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The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. David Flowers of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Order
Out of Order**

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, April 21, 1953 at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 545)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence.

House Papers

Bill "An Act Relating to the Revocation of an Insurance Agent's License." (S. P. 369) (L. D. 1035)

(In Senate, on March 18th passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House, having been passed to be engrossed in concurrence, on March 24th, subsequently under suspension of the rules, engrossing was reconsidered, House Amendment "A" was adopted (Amendment Filing 282) and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Cummings of Sagadahoc, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of LaGrange." (H. P. 1242) (L. D. 1444)

Which was received by unanimous consent, and on motion by Mr. Greeley of Waldo, read twice and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, under suspension of the rules, and without reference to a committee.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the South Portland Municipal Court." (H. P. 1247) (L. D. 1455)

Which was received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

**Order
Out of Order**

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that

Whereas, L. D. 1455, bill, An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the South Portland Municipal Court, has this day received unanimous consent for introduction and had been referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, and

Whereas, it appears that there may be equal justice in considering the salary adjustments related to the Portland Municipal Court, the committee above referred to is authorized to report L. D. 1455 under a new title and in a new draft, such new draft to be limited in its reference to the South Portland Municipal Court, and the Portland Municipal Court.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Exempting Certain Educational Institutions from the Sales Tax." (S. P. 524) (L. D. 1416)

(In Senate, on April 9, passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A in non-concurrence. (Amendment Filing 311)

In the Senate:

Mr. CHASE of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that the Senate insist on its former action.

Mr. SQUIRE of Kennebec: Mr. President, I think that we should consider this bill very carefully, the meaning of it, before we insist upon our former action. I would ask permission to speak to the Senate regarding this.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may address the Senate if he cares to.

Mr. SQUIRE: Mr. President, this bill, I believe, was filed by Senator Broggi who is not here today. This is a redraft that we have before us and if you will turn to L. D. 1416, I might be able to explain what I would like to say perhaps a little more fully.

This bill was introduced by Senator Broggi at the request of the three Maine colleges, Colby, Bates and Bowdoin to exempt them and the academies in the state from the sales tax. The way the bill comes

out in redraft, if you will note a clause that "schools" mean incorporated non-stock educational institutions other than institutions empowered to convey educational, literary or academic degrees. In other words the way the redraft is today it means that academies will be free from the sales tax but the three colleges who concurred in putting the bill before the legislature are not to be exempt.

It means a matter of about nine thousand dollars to these three colleges. I do think that they contribute something to the educational betterment of the State of Maine and we contribute very little to them. Of course the University of Maine is a state institution and we do contribute considerably to that school. But it seems little enough for us to do for the other three colleges of the state to exempt them from the sales tax and I think we should consider very carefully before we insist on our former action. I feel that we should accept the amendment.

Mr. CHASE of Cumberland: Mr. President, Senator Broggi introduced the bill as has been stated. I talked with him when the report came out of committee and explained why the committee went as far as it did and no farther. I understood he was satisfied with the report.

In view of the fact that we, the Senate, had previously accepted the report in that form I had assumed that it was acceptable to the Senate. In view of the absence of Senator Broggi and in order that the discussion may take place with full attendance, I shall move that the matter lie on the table.

The motion prevailed and the bill was laid upon the table pending motion by Senator Chase of Cumberland, that the Senate insist on its former action.

Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Resolve, in Favor of Wesley Ramsey of South Portland, (S. P. 245) (L. D. 1438) be recalled to the House from the Engraving Department. (H. P. 1248)

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Order (Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Collins, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs be and hereby is authorized to report in as many separate resolves as seems practical, the general contents of S. P. 75, L. D. 182, bill, An Act to Appropriate Monies for Capital Improvements and Construction of State Government for the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 1954 and June 30, 1955, and be it further

ORDERED that each resolve as reported be accompanied by an adequate statement of facts relating to that particular resolve.

