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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 Rev. Fr. Francois M. Drouin, Pastor of St. Peter-St. Paul Church of Lewiston.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

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

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Androscoggin County has long been recognized as the "Industrial Heart of Maine," and its legislative delegation takes pride in presenting an exhibit of some of its famous products for your review in the State House Rotunda during Androscoggin Day observance.

We of Androscoggin are proud of our county and wish to say this morning "Hello to you!" Thank you. (Applause)

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

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is indeed a pleasure to me, coming from Androscoggin County, to present to you this morning and guide your attention to the exhibits coming from the county of Androscoggin, especially Lewiston and Auburn, and to the farm products as well.

We all recognize that Androscoggin is in the very heart of industry of the State of Maine. The annual output of shoes in Auburn, and part of Lewiston, is upward of ten millions of dollars, and the Bates Manufacturing Company and its associates in Lewiston—the value of the payroll is something like twelve millions of dollars. Altogether, in the Androscoggin Valley, the payroll in that section yearly is estimated at twenty-five millions of dollars, and that speaks well for Androscoggin County.

Briefly speaking this morning, we have representations here from the Bates Manufacturing Company, the Pepperell Manufacturing Company, the Cobb-Watson Company, Bonafide Mills, Auburn Shoe Manufac-

turers, Paine Incense Company, Farnsworth Mills, Pond Tissue Company, Berry Hill Farms and the Dube Flower Shop and so forth.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome these people from Androscoggin County into the Halls of the House of Representatives and the State House. (Applause)

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

Mr. PLUMMER: Mr. Speaker, I present an order and move its passage.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Plummer, out of order and under suspension of the rules, presents an order and moves its passage. The Clerk will read the order.

ORDERED, that Beverley Spoford of Lewiston High School, Juliette Bellegarde of St. Dominic High School, and Joan St. Hilaire of Edward Little High School, be appointed Honorary Pages for today, this being Androscoggin Day at the Legislature.

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

The motion prevailed and the order received passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the young ladies to their respective places of office in the House.

Thereupon, Miss Beverley Spoford, Miss Juliette Bellegarde and Joan St. Hilaire were escorted to their respective seats by the Sergeant-at-Arms, amid the applause of the House.

### Papers from the Senate Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to the Kennebec or Carlton Bridge" (S. P. 179) (L. D. 392) reported leave to withdraw.

Report of the same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Amending the Controlled Access Highway Law" (S. P. 453) (L. D. 1067)

Report of the same Committee reporting same on Resolve in favor

of the Town of York (S. P. 97) (L. D. 151)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer in Certain Counties" (S. P. 432) (L. D. 995)

Report of the same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Deer" (S. P. 433) (L. D. 996)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Operating a Motor Vehicle Negligently" (S. P. 343) (L. D. 809)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the Judge and the Recorder of the Fort Fairfield Municipal Court" (S. P. 195) (L. D. 402)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Town of Cornville (S. P. 506)

Came from the Senate, the Report read and accepted, and the rule requiring printing suspended, and the Resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and under suspension of the rules the Resolve had its first reading and was assigned for second reading tomorrow morning.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Authorizing Completion and Printing of a Digest of the Opinions of the Law Court (S. P. 436) (L. D. 999)

Report of the same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Place of Taxation of Personal Property" (S. P. 409) (L. D. 969)

Report of the same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act" (S. P. 437) (L. D. 1000)

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

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

#### Ought to Pass as Amended Tabled

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Mayor of the City of Lewiston" (S. P. 313) (L. D. 664) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A".

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 313, L. D. 664, Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Mayor of the City of Lewiston."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the next to the last line thereof the underlined figures "\$4,500" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$3,000'

(On motion of Mr. St. Pierre of Lewiston, the report with accompanying papers was tabled pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A" in concurrence).

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time, notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of the Lawrence High School of Fairfield Civics Classes, under the direction of Mrs. Beulah Henderson and Mr. David Love, also the Cornish and South Hiram Eighth Grade, under the charge of Mr. Green, and also the St. Dominic High School Hockey Team, Champions of New England, with Brother Leonard in charge.

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

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

#### Senate Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve regulating Fishing in Deer Mountain Brook in the County of Oxford (S. P. 182) (L. D. 395)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ELA of Somerset  
SMART of Hancock  
—of the Senate.

FRECHETTE of Sanford  
PLUMMER of Lisbon  
CHASE of Belgrade  
WATSON of Moose River  
Pl.

DENNLISON of East Machias  
—of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WIGHT of Penobscot  
—of the Senate.

CARVILLE of Eustis  
BEARCE of Caribou  
—of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted.

In the House: Report was read.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Carter.

Mr. CARTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that the House accept the majority report "Ought not to pass" in concurrence with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Carter, moves that the House accept the majority report "Ought not to pass" in concurrence with the Senate.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eustis, Mr. Carville.

Mr. CARVILLE: Mr. Speaker, I guess I got beat to the punch. I just want to make a little explanation as a signer of the minority report. This is a small feeder stream

that goes into West Richardson lake, that is full of very small trout. I am told they only run about six inches. Now one man, apparently, has more influence here, I think, than the Governor. They have changed a seven to three report the other way to seven to three in reverse, and I understand he feeds his camps from this brook and I thought it was reason enough for going along with the majority of the people who live in that immediate section that wanted it closed.

It is a feeder stream and it is full of these small trout, but apparently this man has done a very good job around here and I just want to make myself clear on how I stand on this matter. I was going to move that we accept the minority report that the bill "Ought to pass."

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Carter, that the House accept the majority report "Ought not to pass."

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumbold, Mr. Parent.

Mr. PARENT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In reply to my good friend, the gentleman from Eustis, Mr. Carville, I will say that this particular brook is in the northeast section of Oxford County. It is a feeder of West Richardson pond, and it comes under our jurisdiction from our Northeastern Oxford County Fish and Game and Protective Association. We stocked the pond with our own truck and we paid the expenses on it, and that is about the only brook that is left open in that section of the county, and I rise to move that we accept the report "Ought not to pass."

