the federal wage and hour law, which is what caused them to be affected—that these measures hurt their business, when, as a matter of fact it is the federal wage and hour law becoming effective at the same time. The fact that the employer in the State of Maine could not pay seventy-five cents an hour made it impossible for them to hire some of these industrial home workers; but it has no connection with either the Industrial Home Work program in the State of Maine or Her Own Business Program.

No woman has ever approached me and said that she was anything but in favor of Her Own Business Program. They all are in support of it. We have an advisory board on Her Own Business Program, composed of twenty organizations of the State of Maine, each represented, and every organization has attended the meetings that we have had. There has been a very good clinic in Portland; there is one scheduled for the spring in Waterville. It is a necessary program; the money is already in the budget of the department. This measure does not call for any new appropriation. I do feel that the motion of the lady from Bath (Mrs. Moffatt) should not prevail.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I am glad that my good friend from Portland, the gentlewoman Mrs. Fay, offered the explanation that she has to you.

Just remember this: that before this Legislature there are two bills pertaining to these things. Now I want to straighten out some other misconception too: The lady in green who made that appearance before the Committee on Labor, the questions that she asked were not on Her Own Business. She asked the questions when the Industrial Home Work bill was up, and she was given the proper answer, given by the one who knows the answer in items such as that. So let's bear in mind when we vote on this issue, let's leave the Industrial Home Work issue to be settled later. I think if you do that we will come out of this thing o. k.

Now I was ready to read maybe one or two more letters, but I am getting hungry myself and I know you people are; I know that you have got plenty of other heavy business here. I trust that the motion of the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, will not prevail.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Burkett.

Mr. BURKETT: The gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, has explained the confusion that exists on these two measures. I attended the hearings on both of these bills. There was considerable well-found-

ed opposition to the Industrial Home Work bill, which has not yet been heard, but it has absolutely nothing to do with this bill. There was no opposition to this measure. There is no connection between the two. I hope that the members of this House will not defeat this bill on the basis of the reaction to the other one.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner.

Mr. TURNER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to go on record with my colleague, the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt. This bill has caused me more trouble than any other thing except the sales tax. I have heard a good deal about that. I think it is a good plan to save a little money. It is going to call for money, and I cannot see where it is going to do any good. The women do not want it, so why put them into the harness and "whoahish" them around? Why not let them have their own business and run it to suit themselves?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, who has moved the indefinite postponement of Item 15, An Act Relating to Her Own Business Program H. P. 1233, L. D. 786. Is the House ready for the question?

All those in favor of the indefinite postponement of the act will please say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted.

A division of the House was had.

Sixty-five having voted in the affirmative and fifty-nine in the negative, the motion prevailed, and the act was indefinitely postponed, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER pro tem: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair lays before the House the first item of unfinished business, Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1952, and June 30, 1953," S. P. 495, L. D. 1196, under the item "Old Age Assistance—Benefits."

The pending motion before the House is the adoption of House

Amendment "T". The Clerk will read House Amendment "T."

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "T" to S. P. 495, L. D. 1196, Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1952, and June 30, 1953."

Amend said Bill by striking out from the paragraph entitled "HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF" the line "Old Age Assistance

Benefits 3,215,325 3,411,825" and inserting in place thereof the line

"Old Age Assistance
Benefits 2,965,325 3,161,825"

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Liberty, Mr. Cole.

Mr. COLE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have great admiration for the courage, the ability, the judgment and the integrity of our Floor Leader, the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, but I cannot go along with him this time for this reason: We in the Appropriations Committee had the same inspirations that he has: We thought that maybe this account was one that could be cut a little bit. We called in Mr. Stevens to find out just how it could be done. He informed us that, through the federal regulations, federal grants, the only way to cut the old age assistance was to cut the amount of the grants. In other words, the number of recipients, which was 15,323 in December, would remain the same but the grants would be cut. We on the committee felt that it was very unjust to cut the old age assistance down from an average, as of December last, of \$42.80. This, you will agree, is a very small amount for the elderly people of this State to get along with. We realize that the value of the dollar is deflated to fifty-seven cents. I cannot see how we can cut old age assistance. I cannot go back to my constituents and say to the old people: "We gave you a new tax (which I hope we will have to give you; and I want to say right here that I am going to vote for it) and in turn we cut your old

age assistance." It does not seem quite consistent to me.