On motion by Mr. Collins of Aroostook, sent forthwith to the House.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act Relating to Apprentices in Hairdressing and Beauty Culture Shops," (H. P. 1060) (L. D. 1174) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Hairdressing and Beauty Culture," (H. P. 1143) (L. D. 1291) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Liability of Sheriffs for Acts of Deputies," (H. P. 1017) (L. D. 1138) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of Members of Supreme Judicial Court and the Organization of the Superior Court," (H. P. 1135) (L. D. 1285) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Joint Ownership re Inheritance Tax Law and Joint Bank Accounts," (H. P. 1095) (L. D. 1229) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Natural Resources on Bill "An Act relating to Pollution of Waters," (H. P. 1109) (L. D. 1237) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to renewal of Certificates of Registration for

Hairdressing and Beauty Culture," (H. P. 1110) (L. D. 1244) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve, to Reimburse the Town of Pittston for Support and Medical Aid Extended to Certain Families," (H. P. 903) (D. D. 982) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Tabb of Kennebec, recommended to the Committee on Claims in non-concurrence, and sent down for concurrence.)

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Relating to Conveyance of Elementary School Children," (H. P. 690) (L. D. 725) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve, Appropriating Moneys for Reconditioning Buildings at the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute," (H. P. 1036) (L. D. 1180) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Acceptance by State of Funds for Unorganized Territory Capital Working Fund," (H. P. 1072) (L. D. 1212) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Claims to which was recommended "Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Brooks for Pauper Claim," (H. P. 25) (L. D. 1447) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, in Favor of the Town of Van Buren," (H. P. 963) (L. D. 1449) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, in Favor of the Town of Jay," (H. P. 798) (L. D. 1448) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Change the Name of Portland University Extension Courses, Inc. and to Grant it Certain Powers," (H. P. 1139) (L. D. 1289) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial affairs on "Resolve, for the Purchase of One Hundred

Copies of 'Highlights of Westbrook History,'" (H. P. 207) (L. D. 238) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve to reimburse George H. Morong, of Portland," (H. P. 401) (L. D. 454) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

(On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, tabled pending consideration of the report.)

The same Committee on "Resolve, in Favor of the Town of Fort Fairfield," (H. P. 1080) (L. D. 1450) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act for the Assessment of a State Tax for the Year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-three and for the Year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-four," (H. P. 120) (L. D. 121) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill and resolves read once; Committee Amendments "A" were severally read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill and resolves as amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Majority of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve, Regulating Ice Fishing in Portage Lake, Arostook County," (H. P. 649) (L. D. 663) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed) Senators:

WIGHT of Penobscot
WEEKS of Cumberland
CARPENTER of Somerset

Representatives:

FRECHETTE of Sanford
HARNDEN of Rangeley
CURRIER of Caribou
WATSON of Moose River
Pit.

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the same ought to pass.

(signed) Representative:

WHITNEY of Bridgton

Comes from the House, the Minority Report accepted, and the Resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Wight of Cumberland, the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" was accepted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Majority of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to which was recommitted "Resolve in Favor of Bosworth Memorial Association," (H. P. 23) (L. D. 18) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed) Senators:

COLLINS of Aroostook
HASKELL of Penobscot
SINCLAIR of Somerset

Representatives:

DAVIS of Harrison
JACOBS of Auburn
JALBERT of Lewiston

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the same ought to pass.

(signed) Representatives:

CATES of Machias
CAMPBELL of Guilford
COLE of Liberty
BURGESS of Limestone

Comes from the House, the Minority Report read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate:

Mr. COLLINS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move that the Senate accept the majority "Ought not to Pass" report.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending motion by Senator Collins that the Senate accept the Majority Report; and especially assigned for Tuesday, April 21.

The Majority of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Observance of Legal Holidays," (H. P. 819) (L. D. 850) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

(signed) Senators:

REID of Kennebec
WARD of Penobscot

Representatives:

FITANIDES of Saco
LOW of South Portland
FULLER of Bangor
CIANCHETTE of Pittsfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed) Senator:

HARDING of Knox

Representatives:

MARTIN of Augusta
TRAFTON of Auburn
McGLAUFILIN of Portland

Comes from the House, the reports and bill indefinitely postponed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, tabled pending consideration of the reports.