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Carter, that the House accept the majority report "Ought not to pass." All those in favor of accepting the "Ought not to pass" report will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed, and the majority report, "Ought not to pass," was accepted in concurrence.

**Senate Divided Report**

Majority of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Lobster and Crab Fishing in Part of York Harbor, County of York" (S. P. 364) (L. D. 873)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. SLEEPER of Knox  
LARRABEE of Sagadahoc  
BROWN of Washington  
—of the Senate.

KNAPP of Yarmouth  
CLAPP of Brooklin  
BUCKNAM of Whiting  
BARTON of Vinalhaven  
STEVENS of Boothbay  
HANSON of Machiasport  
—of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Kennebunk  
—of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted.

In the House: Report was read.

On motion of Mr. Barton of Vinalhaven, the House voted to accept the Majority Report, "Ought not to pass," in concurrence.

**Senate Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Regulating Use of Trawls in Washington County" (S. P. 442) (L. D. 1005)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BROWN of Washington  
—of the Senate.

LITTLEFIELD of Kennebunk  
KNAPP of Yarmouth  
HANSON of Machiasport  
CLAPP of Brooklin  
BUCKNAM of Whiting  
—of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. SLEEPER of Knox  
LARRABEE of Sagadahoc  
—of the Senate.

BARTON of Vinalhaven  
STEVENS of Boothbay

—of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted.

In the House: Report was read.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk, the Majority Report, "Ought not to pass," was accepted in concurrence.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act relating to Vacations for Members of the Fire Department of the City of Lewiston" (S. P. 123) (L. D. 212) which was passed to be engrossed in the House as amended by Committee Amendment "A" on February 16.

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

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

**Conference Committee Report**

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to Licensing Cats" (H. P. 1508) (L. D. 1103) reporting that both branches recede from their former actions and concur in granting leave to withdraw.

(Signed)

Messrs. DICKEY of Brooks  
BROWN of Baileyville  
ROLLINS of Greenville  
—Committee on  
part of the House.

BARNES of Aroostook  
PALMER of Lincoln  
ALLEN of Cumberland  
—Committee on  
part of Senate.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Everett Pender of Friendship be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, April 26, 1951.

**House Reports of Committees  
Leave to Withdraw**

Mr. Williams from the Committee on Natural Resources on Bill "An

Act relating to Kindling of Fires in Unorganized Townships" (H. P. 1486) (L. D. 1093) reported leave to withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Ought Not to Pass  
Tabled**

Mr. Fogg from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse Robert Ballard of Hallowell (H. P. 1573)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Vaughan of Hallowell, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Gowell from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Solon for Pauper Expenses (H. P. 1519)

Same gentleman from the same Committee reported same on Resolve Reimbursing the City of Hallowell for Pauper Supplies (H. P. 1574)

Mr. Hall from the same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Donald Ward of LaGrange (H. P. 679)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Tabled**

Mr. Hall from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Falmouth for Certain Hospital Expenses (H. P. 1564)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Dow of Falmouth, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

**Tabled**

Mr. Hamilton from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Town of Woolwich (H. P. 223)

Report was read.

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

Mrs. MOFFATT: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, not knowing his feeling on this, I will table the matter, if I may.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman may.

The gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, moves that Resolve in favor of the Town of Woolwich lie on 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. Hamilton from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse the City of Hallowell for Support of Andrew W. Tuttle (H. P. 1571)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Tabled**

Mr. Ingraham from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Pittsfield for Support of Dianne K. Edwards (H. P. 453)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Sinclair of Pittsfield, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Ingraham from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse the City of Hallowell for Medical Aid Furnished to Jennie Shaw (H. P. 1572)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Tabled**

Mr. Potter from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Pittston for Support and Care of Robert Calnan, Otherwise Known as Robert Callman (H. P. 878)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Hussey of Windsor, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Exemption from Taxation of Certain Charitable Corporations" (H. P. 1212) (L. D. 769)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Tabled**

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not

to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Banking Department" (H. P. 1282) (L. D. 648)

Report was read.

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

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, out of deference to the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Phillips, who I understand has some interest in this bill, I move that Item 12, L. D. 848, lie upon the table pending acceptance of the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Martin, moves that Bill "An Act relating to the Banking Department" lie on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the report was so tabled.

#### Tabled

Mr. Dow from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Increase the Taxing Powers of Municipalities" (H. P. 1371) (L. D. 953)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

#### Tabled

Mr. Low from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Certain Towns in Lieu of Taxes" (H. P. 1134) (L. D. 701) as it is covered by other legislation.

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Low from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing the Use Fuel Tax" (H. P. 851) (L. D. 490)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Tabled

Mr. Rollins from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Domestic Fowl" (H. P. 1448) (L. D. 1043)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Chaples of Hudson, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Rollins from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Impose an Excise Tax Upon Charges for Meals" (H. P. 1210) (L. D. 768)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Tabled

Mr. Clements from the Committee on Welfare reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Donald M. Laughlin of Plantation No. 33 (H. P. 1381)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Dunham of Ellsworth, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Mr. Clements from the Committee on Welfare reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Lovina Brush of Unity (H. P. 1380)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Maurice Albert of Madawaska (H. P. 863)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Lawrence Bouchard of St. Agatha (H. P. 861)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Exillia Raymond of St. Agatha (H. P. 859)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Victor Gardner of Veazie (H. P. 1452)

Mr. Fenn from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Harland R. Mace of So. Orrington (H. P. 1040)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Edith Woodard of Springfield (H. P. 1377)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for John Howard McClay of Olamton (H. P. 1293)



Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Annie Pushard of Gardiner (H. P. 1218)

Mr. Lessard from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Agnes Melanson of Old Town (H. P. 1384)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Josephine Sochia of Madison (H. P. 1397)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for John Melanson of Old Town (H. P. 1383)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mary Ann Begert of Lewiston (H. P. 1378)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Joseph A. Pratt of East Andover (H. P. 250)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Bernard Dumond of Sinclair (H. P. 1157)