Now I deal with quite a few of these elderly people in a business way, and my heart goes out to them when I watch their budget. They are living on the small check that they receive. For most of them this is the entire amount they live on. It certainly gives them a small amount of security and a feeling of contentment. I hope, members, that we will continue to give them this same security that we have given them in the past. The sum set up in the appropriations bill carries along the same load as it was in December last, the average grant of \$42.80.

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

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I am also opposed to this proposed amendment. I can appreciate the effort that our Floor Leader is making to try to keep down appropriations as much as possible, but this is not a measure on which to make that reduction.

I have stated and believe that this Welfare Department could be managed on a more economical basis, but that is not the question here. If this measure passes, this reduction, it means that somebody, some aged person who is now getting forty dollars a month will only get thirty-five dollars a month, and that some who are getting thirty dollars a month will only be getting twenty-five. Many of these aged people won't take in enough money in six months to pay my office expenses for one month. Many of the members of this House are paying more for your weekly expenses here in Augusta than these poor people get in a month's time.

During my college days I boarded myself and I boarded at a pretty cheap rate, but at that time I could buy the best top of the round steak for twelve cents a pound, and today that same steak would cost you ten times that amount.

Where do you think these people are ever going to get decent steak with twenty-five or thirty dollars a month to live on, and they have no other source of income?

Thousands of these poor people are praying each day to Almighty

God to give us this day our daily bread. Members of this House, I am not going to be one to vote to take it away from them.

I was talking with a representative of a large industry a few days ago who told me that his company employed four thousand employees and that the average pay to those employees was \$1.25 an hour. But he told me they were against the sales tax; they don't want to pay two percent to help these poor people from going hungry; they are going to suffer if they have to pay two cents.

Members, I move the indefinite postponement of House Amendment "T".

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, moves that House Amendment "T" be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair at this time notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of the Class in Government of Nasson College of Springvale, Maine, under the direction of Professor Sweetser, and the House at this time bids you welcome. (Applause)

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

Mr. DUNHAM: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Our esteemed Floor Leader is looking for a quarter of a million dollars. I do not think he wants to find it here. I think the only way you are going to get a quarter of a million dollars is to raise the quarter of a million dollars. You are not going to take it away from these people.

Now yesterday I told you that the largest cost in my city is for supplemental aid to old age assistance, and if you cut this grant you mean just this to me; that you are going to put something else right back onto my city to raise more money to help those people.

Now I have fought from the beginning, ever since I have been here, not to add any more burdens to our towns and our cities, and I still maintain that position.

Someone said here yesterday that we were apt to become the number one welfare State in the Union. I

say that is wrong, it is absolutely wrong. We have eighty-five thousand people over the age of sixty-five in this state, and one hundred and sixty-seven of them out of a thousand receive welfare aid. Throughout the country, my friends, two hundred and forty-one out of a thousand receive old age assistance. Are we on the wrong track? I don't believe so. But I do believe this: that this year is the peak year for raising money for old age assistance, because, two years from now, I think you can come in here and I think you can cut this, because our social security program is going to be in operation. But now I do not believe you can cut it, and I am against the amendment of my friend, the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase.

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

Mr. GOWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hesitate at this time to support another appropriation measure that will put an extra burden upon the taxpayers of our State. I also appreciate the economy spirit that has pervaded this Legislature during the past few days. I also dislike to oppose the amendment of my good friend, the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase. I was associated with Mr. Chase many years ago in one session of the Legislature and I appreciated his ability at that time and at this time. I do not like to oppose him. I know that he is a good businessman and is interested in this part of the program. But I fail to see why we should begin our economy on this particular item.

I know that in my section of the State there has been some criticism in the way this department has been handled, but the same criticism might be made in many other departments. I am glad to be in a position to sponsor whatever influence I may have in the direction of old age assistance, because they are a class of people that have no one to speak for them. They do not even have a legislative agent to speak in their behalf.

I have known many cases that could not get on the old age assistance list that we thought should

be on there, but I have never known one who received old age assistance that I did not think was entitled to receive it.