The Majority of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Enable Party Conventions to Propose Candidates for Governor, U. S. Senator and Members of Congress to be Placed Upon the Ballots at Direct Primary Elections," (H. P. 335) (L. D. 402) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed) Senators:

REID of Kennebec
WARD of Penobscot
HARDING of Knox

Representatives:

CIANCHETTE of Pittsfield
MARTIN of Augusta
TRAFTON of Auburn
FULLER of Bangor
LOW of South Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(signed) Representatives:

McGLAUFILIN of Portland
FITANIDES of Saco

Comes from the House, the Majority Report read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, the Majority Report "Ought Not to Pass" was accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Sales of Fireworks," (H. P. 831) (L. D. 862) reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House, bill and report indefinitely postponed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Jamieson of Aroostook, the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending consideration of the report and were especially assigned for Tuesday, April 21.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. COLLINS from the Committee on Appropriation and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Reporter of Decisions," (S. P. 387) (L. D. 1100) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Lewiston-Auburn Catholic Bureau of Social Service, Inc., of Lewiston," (S. P. 158) (L. D. 408) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve to Provide for a Survey of Mentally Handicapped Persons," (S. P. 241) (L. D. 666) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Fuller of Oxford, tabled pending consideration of the report, and especially assigned for Wednesday, April 22.)

Mr. DENNETT from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Relating to the Advertising of Sale of Real Property by Brokers and Salesmen," (S. P. 371) (L. D. 1032) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Mr. PARKER from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve, in Favor of Clarence G. Ricker, of Clinton," (S. P. 515) (L. D. 1402) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Sales Under Twenty-five Cents Under Sales Tax Law," (S. P. 331) (L. D. 835) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. COLLINS from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve, in Favor of the Madawaska Training School," (S. P. 345) (L. D. 958) reported that the same in a new draft (S. P. 543) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, and the resolve in new draft was laid upon the table for printing under Joint Rule No. 10.

Mr. DENNETT from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Policies of Insurance Companies Organized under General Law," (S. P. 433) (L. D. 1210) reported that

the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Mr. CHASE from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Tax Stamp Discounts in Cigar and Tobacco Products Law," (S. P. 333) (L. D. 833) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which reports were severally read and accepted and the bills and resolve read once; Committee Amendments "A" were severally read and adopted and the bills and resolve as amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. WARD from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Elderly Teachers' Pensions," (S. P. 49) (L. D. 77) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

Mr. WARD of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the ought to pass as amended report of the committee and I wish to make a few brief remarks in connection with that motion. This act relates to the elderly teachers group, the so-called 1913 group of teachers. It seeks to increase their benefits by the amount of \$200 per year. It is hoped that perhaps you may see fit at this time to accept the report of the committee, give the bill its first reading. Before it leaves our hands, you may wish to have a more detailed debate in regard to it. At the present time this would involve 524 former teachers who are divided into 118 teachers who are in the \$600 group, 99 in the \$700 group and 307 teachers in the \$800 group.

If the bill is passed, it will probably cost approximately \$144,800 a year. We understand that there are perhaps now teaching about two thousand more teachers who are in this group and who will eventually, if they live to retirement, benefit by it.

I might say too, that the committee amendment, all it does is to make sure that if the bill does pass, it will apply to the teachers who have already retired and with those few remarks I move the acceptance of the report.

Thereupon, the report was accepted, the bill read once, Committee Amendment A read and adopted.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the bill was laid upon the table pending assignment for second reading and was especially assigned for Wednesday, April 22.

The Majority of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Election of Delegates to National Convention and Presidential Preference Primary," (S. P. 400) (L. D. 1119) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed)

Senators:

REID of Kennebec
HARDING of Knox

Representatives:

McGLAUFILIN of Portland
TRAFTON of Auburn
LOW of South Portland
MARTIN of Augusta
FITANIDES of Saco
CIANCHETTE of Pittsfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

(signed)

Senator:

WARD of Penobscot

Representative:

FULLER of Bangor

On motion by Mr. Haskell, the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending consideration of the reports, and especially assigned for later in today's session.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Penalties for Liquor Law Violations." (H. P. 1131) (L. D. 1281)

Bill "An Act Relating to Local Health Officers." (H. P. 1241) (L. D. 1442)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Building Committee of Eastern States Exposition." (H. P. 628) (L. D. 652)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Adoption of Persons." (H. P. 825) (L. D. 856)

Bill "An Act Granting Powers to the Franciscan Fathers of Maine." (H. P. 836) (L. D. 875)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Westbrook." (H. P. 1053) (L. D. 1194)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

"Resolve Providing for Construction of Dolphins at Maine Maritime Academy." (S. P. 162) (L. D. 405)

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I rise to a point of information. I read here that this bill provides for the construction of dolphins at the Maine Maritime Academy. I have always understood that a dolphin is a fish and I wonder just what this bill is. Are they trying to anchor ships to fish?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair is somewhat uncertain as to whether the inquiry is addressed to the Senate in general, a specific Senator or the Chair?