Mr. Maxwell from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Pearley Crummit of Newcastle (H. P. 1151)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Francis E. Moddix of East Andover (H. P. 249)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Joseph Michaud of Sinclair (H. P. 1291)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Flora E. Mosher of Smithfield (H. P. 1221)

Mr. Patterson from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Miss Lillian M. Sterling of Hallowell (H. P. 1385)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Farley from the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Display of Unauthorized Signs Upon or in View of Highways" (H. P. 1079) (L. D. 682) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1691) (L. D. 1271) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Lessard from the Committee on Welfare on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Florence I. Cain, of Clinton (H. P. 856) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1692) (L. D. 1269) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Patterson from same Committee on Resolve Providing for a Pension for George M. D. Grant of Milbridge (H. P. 765) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1693) (L. D. 1270) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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.

### Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Dow from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Certain Towns in York and Oxford Counties for Snow Removal (H. P. 821) (L. D. 481)

Mr. DeBeck from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate in Penobscot County" (H. P. 940) (L. D. 545)

Mr. Edwards from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Western Washington Municipal Court" (H. P. 1067) (L. D. 647)

Mr. Taylor from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of Certain County Officers in Washington County" (H. P. 941) (L. D. 537)

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

### Ought to Pass With Committee Amendment

Mr. Peterson from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Sheriffs and Their Deputies" (H. P. 1435) (L. D. 1046) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** to H. P. 1435, L. D. 1046, Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Sheriffs and Their Deputies."

Amend said Bill by striking out, in the 7th line thereof, the following words and punctuation "**\$10 a day;**" and inserting in place thereof '**\$8 a day and such additional pay as the county commissioners may approve;**'

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in the 15th and 16th lines thereof, the following words and punctuation "**\$10 a day;**" and inserting in place thereof '**\$8 a day and such additional pay as the county commissioners may approve;**'

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in the 26th line thereof, the following words and underlined figures "**\$10 per day**" and inserting in place thereof the following '**\$8 per day and such additional pay as the county commissioners may approve;**'

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

The CLERK: (Reading)

"The following Committee Report received too late to be printed in Advance Journal:

### REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred 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" for recommendations regarding practicable changes to be made in the Bill as amended by the House, recommends that the following reductions be made:

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
General purpose Educational Aid to Cities, Towns, Plantations and Community School Districts

-reduce \$100,000 each year

HEALTH & WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF

Aid to Dependent Children

-reduce \$150,000 each year

Aid to Public & Private Hospitals

-reduce \$200,000 each year

Support of State Paupers

-reduce \$150,000 each year

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

-reduce \$50,000 each year

The Committee further reports a substitute embodying the foregoing recommended changes but otherwise identical with L. D. 1196 as amended by the House, and recommends that it be substituted for S. P. 495, L. D. 1196."

The report is signed by all of the members of the committee.

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, feels that it should give the members of the House some information as to the procedure of this particular bill in order that any member will not lose his right to amend the bill by reason of parliamentary procedure.

Now the Chair will state that the first matter in order, under this report, is the acceptance of the committee's report.

The next matter in order is that if any member desires to amend any part of the substituted bill, it must be amended before the substituted bill is accepted. After the substituted bill is accepted, it is then in order for engrossment without further amendment.

Now the Chair will repeat that after the acceptance of the committee's report, if any member wants to amend the substitute bill, it must be done at that time. It will be too late after the House has substituted the bill for the other bill. I hope the Chair has made itself clear.

The question before the House is on the acceptance of the report.

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

Mr. DELAHANTY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: When this matter came up for assignment to the Committee on Ways and Means last Friday, I was not

here to defend the honor that someone said had been thrust upon us. When we attended the committee meeting yesterday, we attempted to do what we thought would be the sense of this House, controlling our thoughts by the thinking that we found here. But if that was to be the controlling feature, I should think we would have had to raise the amount of appropriation rather than lower the appropriation.

The assignment to us was not too explicit. There were several questions raised by members of the committee as to how we should proceed.

We did agree that the reductions that were made should be made, but I, for one, felt, and I made it clear to the committee, and they understood that I was to state my position this morning, that the amounts that are indicated reflect a reduction in the bill but do not reflect the reductions which I advocated.

I have signed this report because I wanted it presented to the House immediately. I did not want to sign a minority report for fear that it would be tagged with a party label and with which I feel this bill should not be tagged.

I think that the report represents a thinking of some part of the committee, but it is not the unanimous opinion of that committee, and it was not my recommendation, as my recommendations would have lowered the amounts much more than did the committee.

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

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The last speaker has stated his position, and he has a perfect right to do so. It was my suggestion, in the committee hearing yesterday afternoon, that we bring in a unanimous report on this small committee of seven, believing it would have more recognition with the members of the House.

You all know that I am on the Appropriations Committee. We have made out a report and this is what we are discussing, and I found, when I was absent last Friday, that this measure was referred to

the Committee on Ways and Means. I happen to be chairman of that committee also.

I have received some undue criticism, very minor, of my position in this respect, but I believe that as a member of this House, when the order was passed by the members of the House for a certain committee to do a certain thing, if I am on that committee, I feel obligated to this House that I render a service, whether it be for the best interests or not, concerning this measure. In all of my association in this Legislature I believe all will feel that I have tried to do my duty wherever it may have been, and I have stated it on the floor of this House many times.

The committee has taken the middle road, from one extreme to another, believing that this could be the answer to the problem, and that is why we present it to you today, believing as a committee that we have done the best we could, and I hope that this will be satisfactory to the majority, at least, of this House.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the acceptance of the committee report.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: First I would like to congratulate and commend the members of the Ways and Means Committee for their work. I would further personally state my deep respect, esteem and admiration for that committee. However, I note that the Governor's Budget recommendation, up and over what we have for funds, was \$7,705,000. The Appropriations Committee report was \$4,531,000. With the Senate amendments it was brought to \$9,368,000. With the Senate and House amendments it became \$10,288,432. With the Ways and Means Committee report it becomes \$8,938,432.