From my point of view, the State of Maine has not been specially generous in dealing with old age assistance. As I recall it, the Congress of the United States passed this measure in 1937. The Legislature of Maine at that time passed the necessary legislative enactments to avail themselves of the provisions of this act, but they did not make any appropriation. I remember the excuse at that time was that we did not know what the Congress would do. That was a fairly good excuse for that time. But, as I recall it, two sessions of the Legislature passed after that before they raised any funds to enable the people to take advantage of that act.

I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, will not prevail at this time. I think that we as members of this Legislature should treat it at this time as a humane measure rather than as an economic measure. I have been asked, "Hasn't the Legislature changed laws since you have been there before?" I have said, "Yes, and the business and procedure has changed." But I will say another thing, and I have been long enough in the affairs of this Legislature, I think, so it will not be out of order for me to say it: Of any Legislature I have been associated with, this, the 95th Legislature, is, in my mind, the most independent. In talking with the members, you will find that they want to do what is best for the interests of the State. Perhaps other Legislatures may have. But I think it is our duty to do our duty as we see it. Of course that is not a new proposition. But I hope that this Legislature will not go on record to reduce the old age assistance program. In other words, if we did our duty, in my opinion, we would increase and liberalize the old age assistance we now have.

We differ at different times on different measures, we do not see eye to eye on some things, but there is one point I am sure we agree on. We believe that we should act for the best interests of our State.

It is your State and my State,
And oh how much it holds;
Your home and my home
Lies safe within its folds.
Your heart and my heart
Quickens at its sight,
Your hand and my hand
Must strive to keep it right.

Mr. Speaker, I hope the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth (Mr. Chase) will not prevail.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will state that the question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, for indefinite postponement of House Amendment "T".

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

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not want to be understood as opposing Old Age Assistance but I would remind the House that, at the time one could buy top of the round steak for 12 cents a pound, there was no Old Age Assistance program. They were receiving nothing; they were being supported, most of them, by their children as they should be. Now, I assume that the House probably will defeat this amendment but, if they do, I hope that every member who is so actively opposing the amendment, will be fully as active in supporting a taxation measure that will provide the money. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, Your Esteemed Floor Leader, My Esteemed Floor Leader, and Members of the House: This program, as so ably explained by Representative Cole, was discussed very thoroughly in committee. I feel that this is not the way to attack it. I am certainly mindful of the fact also that as we stand now the score reads: \$10,288,432 in the Fed, no pennies.

I feel that to attack this program—what I would like to see and I would be very happy to support such an attempt of amending somewhere along the line where we would give an allowance of so much money each year, not to the social workers but for the purpose of thoroughly investigating each

and every case, starting with "A" and going down to "Z".

I know that the hour is late but I would like to give you my reason which was proven to me for this stand. Friday evening, when I got home, I received a phone call pertaining to a case of Old Age Assistance. I met with Representative Cote of Lewiston and we met one of the daughters and questioned her. The case was a pathetic one. We finally made arrangements, after seeing the honest tears of this daughter who has four children of her own and who pleaded with us to come down to visit at her home where we found a few sticks of furniture and hardly anything in the icebox. The only spot where there could have been some help was from a son who, I understand, was earning fairly decent money but not enough to take care of his mother so the indications stated.

We then proceeded to have a bureau of charities take care of this woman for a month I have since made arrangements for her to go into a home for the rest of her days. But the thing that made me feel we should very definitely investigate by setting a sum aside was that Sunday morning I received a phone call from that son and from his mumbled conversation I knew that he hadn't just come out of church. The feeling that Representative Cote and I had Friday night, and we spoke about it all evening, was one of sincerity, we really felt sorry and that is why we spent a good part of the evening arranging for this woman to be taken care of. But that feeling left me when I received that phone call and I assure you that I have since amended the program but the elderly lady is still going to be taken care of.

There are so many cases, my friends, where we could have really cut. In my opinion, unless you go into a program of investigating, this is not the place and the time to cut.

I can stand here for many hours, as I have, trying to plead with you and beg with you to cut but, if you are going to cut, this is not the place to do it, but we can go back and start all over again and we can chop that ten million down to five but let's not hurt these elderly people by saying in a bloc: "Well,

look you, we will chop you down to a few dollars a month." That is not the answer. The answer is thorough investigation of all your cases. If it means spending more money, at least we are spending it right. If it means saving money, we are gaining.