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. President, I am addressing my question to the Chair and will receive the answer from anyone who wants to answer it.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair understands from an unofficial source, namely a former member of the Senate who was quite interested in this academy that the dolphins referred to have a relationship to wharves, piers and so forth, where the boats come in.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President, perhaps Senator Boucher might wire former Senator Leavitt and ask his question.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. President, before this bill has a passage, I would really like to know.

The PRESIDENT: If the Senator is serious with respect to his inquiry, certainly there are members here who could better inform the Senator than the Chair. The Chair understands that a dolphin in this case is similar to a piling if that answers the Senator's question.

Mr. BOUCHER: Thank you Mr. President.

Thereupon, the resolve was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Providing for the Classification of Certain Surface Waters." (S. P. 429) (L. D. 1156)

Bill "An Act Amending the Water Improvement Commission and Creating Standards of Classification." (S. P. 538) (L. D. 1451)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Regulation of Cosmetics." (S. P. 183) (L. D. 424)

Bill "An Act Relating to Admission Age for Maine School for Deaf." (S. P. 418) (L. D. 1126)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Personal Property Held in Trust." (H. P. 417) (L. D. 465)

Bill "An Act to Create the Jackman Sewerage District." (H. P. 849) (L. D. 951)

(On motion by Mr. Harding of Knox, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act relating to Costs of Children in Maine School for the Deaf." (H. P. 1064) (L. D. 1201)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Webb Lake Tributaries." (H. P. 591) (L. D. 613)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing for Smallmouth Black Bass on Mount Desert Island." (H. P. 738) (L. D. 755)

"Resolve in favor of Moses A. Dolley of Vassalboro." (H. P. 1126) (L. D. 1394)

Bill "An Act relating to Uniform Code of Military Justice."

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of Register of Probate of Hancock County." (S. P. 236) (L. D. 596)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Sewer District in the Town of Sanford." (S. P. 327) (L. D. 817)

Bill "An Act Repealing Tax on Oleomargarine." (S. P. 379) (L. D. 1042)

Bill "An Act Repealing Certain Laws relating to County Commissioners' Duties re Ferries and Toll Bridges." (S. P. 424) (L. D. 1128)

Bill "An Act relating to Additional Probation Officer for Cumberland County." (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1315)

"Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Institutional Service to Grant Pole Line Easements on the Property of the State Hospital in Bangor." (S. P. 504) (L. D. 1379)

Which Bills were passed to be enacted and Resolves finally passed.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act Relating to Election of Delegates to National Convention and Presidential Preference Primary (S. P. 400) (L. D. 1119) tabled by the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Haskell earlier in today's session pending consideration of the reports.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, I think the Chair will agree that no motion has yet been made. I would like the Senate to consider a motion to accept the wisdom reflected in the minority "Ought to Pass" report as signed by my colleagues from the great County of Penobscot, Senator Ward and Representative Fuller.

I will first attempt to confound the opposition by expressing as clearly as I can why the bill should not pass. There are two powerful reasons why you should accept an ought not to pass report on the bill that provides for preferential, presidential primaries. I am compelled to note at the outset that this is not a party measure. Certainly I don't speak for the minority party, and if I were speaking for the top organization of the Republican party, I am sure I would be speaking on the other side of the issue. The most effective argument against the bill, I think, is that it is not necessary since we will not have a presidential primary until after the next legislature meets. The second argument against the bill is that it displeases those party leaders who without admission, are able to control a selection of the delegates to the national convention. This is not an accusation without some foundation of facts, as I happen to be one of the individuals who by one means or another, have had

myself named in the last two Republican National Conventions and I think I know how you go about getting yourself a spot on the National Convention slate.

This is in the nature of a confession but I will recite to you how it was done at the Taft-Eisenhower contest. If you believe in the candidacy of one or the other of those candidates, and if you are hopeful that the district in which you live will name delegates favorable to your preferred candidate, you look over the list of the several counties in your district, make a few telephone calls to first find out how that particular leader of that particular section of that particular county, feels, and if he has a feeling for the candidate not of your selection you just tell him you hope you see him at the convention.