I started from the Floor of the House, Friday and other days, that we members of the House had gotten ourselves into this barrel. I want to retract this statement because we did not; the other body raised it some five million dollars. We went from there to six million dollars. We raised it about \$900,000,

and that is why my belief was then, and is now, that this bill rightfully belongs in the other body, using the ordinary and usual procedure that we have used since this fine State has become a state.

I note in the the report of the committee that the cut on education was \$100,000 each year. Can you now see, where the Appropriations Committee reports a certain amount up and over the funds that we have, the Governor recommends a certain amount up and over what we have, so that the Senate Amendment comes back to us, if my memory is correct—we stepped that up some \$341,000 each year—now the committee brings it back and cuts \$100,000 each year.

On the Item 8 for Dependent Children, the reduction is \$150,000 each year. Now as was pointed out very clearly to us by Mr. Stevens, as we, in turn, tried to point out to you, it was the opinion of the Appropriations Committee that if we were to make cuts, we should make them by eliminating certain parts of the program. In other words, we stated that if we were to make a cut in the Department of Health and Welfare under the Item 8 for Dependent Children, we should take the divorce and legally separated cases completely off the ranks, which meant \$300,000 each year, we should take \$180,000 each year, which meant the desertion cases. Under this item here it means this: \$150,000 each year for Aid to Dependent Children, and I will stand here and defend this position, all day long if I have to. It means simply this: That Mrs. Jones at 62 Main Street will be given further aid to dependent children. Mrs. Brown, at 68 Main Street, will not be given aid to dependent children. The reason is, that for the first person we have the money and for the second person we do not have the money. It would take months and months to find out who is deserving, and even then you cannot find out who is deserving of aid to dependent children because when they apply, the aid is given to them. And also please bear in mind that this was voted upon by this membership overwhelmingly, so that if this is cut here, it means \$500,000 or thereabouts each year of Federal

funds that we lose. Admittedly I voted for the cut, but I voted for the striking off of desertion, divorce and legally separated cases. That is the only way you can arrive at a cut on this program and not in this manner.

On the Aid to Public and Private Hospitals, the Governor wanted \$1,000,000. The committee reported \$750,000. The other body recommended \$750,000. We recommended, by a vote of 113 to 15, \$1,000,000. The committee now reports \$800,000.

On Support of State Paupers, the Governor recommended \$1,000,000, and the Appropriations Committee \$600,000. The Senate first held on to the \$600,000 and then, in five minutes, voted to step it up to \$1,000,000. An amendment was presented cutting it to \$800,000 here, which was defeated. It was left at \$1,000,000, and now it becomes \$850,000.

On the University of Maine, the Governor recommended the mill rate, although he recommended, as an aside in his Budget Message, that it be increased. The committee recommended the mill rate, \$816,000. The Senate put an amendment into the bill of \$500,000. The committee still has a resolve of \$500,000 on the table in the committee. The House accepted the amendment of \$500,000 and now it becomes, with an amendment of this report, \$450,000.

For the sake of time-saving I repeat that I feel as I did, that this bill should follow its usual procedure. We will have this bill back anyway. Let the other branch start chopping off the \$5,000,000 that they put onto it. We will then have an attempt to chop off or raise the \$900,000 that we put onto it. This bill belongs in the other branch, and I hope that the report of the committee is not accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House, the Casco High School, Junior and Senior History Class, in charge of Mrs. Catherine Rolfe, and in behalf of the House the Chair, at this time, bids you welcome. (Applause)

The **SPEAKER**: The question before the House is on the acceptance of the committee's report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt.

Mrs. **MOFFATT**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think no one will be able to point a finger at me when I have finished and say that I do not love children, neither do I think they will be able to point a finger at me and say that I want to make it any harder for a woman to support her children; but, in my remarks, I hope to be able to convey to you members the impression I have that by allowing this Aid to Dependent Children program to grow and mushroom as it is we are not being fair to the women who are struggling hard to support their own children. I do not believe that the money that we are appropriating is really helping the majority of children who are under this program. Many mothers have spoken to me in a little bitter tone and said, "Are you encouraging us to take care of our children? Are you encouraging us to live honestly when you allow such and such a woman in our neighborhood to forsake many of her motherly duties and accept the money she is accepting? It is not going to the children. It is not helping the children."

In too many instances the conditions that are existing under this program are indirectly teaching the children to live at least on the fringe of the law. I think many times we legislate from our hearts, but, as we are legislating from our hearts we are using our eyes the way we should.

The remark was made about the "scoundrels coming in the back door"—yes, the back door and the front door. I honestly do not think that if we accept the appropriation made by the Appropriations Committee that we are hurting a mother or a child in the State of Maine. We are giving a pat on the back to the mother who is struggling hard to take care of her children and raise them the way you and I were raised a few years ago. We are not helping the future of the children to let them know that you can get money from the State and spend it as you want to.

If the money under this program were going absolutely for food and clothing of the children, that would be one thing, but I will cite one instance near my community, and I think it is typical of many of them through the State. The poor bakerman wrote a note and left it at the door of a woman who was receiving A.D.C. for three children. He asked her if she would please pay at least a little bit of the bill that she owed to him. I might say that this mother of three children is an unwed mother. He received an answer to his note and he carried it along the rest of his route and showed it to the other people in the neighborhood. The woman was very much put out to think that he would leave a note there asking her to pay for the milk and the bakery products she had received. Then she finished her note by saying: "and if you do not think my credit is good, you ask Rogers Jewelry Store." Rogers Jewelry Store does not put out clothing nor does it put out food. That is where the biggest part of the money is going.