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

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am sorry I missed out on this but I had an important, vital engagement but it seems to boil down to this: There are certain members here who believe that in the case of this old man and woman, living in a rented house, and paying for their lights and their fuel and living on a very low diet we can really cut them down maybe fifty cents, maybe five dollars, and they could live a little cheaper. That is what it boils down to.

Now, it is the duty of the State to take care of its old people and I contend and always have contended that you and I are the State. The trees and the valleys and the lakes, these mountains, were here before there was a legislature but there was no State of Maine until the legislature convened.

Therefore, it is our duty to take care of the needy old people and these old people, whom you want to cut down, are the very people who struggled and paid their taxes to build the house that you live in. Figure it any way you have a mind to. They paid for your education. Now, what are we going to do? Kick them out? That is the spirit of it.

I want you to understand, Members, I don't want to jump on anybody and I don't want to go into any personalities, but I want you to understand that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap. I want you to further understand that bad pennies return and chickens come home to roost. What you and I do here, today, will come back to us.

Now let us take care of the old people. I don't want to go into this; it isn't necessary. Let's take care of them, the men and the women who built our industries, gave us everything we have, and

now that the dollar they saved has gone down to twenty-five cents by what we call inflation, or by the continuous rise of living, we have taken away from them seventy-five cents, and I don't know but what we have taken away from them more than that, and left them with twenty or twenty-five cents. Members, it isn't their fault. It is the trend of things.

Now, let us take care of the old people. For God's sake, don't you cut this appropriation. Everyone has to live and have enough to eat. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterboro, Mr. Bradeen.

Mr. BRADEEN: Mr Speaker and Members of the House: As I appraise this situation and reflect upon the attitude of the members of the House, as it has appeared in their votes on the various items under Welfare up to the present time, it seems to me that there has been a very genuine disposition to deal with this problem with substantial justice. I can't believe that now is the time that they will find it in their hearts to make a change. I think that up to the moment the various items have been considered carefully and dealt with in good conscience. This ADC matter that came up last week: There seemed to be some little discussion as to what was to be done about that. It involved, in the over-all picture, the expenditure of a considerable amount of money. I recall that some of the gentlemen and perhaps ladies, I wouldn't know, felt that there were some—if I wanted to use a fairly descriptive word—"rascals" who profited by the program because they came in through the back door. But we were concerned primarily with two things and our judgment worked on those matters, namely, the welfare of the children and what constituted sound public policy. After we got through considering the situation and the problems from those angles, we decided that it would profit us nothing, it would serve no useful purpose, if we sank the ship in order to get rid of the rats, because probably there wouldn't be enough life preservers to go around. We went along to the matter of aid to hos-

pitals cases and the matter of support of State paupers. I think that the decision with reference to the support of State paupers hinged, very largely, on the point and upon the fact that the State had the taxing authority, and by virtue of that economic prerogative, was in a much better position to take care of the paupers than were the municipalities and the towns with limited means.

Now, we are down to the question of Old Age Assistance. The question of what to do with people who have had some sad experiences in life and have reached more or less the end of the trail and haven't much to do with.

I think I recall within a matter of several days or so, I was scanning some statistics put out by the United States Department, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and they quoted in that report the cost of living index of seven representative cities throughout the United States, from coast to coast. I recall that the City of Portland, which certainly is not too far from the region of the Imperial Kennebec, came in for a matter of \$300, or \$10 a day, that is they put \$300 a month as a figure which was represented as being necessary for a man and wife and two children to maintain a decent standard of living.

Now, I see reflected in those figures the same problem with which we are called upon to deal in this 95th Legislature. I see a dollar which is worth, as the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar, has just said, considerably less than fifty cents, and I certainly don't believe it will reflect any credit whatsoever on the Members of the 95th Legislature nor do I think that the people who sent us here expect us to take any single one of those fifty-cent dollars away from these old people.

While I have a great deal of respect for our Floor Leader, Mr. Chase, I certainly hope that his amendment fails and that the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, prevails. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will state that the question

before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, that House Amendment "T" be indefinitely postponed.

Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. DELAHANTY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I assure you that the House will be ready for the question in just a moment. I want to review, however, the matter on which we have caused ourselves to point our interest in this budget.

I was prompted to say at the outset that we should attempt to hew to the line of the recommendations given to us by the Appropriations Committee. The monster, however, couldn't be held in the cage very long and the bars began to bend and he left and some of the taxidermists around here have overstuffed him. I think that if we do not get hold of him and charge some expert with the responsibility that we are just going to be faced with this monster that even we cannot stand before we get through with him.

The plea for hewing to the line was made, yesterday, also by the Majority Leader and then immediately the monster began to be a little more overstuffed. It appears to me, however, that the Old Age Assistance benefits just come in the wrong place in the budget. If it had been at the head, I assume we would be doing for them what we should be doing, if anything, and that is increasing the appropriation that is already allotted to them.

I feel that I will support the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, and I hope that it will prevail.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I think my record in the past two sessions shows that I have worked pretty hard to take care of the growing

financial problem in this State and I voted to raise money when some of those who have spoken here have voted for every appropriation and against the taxes to raise the money. I don't want to cut Old Age Assistance any more than anyone else here does but it is my duty to keep before the House the responsibility of the members.

Now, you can't do everything you want to do. I don't see any evidence in what is coming to me of any overwhelming zeal on the part of the people of this State to pay any taxes to raise this money. I think they will pay a reasonable amount. I think as a practical, political situation—and I do not use the word in a partisan sense—as a practical political situation, we have got to come out here with a financial problem which the people will approve. Now since government has taken over these humanitarian functions, I seem to detect on the part of the people less zeal on the part of charities than I saw twenty years ago. That is a factor that we have got to recognize. We have got to deal with this financial problem as well as we can and on a basis which the people will approve. The gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar, says we are the State. That sentiment on the part of the people ought to win some recognition here.

I spoke here some time ago, stating that it was my purpose and I judge it to be the purpose of my party to abolish the state property tax so as to return to the cities and towns some expenditure functions which they have been pushing off onto the State. I pointed out in a speech here, in a discussion, that if we did abolish the state property tax, we could put back reasonably a substantial sum in the field of education where the matter of federal money is not involved. I thought it was desirable to do it not only because the communities would be able to handle it as they have been saying for years there is no reason for wanting to abolish the state property tax so that they could but because I believe personally that we would have a far better educational system in this State if the communities had more to say about it.

I am fully in favor of equalization to take care of the poorer communities.

Now, I have done what I could to keep this financial problem within the bounds and I am continuing to do so although it may involve making unpopular motions. But I want to point out to every member of this House that if you continue to pile up this expenditure some day you are going to have to vote to raise the money and you may have to go out to convince the people of this State, if they vote on it, that what you have proposed is a tolerable measure or burden for them to bear, and you had better be thinking about what their reaction is going to be.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaflin, that House Amendment "T" be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Finnegan.

Mr. FINNEGAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am heartily concurring with everything that the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaflin, and the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar, and all the others who have spoken, have said as to the unwisdom of reducing the grants of Old Age Assistance.

This was a matter that came before the Appropriations Committee that I held a mental reservation on. I did not attempt to sell it to them. But I was thinking, very strangely, along the lines that the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth (Mr. Chase) has mentioned to you.

Now, that you may get this picture—this is more for information than with any hope that there will be any change in the sentiment here, I think I know how that will be—we had the Commissioner of Health before us. We faced this program and the only way that you could do anything about the reduction of this was on about the same amount that the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth has recommended, to reduce the amount of the appropriation by \$400,000 a year, that would be \$800,000 for the biennium. It would mean that the maximum grant would be \$39. The present average grant is \$43.

I think we will all agree that at the maximum grant there is no lush living for the old aged people who are in need of this money and I certainly would be the last one to take one penny from them. I think that it is probably so inadequate that unquestionably the towns will have to come to the rescue of what the federal government in its maximum grant fails to provide for their sustenance. The one reservation that I have on this is the way it might work out. I think that we have no argument that there are many people who are on this list, if any report can be believed, that do not deserve to be on there. I think we need a little local screening so it is my thought if we could go along with a lesser appropriation and have the towns pick up the extreme cases, which they must do anyway, even to the extent of going beyond the \$50 per month, we might get some real relief in removing from this list some of the fellow travelers who might prefer to go to work rather than live on \$39 a month. The town officials could judge that. I mean, this is a period of two years and in that screening we may be able to unload some of the barnacles that are infesting it.