If, on the other hand, you find that he agrees with you you suggest to him the desirability of lining up some delegates who feel just as you do and as he does. So you call the various counties and you finally round up a pretty good list of people who agree with you and they get to work and see that the people who come to the convention are favorable to your candidate. Now you always want to remember that as we operate in the State of Maine, or have for the last few conventions, the district delegates select the delegates to the convention. So you are very generous and say, "There are some Eisenhower votes and we had better let them be named to the state convention, "but you make sure that the delegates to the district convention which select delegates are for Taft.

So comes the convention — and it is hard to get delegates to come to a convention but you have selected those people whom you are sure will vote as you want them to without regard to what might be the majority wishes of the people. You then go into the smoke-filled room. That is the only difficult part of this whole sequence because you will not only have the five people who wanted to go to the convention but not less than twenty and each one convinced that his contribution to the Taft or Eisenhower case entitles him to be one

of the chosen. It usually takes about four hours and you have wounded feelings, but it is all for the good of the party, and you end up with a strong group who think for your side.

Now this is also happening on the other side of the hotel. They are doing the same thing but if you happen to have it well organized, and it costs about \$50 in telephone calls to organize a district, you go into that meeting just as certain as can be that you will be selected. It costs about \$20 to have some cards printed to go around to these pre-selected delegates to be sure they will vote. You don't trust their memory. You don't trust word of mouth. It's the cards that count. Once those are printed and distributed it is in the bag. You have exercised the wish of all the Republicans and all the Democrats in your district as to whom they want to go to Chicago, and whom they shall favor.

I think there is a lot of merit in that system because I have been very successful in getting myself to Philadelphia and Chicago by following that procedure. So you can ask, why do I introduce a bill to let the people have a voice? Why do I want the registered voters to have anything to say, when it is so easy to do it the other way? In the first place I did it because the platform adopted by the Republican Party pledged that this legislature would give consideration and debate to this question, of preferential presidential primaries. And having a conscience, at least in respect to this particular item, I did introduce the measure.

It is objected to by the organized women's groups within my party. They feel that if you leave it to the people to select delegates, the people are likely to ignore the women. I don't concur in that, because if I had a voice in the campaign being put on by a presidential candidate in the State of Maine, I certainly would have on that list a woman or two. To be sure, they might be alternates but they would be there. The Young Republicans object to it on the same basis. They say they are important to the party and I agree

with that. They say that one of the rewards given to them by the party is nomination and election to the convention. I think that a wise presidential candidate's campaign manager would have a young Republican on the list to attract other young Republicans. However, they don't feel that way.

Another objection is that those candidates selected — and this is very important and might be the heart of the objection — those candidates do in fact elect the national committeeman or woman and it would be more difficult to, let us say, predict the result of the outcome if you had sixteen people elected by the people, than to predict the result if you had sixteen people selected in the smoke filled rooms.

Those are the arguments for and against the measure. I think it has little or no chance of passing but I feel equally firm that this is the only spot in our election procedure where I would have the most confidence in the selection by the people and my reason for that is that there is no one single event in American political history where the elector is better informed by radio, television, press, magazines and what have you than that occasion once in four years when we do nominate a President of the United States. To me it is fundamental, it is the position of the greatest responsibility in this world and to me the individual enrolled voters in this greatest democracy in this world ought to have a more direct voice in saying who is to be the President of the United States for four years. That, I feel firmly. I wouldn't have that same firmness of conviction if I did not believe that the press, radio and all did not in fact inform the people fully. I doubt that I would be standing here today if there were any excuse for the press and radio and television to inform the electors on all the qualifications for the State Senate and sometimes I think they make mistakes. I acknowledge they made one mistake probably in sending me over here. That is on the primaries. But with respect to the Presidential thing I think they are very well informed and I think there is one thing that we can give