I think we can curtail this if we can say to these mothers: "It is up to you to do a little bit more. It is up to you to realize you have produced these children. It is your responsibility. We will help, yes; we will not have them go in want; but we want you to spend this money as it is intended because your next-door neighbor is supporting her children, and there is no reason why your next-door neighbor should have to support their children and yours too."

Now I do not want to prolong this session here; I do not mean to throw any monkeywrenches. I am a Republican; the other two who have spoken are Democrats, but as we are here trying to settle a tax program I do not believe there should be any politics, because even I, a Republican, am trying to represent some Democrats in my section, and I am honestly, earnestly and sincerely trying to do what I think is the fairest thing. I am willing to go along. I am willing to go along and say that we have to have more taxes if we do have to have them, but I want it to be cut just as far down as we possibly can and then say to them:

"We have to have some more money."

I also want to give credit to the fathers and mothers who are doing their very best, and I do not want to add another load onto their shoulders. If that means holding up the acceptance of this report or if it means an amendment, I will do everything I can to hasten matters along; but, as we are traveling in our haste, let us do it without gathering up too many tags and too many bills in the end. Thank you.

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

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am sorry to say, or I am unhappy to say, that I do not find in my investigation down through the years conditions as set forth by the lady who has just spoken (Mrs. Moffatt). She has given one isolated case, which probably is the only one in the State of Maine, and she expects us to legislate according to that and make all the others suffer just because this one woman didn't want to pay her bills. She says that we must separate the eyes from the heart. You can't do it! A law that hasn't got any heart in it is a Joe Stalin law. We have to put our hearts in it. We have to do unto others as you would want them to do unto us and to their children as we would want them to do unto our children. It is not the duty of the State, as I understood her to say, to take care of these children. I contend that it is the duty of the State to take care of their children. If there is any mother or any child and that mother isn't able to take care of her children, remember they are going to sit in her seat some day, so let us see that they have enough to eat, clothing to wear and let's educate them. I don't care what it costs.

We have been fooling around with this now for weeks. A lot of us are sick of it. The first committee had this for weeks; they were tired of it. Now, they have turned it over to another committee. What is it all about? Appropriations, money; appropriations, taxes, that's the whole thing. That is all we have been arguing over; we have been

here two weeks. Appropriations and taxes. Why? Because the Governor has said that he will not sign, as I understand it, any bill calling for money unless that money is first laid on the barrel head, and I commend the Governor and I believe he is telling the truth. That is virtually, if you please, a veto to any bill that we pass or appropriation that we make unless we have first provided the money. Then, why in the world don't we put first matters first and find the money? That will settle every question.

It is my privilege to tell this House where to find the money, then it is up to you. The taxation bill has the whys and wherefores to find the money. These departments are not the bankers. The Governor is not the banker. We are not the bankers but the taxpayers are the bankers of the State of Maine and every department must write his check on the taxpayers; they are the ones who do the cashing. Then let the taxpayers say where this money is coming from.

The Tax Committee had the bill for the income tax and on that bill there is a referendum placed because the Constitution provides for that provision. That referendum says: "Send that income tax out to the people of Maine and let them decide." They are the bankers. Why don't they bring that income tax in with that referendum attached to it and send it out? And then why doesn't that same Tax Committee bring in this sales tax which has been around this State House since 1912; it was here in 1912 I tell you and it has been creeping around here ever since. Let them bring that in and let them tack a referendum to that. That is the only fair, just and right thing to do and send it out to the people, both of them, and let the bankers decide and when we have settled that, members, we have settled all of these other questions. Now, you had better settle it pretty soon or some of us have got to send home for the pennies to pay our feed bill or ask for an appropriation.

Members, let's get down to the fundamental principles of this thing, do business and stop this fiddling around and playing five o'clock tea like children. We had

better do some business. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the acceptance of the committee report. The Chair would suggest that the report be accepted in order to make the arguments or debates on the matter of the issues involved material.

All those in favor of accepting the committee report will say aye.

Does the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell, desire to be heard upon the acceptance of the report?

Mr. CAMPBELL: I do, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I arise to support the remarks of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, with whom I concur heartily on this matter. I feel that this bill should follow the usual procedure and go back to the Senate. I believe that any committee that has had to decide on this bill should hold public hearings as the Committee on Appropriations has done for ten weeks. Each afternoon while we were in session we sat there for ten weeks and held public hearings and heard anyone who wished to speak on any of these appropriations. We had the heads of the various departments before us and our recommendations were based very much on their recommendations.

I would like to see it recommitted to the Senate where it belongs or send it back to the Senate and no doubt it will be recommitted to the committee and I have no doubt that the Appropriations Committee will be glad to sit down with the leaders of the House and go over the matter with them.

I recall in the early part of the session our esteemed Floor Leader said that if anyone doubted the amount of money that would be appropriated in any of these appropriations he should be prepared to say how much and why. As yet, this morning, I haven't heard anyone say why these cuts were made and given us reasons for them. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the acceptance of the committee report.

The Chair will state that when the House has accepted the report there will be plenty of opportunity for the discussion of the merits of the report.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that the report of the Committee on Ways and Means be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inform the gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, that if his motion prevails the committee must make another report. The bill is in their possession until we have accepted their report.

Does the gentleman care to continue with his motion? Does the gentleman from Baileyville care to answer? Does the Chair understand the gentleman withdraws his motion?

The Chair would like to state again for the benefit of the members of the House that acceptance of the report does not adopt any matter in the bill; it simply brings before the House the matters which the Ways and Means Committee has reported and a motion would then be in order to amend the substitute or indefinitely postpone the substitute. The bill would then be before the House and it is not now.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I believe the instructions from the Chair were that certain action would have to be taken on this before it was proper to discuss it. Therefore, in making a motion of that kind I felt that then we were within our rights to continue our discussion on the bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the gentleman if the House indefinitely postpones the report then the bill is not before the House.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, am I right in assuming that once that motion is made then the thing is opened up for debate pro and con?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is correct. If the committee report is accepted, it is then open for de-

bate. Does the Chair understand that the gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, still desires to have the motion put for indefinite postponement?