Now, the program before you—I mean, I am just going to take a minute because I have these figures here—you are increasing over the present appropriation for the next biennium \$4,597,000 for ADC and Old Age Assistance and that is represented by \$1,844,000 for Old Age Assistance and \$2,733,000 for ADC cases. This amount has been arrived at, the proposed amount—there is no use in increasing it because it won't do you any good because the Commissioner in making up this budget and giving you the figure that we are considering has taken the maximum grant which can be obtained and he has projected that over the next two years on the expected increase of the load. I am just giving you this information so that you will have it as it was given to us.

So, echoing the thoughts and the spirit of everybody who has spoken that there is nothing to be done in the way of reducing the elderly

people who are in need, it is just a question of whether the towns or the communities are willing to pick up the slack for which this doesn't happen to provide here and give us a chance to head this thing off before it crashes, that is all. Otherwise, the whole thing is coming down around our ears. And, to that extent, I am in sympathy with the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth (Mr. Chase), strange as it may seem, I think it is the only thing we have been together on for quite a while.

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

Mr. MARCH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. March, moves the previous question on the amendment. 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.

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

The question before the House is: Shall the main question be put now?

Mr. COLE of Liberty: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER pro tem: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. COLE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I ask that when the vote is taken it be by division.

The SPEAKER pro tem: 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 pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, that House Amendment "T" be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of the motion for indefinite

postponement will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Eighty-nine having voted in the affirmative and twenty-one in the negative, the motion prevailed and House Amendment "T" was indefinitely postponed.

(At this point, Speaker Silsby resumed the Chair and the Speaker pro tem, Mr. Burgess, retired to his seat on the floor of the House.)

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I move that the item be approved.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will continue the reading of the item.

The CLERK (reading):

"Old Age Assistance—

Burials \$60,000 \$60,000"

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

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I have an amendment here which I will explain after it has been read.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson, presents House Amendment "U" to item "Old Age Assistance—Burials" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "U" to S. P. 495, L. D. 1196, Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1952, and June 30, 1953."

Amend said Bill by striking out from the paragraph entitled "HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF" the line "Old Age Assistance

—Burials 60,000 60,000"

and inserting in place thereof the line

'Old Age Assistance

—Burials 90,000 90,000"

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I will say that last week, I think, this House passed a bill providing that the cost of burial would be \$150, raising it fifty dollars from what

it formerly was. The people came before the committee and showed us that the one hundred dollars was set up some fifteen years ago, presumably, I don't know the exact date. Those costs have gone up presumably almost double. They showed us it cost them anywhere from \$175 to \$178 to carry out the burial of these recipients of old age assistance. Therefore I put that amendment in that way to show that there has got to be from one hundred up to one hundred and fifty dollars to take care of the burial of those recipients of old age assistance. That is the explanation on that article.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson, or the Appropriations Committee or some committee: What relation, if any, does this amendment have to L. D. 823 which calls for \$30,000 a year for funeral expenses, Old Age Assistance, which resolve has already been passed to be engrossed in both branches?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, requests information through the Chair of any member of the Appropriations Committee and he may answer if he chooses.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson.

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: That was to show that there had got to be more money raised for that purpose than there was previously.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the adoption of House Amendment "U", presented by the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I still do not understand whether this amendment is in lieu of the bill or whether it is another \$30,000.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Capt Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, requests information from any member and they may answer if they choose.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson.

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: That has already been passed, the \$30,000 each year, to take care of that. We raised that fifty dollars more. It was just simply to explain that that money would have to be raised to take care of that proposition. I do not know whether that is clear or not, but that is what it means. If \$30,000 took care of it before, it would be all right, as far as I am concerned, if it took care of it now.

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

Mr. BATES: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the House stand adjourned.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Orono, Mr. Bates, now moves that the House adjourn. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the House

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.