back to the people because where you do give the people a voice in that thing I think they will do right, and right now I will confess that in going to the Chicago convention as a delegate for the Third Maine District, I don't believe I voted the convictions of the people in the Third District. I voted my own convictions but I honestly believe now that had that been a popular election that probably General Eisenhower would have had sixteen votes in Maine and the five of us who voted for Taft would not have been at the convention. It is very easy to make those statements with the benefit of hindsight but for all of those reasons and with that confession I first predict the bill will be killed, but I am equally firm in the conviction that some day Maine will join the 17 states that have already decided the people shall have a voice and be one of them. This is probably not the session. Probably the efforts of the top brass in the party and the, I think, misguided leadership in the Young Republicans, because I think they would get as good or better treatment without the hazard of being pushed aside for political expediency. The same comments relate to the women members in both parties. I think they would be equally well treated. But I have satisfied my conscience in introducing the bill. I am satisfied that the principle is right and I am reconciled that this probably is another of the many, many bills that I have had turned down, and I will smile after it is turned down and accept the verdict.

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I am very surprised and very happy to be able to go along with my good friend the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Haskell, along this line of thinking that he has expressed. I want first of all to thank him for giving us a beautiful example of Republican expediency in nominating delegates to the national convention. I can assure him that I have not been as lucky. I have been to the convention only once and that was at a time when I was on the State committee and they couldn't very well ignore me. Since then I haven't had a chance to go. I would like to go again some-

time and I think the fair and square way is to elect the delegates from either party to the convention.

I am also in favor of the primary for the Presidential election. I think that is the most democratic way of choosing our Presidents rather than having the conventions do it. I am all in favor of giving the people the power to elect their officials, be they President of the United States, Governor of the State or Senators or Representatives or anything else. I think the citizens of this country should have the final word in the saying and doing of who shall be their servants. We may sometime act as lords but to me we are not lords, we are the servants of the people and we should be elected by them to serve them, not to dictate to them, and if they have the privilege of electing us they also have the privilege of throwing us out of office if they are not satisfied with our services. So therefore, I agree with practically everything the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Haskell, has said and I wish to endorse his statements and I assure him that I will go down with the ship, even if it has to be tied with dolphins, away down at the bottom of the sea.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the motion. As it happened I went to the State Convention. It also happens that before I went I specifically gave the newspaper my choice for the candidacy for the presidency. I said at that time I thought there were two great Americans in this country, one was Mr. Taft and the other was Mr. Eisenhower, and I said I would vote for Mr. Eisenhower, and I said I would vote for Mr. Eisenhower because I thought he had the better chance of being elected. I still think they are two great Americans and I also think the procedure we went through at the Bangor Convention was thoroughly democratic and accomplished the results perfectly and I think we ought to stick to the way we are doing it. I came out alright so far as the President was concerned. I can understand why the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, would like to have it done another way, for exactly the same reason I am now talking

about. We might have had Mr. Truman or someone else for President if we hadn't done it the way we did. Frankly speaking, there is no question that the bill has some merit and that we could debate it for hours but all I will say is, vote and let your conscience be your guide.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Haskell, that the Senate adopt the minority "Ought to Pass as Amended" report of the committee and the same Senator has requested that when the vote is taken it be taken by division.

A division of the Senate was had. Twelve having voted in the affirmative and 14 opposed, the motion to accept the minority report did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot the majority report "Ought Not to Pass" was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. COLLINS of Aroostook: Mr. President, out of order and under suspension of the rules, I present an order and move its passage. In explanation, I might say that a couple of weeks ago the Senator from Hancock, Senator Dunham, made an earnest plea for help in securing more telephone calls. At that time his plea seemed to fall on deaf ears but I find now that there are so many of the Senators in a like position that I feel the introduction of this order will be very timely.

The Secretary read the order: "Ordered, The House concurring, that free additional telephone service be provided for each member and officer of the Senate and House to the number of fifteen calls of reasonable duration from Augusta to points within the limit of the State of Maine and that each member and officer of the Senate and House be provided with a card to be certified to by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House respectively the charge for this service to be paid to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company at regular tarriff rates."

Thereupon the order received a passage.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Penobscot the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A from the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill, An Act Relating to Bulldozing Streams, (S. P. 169) (L. D. 413), tabled by that Senator on March 18th pending consideration of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator the report was accepted and the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. Ward of Penobscot then presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption: "Amend said bill by striking out in the third line of that paragraph designated Section 16-A the underlined 1,000 and inserting the underlined numeral 500 in said third line after the words "excess of."

Thereupon, the amendment was adopted.