Mr. BROWN: That is right, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, moves the indefinite postponement of the committee report.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, may I make a parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may state his point.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, if the report of the Ways and Means Committee is rejected, what is the status of Legislative Document 1196?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it is still in possession of the Ways and Means Committee and must again be reported to the House.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may make a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, if this report of the Ways and Means Committee is accepted at this time does that mean that we start with the Appropriations Bill and go through it item by item again?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will advise the gentleman that it does not.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, does it mean that we only consider the one that they have on the sheet here, that they have recommended?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inform the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, that when the House has accepted the report of the committee, the matter is then before the House for consideration. It is a substitute bill whereby the committee further reports a substitute involving recommended changes, but otherwise identical with L. D. 1196 as amended by the House and recommends that it be substituted for Senate Paper 495, Legislative Document 1196.

Mr. CHASE: I understand then, Mr. Speaker, that if it is the pleasure of the House at this time

to make cuts in other places than what the Ways and Means Committee has recommended in this report, it cannot be done at this time?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the moment that the report of the committee is accepted the substitute is open to amendment, and the Chair will repeat that after the substitute is accepted by the House no further amendments can be had.

Does that answer the gentleman's question?

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I don't believe I understand it yet. The fact that I am coming at is that they have made this report recommending cuts on certain appropriations. I say if it is the pleasure of the House that cuts be made in other places on the Appropriations Bill would it be permissible if this report was accepted?

The SPEAKER: If the committee report is accepted, the substitute is before the House to consider and any part could be amended if they wish.

Mr. CHASE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, may I approach the rostrum?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may.

(Mr. Brown confers with the Speaker at the rostrum.)

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

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I think that the House is somewhat confused between the report and the adoption. The Speaker has stated it plainly several times but I still think it should be cleared. As I understand it, they can accept the report and still amend.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is correct.

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker, what is bothering them is your second statement that if it is adopted then you can't amend it. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is correct.

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Now, that being the case I can see no harm in accepting the committee's re-



port and still have everything open to work on.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Maybe I was slightly in error in my motion but in making that motion I believed that it would get this thing open to debate. However, after proper explanation of the thing, I, at this time, withdraw my motion to indefinitely postpone.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, withdraws his motion for indefinite postponement of the report.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, when I heard the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, say that we were confused, I think that is a mild way of stating it. I will move again to indefinitely postpone this report and then I will ask you, Mr. Speaker, to give me the procedure as to how we get it out of the hands of the Ways and Means Committee and get it on its way. Because if you reopen this thing for debate; if you reopen it to amend it, we will be right back where we were and we will be here for another week. Let's get on with this thing. I move the indefinite postponement of this report and then I will ask the Speaker to make a motion for me or give me the wording as to how I make a motion to get this bill out of the hands of the Ways and Means Committee and on its way where it rightfully and justifiably belongs.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, moves that the report of the Ways and Means Committee be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of the motion will say aye; those opposed, no.

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

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the acceptance of the committee report. All those in favor of accepting the report of the Ways and Means Committee will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the report of the Ways and Means Committee was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is: shall the substitute House Paper 1694, L. D. 1272, be substituted for L. D. 1196? That is the question now before the House.

The Chair will state that any item in the bill is open for discussion and amendment.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it now, the bill is open for amendment?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is correct. The substitute bill is open for amendment.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wasn't able to be here last Friday and there was an amendment to the other bill which I intended to propose. It was on the Merit Award Board. Now, this is not a lot of money as you will notice in the bill: the first year calls for \$10,341, the second year \$10,634. We are looking for places that we can cut and cut without hurting the best interests of the State of Maine and I think this is one place we can cut. From my observations of the working of this particular board, the ones I believe have been most benefited by it have been the printers and the poster makers.

At this time, I would like to offer an amendment to that particular part of the bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Wayne, Mr. Brown, presents House Amendment "A" to House Paper 1694, Legislative Document 1272, and moves its adoption.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1694, L. D. 1272, 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 the line:

"MERIT  
AWARD  
BOARD . . . . . 10,341 10,634"

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the rules be suspended and the amendment be considered without reproduction?

All those in favor will say aye; those opposed, no. (Cries of "No")

The SPEAKER: The House may be at ease pending reproduction of the amendment.

#### HOUSE AT EASE

Called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. DICKEY of Brooks: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question?

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey.

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, we have before us a substitute bill, L. D. 1272. If we indefinitely postpone substitute L. D. 1272, do I understand then that L. D. 1196 is before the House and L. D. 1196, having had its three readings and, under our unanimous consent order, is not debatable and not amendable?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is correct.

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I move the indefinite postponement of substitute L. D. 1272.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, moves the indefinite postponement of the substitute bill, House Paper 1694, Legislative Document 1272.

The gentleman from Wayne, Mr. Erown, has offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption, and the question is on the adoption of House Amendment "A". Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt House Amendment "A"?

(Cries of "No")

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think it is no more than right that I should explain that this Merit Award Board has nothing to do with the Personnel Board or with the merit increases for State employees. It was set up two years ago to encourage State employees to drop suggestions in a box in various departments with the idea that some of the suggestions might save money for the State. Now, I will submit to you that the employees of the State of Maine are being paid by the State of Maine fifty-two weeks of the year and that if any employee has a suggestion for his particular

department or some other department which is for the benefit of the State I would believe it would be his duty to so report it to his superior officer and that there should not be any remuneration for such suggestion.

As I have said, the amount of money is not large when we consider the budget as a whole but I submit to you that ten thousand odd dollars each year is real money and is something that we can do without hurting any of the services of the State of Maine and I hope House Amendment "A" will be adopted.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the adoption of House Amendment "A". All those in favor of the adoption will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the amendment failed of adoption.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hallowell, Mr. Vaughan.

Mr. VAUGHAN: Mr. Speaker, I move the House reconsider its action on Item 7 whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hallowell, Mr. Vaughan, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it accepted earlier in today's session the committee report "Ought not to pass" on Item 7, Resolve to Reimburse the City of Hallowell for Support of Andrew W. Tuttle, H. P. 1571. Is it the pleasure of the House to reconsider?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Calais, Mr. Hall.

Mr. HALL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire through the Chair the gentleman's reason for reconsideration and what he intends to do now?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the gentleman from Calais, Mr. Hall, that the Chair understands that the gentleman from Hallowell, Mr. Vaughan, intends to lay the matter on the table.

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Hallowell, Mr. Vaughan, that the House reconsider. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and on further motion of the same gentleman, the report and accompanying papers were tabled pending acceptance of

the committee report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 18th.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Jones.

**MR. JONES:** Mr. Speaker, I move that L. D. 1272 be accepted in its entirety, put through its legislative procedure and be sent forthwith to the Senate.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Chair will inform the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Jones, that his motion is out of order at the present time.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, who offers House Amendment "B" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

**HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 1694, L. D. 1272, 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:

**"Aid to Dependent**

Children 1,050,000 1,110,000"  
and inserting in place thereof the line

**'Aid to Dependent**

Children 720,000 756,000'

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

**MRS. MOFFATT:** Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: You have before you the amendment which I asked to have printed and reproduced. That, in itself, will show to you that I am not asking for you members to deny the mothers and the children all of their money. We are appropriating \$720,000 for the year 1951-52 and \$756,000 for the year 1952-53. Also, to carry out the point, we are not forsaking these people; we are earnestly attempting to put the wives and the children back in the position they should be. We have a bill in this Legislature making it possible for our Health and Welfare Department to go out of the State of Maine, to go into these states where many of these fathers are making very good sala-

ries and have those fathers send some of that money back for the support of these wives and children whom they have left for the State to take care of. I am not asking for any wife, any mother or any child to go hungry. I am simply asking that we try to get down within reason to a point where even your investigators of Health and Welfare are asking for it to be put. It is running away with us and will continue to run away with us unless we can start a little educational program, possibly it is too late for the mothers but we could start it for the children. They are not going hungry; they are not going unclothed, that is why I ask that this amendment be adopted in fairness to the mothers and children and the future of the State of Maine. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey.

**MR. DICKEY:** Mr. Speaker, I am against the amendment of the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, and against any amendment that will be brought to the House this morning. I want to state that I haven't any objection to the new substitute, L. D. 1272, even though in their cuts they have cut two departments I am very much interested in. I would be willing to see L. D. 1272 go to the Senate for we know we will be met with amendments and amendments and amendments on it. Therefore, I ask that we go back to the original bill L. D. 1196 which was not amendable and not debatable. At this time I move the previous question.

**THE SPEAKER:** The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, moves the previous question. In order for the Chair to entertain the motion for the previous question it requires the consent of one-third of the members present.

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

The main question is on the adoption of the substitute bill. There are two subsidiary questions before the House: One is the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from

Bath, Mrs. Moffatt, and two, the motion of the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, for the indefinite postponement of the substitute bill. The main question is on the adoption.

All those in favor of the Chair entertaining the motion for the previous question will please rise.

A division of the House was had.

Less than one-third of the members present having arisen, the motion for the previous question did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the adoption of House Amendment "B", which was presented by the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Moffatt.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clinton, Mr. Keene.

Mr. KEENE: Mr. Speaker, may I approach the rostrum?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may.

(Mr. Keene conferred with the Speaker at the rostrum.)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hope, Mr. Ludwig.

Mr. LUDWIG: Mr. Speaker, I move that House Amendment "B" be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hope, Mr. Ludwig, moves that House Amendment "B" be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of the motion will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and House Amendment "B" was indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, that Legislative Document 1272 be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, last week a member of this House made and carried a proper motion to refer L. D. 1196 to the House Committee on Ways and Means. No member of that committee, so far as I am aware, ever sought the responsibility involved in that reference. When the bill was so referred by a vote of the House the committee attended to its duty and made its report. At the time when

that reference to Ways and Means was made it seemed to be apparent, from the discussion in the House, that it was the feeling of a substantial number of members here that the total amount of \$11,096,000 was too great and that before it left the House some effort should be made to reduce it.

Now if this substitute bill should be indefinitely postponed there is no record whatever of any sentiment on the part of the House that the total should be reduced. As I understand it, if we do substitute this bill it goes to the Senate along with all the other papers and the Senate may proceed to act on L. D. 1196 or the original L. D. 55 or on the substitute if they are to adopt it, and the Senate will be just as free when this goes to the Senate whether you adopt the substitute or whether you send the other bill. But I want to call to the attention of the House, without making any recommendation, that if the substitute is indefinitely postponed we will then have to vote on passing to be engrossed L. D. 1196, and the only method that I can see for those who think or who thought last week that the total in L. D. 1196 is excessive, will be for them to vote against it on its passage to be engrossed. I have no way of telling or estimating what the vote may be under those circumstances, but I call it to the attention of the House that if the bill is not passed to be engrossed we may be in a worse situation than we are right now. Therefore I think, if what is wanted here is to get this matter to the Senate and at the same time to suggest to the Senate that we would not be averse to certain reductions, that the thing to do is to adopt the substitute bill and send the whole package over to the Senate where they may act on any bill in the package. Therefore I hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone will not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, that L. D. 1272 be indefinitely postponed. Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, being guilty of making the motion which has seemed to create such confusion this morning, I would like to ask your indulgence for just a moment or two to enable me to make some explanation which I hope will clarify the situation just before you vote.