On further motion by the same Senator, under suspension of the rules the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Hunting With Bow and Arrow (H. P. 1196) (L. D. 1350), tabled by that Senator on April 16th pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, Mr. President, I have been asked by several members of the Senate and several members of the unmentionable Body at the other end of this building to take this bill off the table because they are awfully anxious to have it passed to be enacted and sent to the Governor. I have been assured that I will have a chance to get at the bows and arrows on other bills so I am going to bow to the wishes of my good friends and move that this bill be passed to be enacted and I will await the other bills.

Thereupon the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Hanson, of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Salaries of Certain County Officers of Washington County (H. P. 359) (L. D. 375),

tabled by that Senator on March 19th pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator under suspension of the rules the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HANSON of Washington: Mr. President, I now move that committee amendment A be indefinitely postponed and I would like to explain to the Senators why. We agreed down in our county between our county commissioners and entire delegation upon the item in question with regard to salaries. We are all perfectly agreed about it. We came up here and the bill was presented and we found after presenting it that in some way it got changed a little and we desire to have it back under the agreement of everyone concerned.

Thereupon committee amendment A was indefinitely postponed and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Amending the Charter of the Municipal Court of the City of Lewiston re Payment of Expenses (H. P. 547) (L. D. 527), tabled by that Senator on April 16 pending consideration of Senate Amendment A; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Repealing Laws on Street Sprinkling (S. P. 235) (L. D. 597), tabled by that Senator on April 16th pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate, realizing that in the last week by an act of God the streets of Maine have been well sprinkled, I move that this bill now have enactment.

Thereupon the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Cumberland the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in todays session, whereby bill, An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Westbrook (H. P. 1053) (L. D. 110), was passed to be engrossed and that Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption: "Amend said bill by inserting the underlined words 'commissioner of' before the underlined word 'public' in the 8th line from the end thereof.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Cumberland the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act to Withdraw the Town of Steuben from the West Washington Community School District (H. P. 1243) (L. D. 1445), tabled by that Senator on April 16th pending reference to a committee.

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. President, this is a bill that was received yesterday by unanimous consent and tabled by myself pending reference. It is merely a technical bill and does not really require any further reference to a committee. Therefore, I move that under suspension of the rules the bill be given its first reading.

Thereupon, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Requirements of Group Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies (S. P. 288) (L. D. 826), tabled by that Senator on March 26th, pending passage to be enacted and on further motion by the same Senator under suspension of the rules the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption: "Amend said Bill by striking out the 3rd, 4th and 5th lines from the end and inserting in place thereof the following underlined lines: 'whose employees are not already covered for the same or similar benefits under a plan maintained by their employer, or'."

Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report "Ought Not to Pass" from the Committee on Health and Welfare on Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Flora E. Mosher of Smithfield (H. P. 471), tabled by that Senator on March 15th pending consideration of the committee report; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Health and Welfare in concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would like to inquire if Legislative Document 714, An Act Relating to Explosives is in possession of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senator that the bill is in the possession of the Senate.

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. President, I would like to move that the Senate reconsider its action whereby it accepted the Ought Not to Pass report and in connection with that motion I would like to say that this is one of the two bills brought before the committee under the personal sponsorship of the Insurance Commissioner. It was originally felt that this was an unnecessary measure and it was originally reported out "Ought Not to Pass." We now find that this is one of the better bills before the committee and we would like to preserve it for amendment.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the Ought Not to Pass report of the committee was accepted, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was laid upon the table

pending consideration of the committee report.

The PRESIDENT: Before entertaining a motion for adjournment the Chair would like to make appointments with reference to committees of conference on the disagreeing actions between the two branches of the legislature.

On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the legislature on Legislative Document 101, Resolve Relating to Ice Fishing in Hopkins Pond, Penobscot County, the Chair appoints as members on the part of the Senate of the committee on

conference, Senators Wight of Penobscot, Carpenter of Somerset, Weeks of Cumberland.

With reference to Legislative Document 62, resolve Relating to Ice Fishing in Peabody Pond, Cumberland County, the Chair appoints as members on the part of the Senate of such committee, Senators Wight of Penobscot, Carpenter of Somerset, Weeks of Cumberland.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin

Adjourned until Tuesday morning, April 21st, at 9:30 o'clock.