I stated last Friday and I repeat it today, that it was my honest conviction that the figure which we had arrived at by the process of amendment was too high, and in making that statement I had in my mind but I did not explain that there are certain legislative documents now in committee which have a money tag to them and which are worthy of consideration and no doubt they are worthy of appropriation. I will name only one or two. The agriculturists or the dairymen throughout the State need some money to control Bang's disease. It is necessary, it is worthy. You have in committee or somewhere in the legislative files a bill asking for money for the State employees. That too is deserving of your consideration. You have another bill which was introduced and received a passage up to a certain point two years ago, with respect to the State Banking Department. I want to say here and now that that bill, in my opinion, is one of the most important bills that has been introduced into this Legislature, because it is the first bill that I have seen which gives some consideration to the man who is thrifty and tries to save a nickel and put it in the bank. That one also carries a price tag and is deserving of consideration. I have only named a few. In due time they will come before this House for consideration and some of them certainly will meet with your approval.

Now if we are to continue as a House on a so-called spending spree—and I do not believe that is the intention of the House—but, if we are to continue in that path, before it has been completed we will be reprimanded and the bill will be cut down. We cannot continue to appropriate money far in excess of what we know the taxpayers of the State of Maine want to spend.

Now the motion that I made last Friday was purely for the purpose of mechanics, and you now have before you, having accepted the committee's report, an opportunity to retract, if you wish, some of the appropriations that were made in this House by amendment. Now whether you do it or do not do it perhaps is not important. I think it is. As your Floor Leader has stated, if you want to make some indication to the other branch of state government that we are in favor of economy wherever it can be made, then I believe that you should substitute the report of the committee for the previous appropriations bill.

Now just one word with respect to Welfare. I think that perhaps is one of the misunderstood departments. We have, on several occasions, discussed the problem of municipal control. Now under the present setup and until the Judiciary Committee has reported to us some method by which we can get municipal control at the local level, there is only one way to meet that situation and that is to curtail the appropriations. I do not mean that I wish to curtail appropriations for welfare beyond a workable point but I do believe that if we continue to appropriate every dollar that is asked of us to meet the Federal requirements that we will go broke eventually. So I hope that this House will consider economy. It is time that we did. I hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone will not prevail and that you will substitute the committee's report and in that way indicate our desire to compromise to the extent of having eventually a workable, practicable, economical and sound appropriation bill on which we would vote for a tax measure to cover it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Sinclair.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not wish to add to the confusion or prolong the discussion in regard to this measure, but, as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I feel there should be some explanation of our position. As has been stated, we did not ask for the job. The sentiment of the House last Friday seemed to be, after reaching the total of the amount of money

that had been raised, that we were a little bit scared. It was difficult for me to reconcile, as we were going through these amounts of money item by item—it was difficult to reconcile the individual amounts with the total, and when we arrived at the total I, like a good many of you, was scared.

I have heard it stated in the last few days that the House does not know where they are going. If we do not accept this report we definitely will prove that we do not know where we are going, because by a large vote last Friday we decided to turn this over to the Ways and Means Committee to see if they could reduce the appropriations somewhat in line with the thinking of the House.

Now we have gone through the various items. Somebody made the statement this morning that it had not been explained why these reductions were recommended. We did not want to hurt any department. We figured that by taking a little bit from this department and a little bit from that department we would reach something that this House had in mind, and this total amount does fit in very closely to the recommendation of the Governor. Now, by all means, let us not prove to the world that we do not know where we are going after taking the action that we took last Friday.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey.

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, in order to support my motion, I think I told the House I had no objection to L. D. 1272, but the reason I asked for the indefinite postponement of the same was because it would get back to the amendment. Now we went through L. D. 1196 item by item and we had amendments. If we indefinitely postponed L. D. 1272 it would leave L. D. 1196 in the possession of the House, not amendable or debatable, and it would go to the Senate. A lot of the members are confused. I am certainly not confused. I am certainly not confused and I have only been here since January. I would be willing to listen to amendments that anyone offers at the proper time.

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

Mrs. MOFFATT: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question, and when we vote I ask for a division.

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

All those in favor of the Chair entertaining the motion will please rise.

A division of the House was had.

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

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

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

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, when the main question is put I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, that L. D. 1272 be indefinitely postponed, and the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, requests a division.

All those in favor of the substitute L. D. 1272 being indefinitely postponed will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Thirty-three having voted in the affirmative and eighty-eight in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Mr. FULLER of South Portland: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise? No debate is permissible where the previous question has been carried.

Mr. FULLER: It is not on the previous question, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the substitution of H. P. 1694, L. D. 1272 for S. P. 495, L. D. 1196 as amended by Sen-

ate Amendments "C", "F", "H", "K", and "M" and by House Amendments "S", "F", "E", "D" and "N", and the request has been made of the Chair for a division vote.

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

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Eighty-seven having voted in the affirmative and twenty-three in the negative, the bill H. P. 1694, L. D. 1272 is substituted.

The question now before the House is shall the substitute, H. P. 1694, L. D. 1272, be passed to be engrossed. All those in favor of the bill being passed to be engrossed will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the substitute bill was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, you have, I believe, answered a question I was going to ask. This bill is now finished and we are through with the appropriations bill and it is going to be sent to the Senate? Is that correct?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is correct.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I ask, out of order and under suspension of the rules, unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER: For what purpose, the Chair would inquire?

Mr. TOTMAN: To discuss an item that is not on the House calendar.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, requests unanimous consent to address the House. Is there objection? The Chair hears objection and the gentleman cannot proceed.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, before making a motion to adjourn I would like to have unanimous consent to address the House for about one minute on a matter of procedure.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, requests unanimous consent to address the House on a matter of procedure. Is there any objection? The Chair hears none and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, this morning numerous items came in on the calendar reported "Ought not to pass." I suspect that many members found their favorite pet bill in surprise and felt that they should table it for long enough to find out what had happened. I believe it would greatly expedite procedure and save a tremendous amount of time if the committees reporting out these bills "Ought not to pass" would notify the sponsor of the bill the day before so that he might then make his inquiries as to the prospect of the salvation of the bill and not so tie up the procedure and load the calendar with so many of these tabled items.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I move that we do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order. The Clerk would like to read one notice.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.