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## HOUSE

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. D. H. Robins of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

### Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to Francis Ranco, Representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, and to Joseph A. Nicholas, Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, on account of compensation, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.) each, plus mileage (S. P. 142)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Official Court Reporters" (S. P. 109) (L. D. 270)

Resolve reimbursing Certain Municipalities on Account of Property Tax Exemption of Veterans (S. P. 107) (L. D. 268)

Resolve providing for Non-Lapsing of Expenditures for Airports (S. P. 108) (L. D. 269)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that in the balcony of the Hall of the House are thirty-two students from the Seventh Grade of the Farrington School, Augusta, under the direction of Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Goldberg. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to you a hearty and cordial welcome.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Instruction in High Schools on American Freedoms" (S. P. 110) (L. D. 271)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Fraudulent Practices in Operation of Motor Vehicles for Profit" (S. P. 111) (L. D. 272)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Employees of Running Horse Racing Commission" (S. P. 112) (L. D. 273)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of Maine Public Service Company" (S. P. 113) (L. D. 275)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Contract Carrier" (S. P. 114) (L. D. 274)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Pensions for Dependents of Deceased Policemen" (S. P. 117) (L. D. 276)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Dorothy Bates of Hallowell (S. P. 118)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Clifton G. Spinney of Bath (S. P. 136)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Exemption of Volunteer Fire Departments from Sales Tax" (S. P. 116) (L. D. 277)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Repealing Obsolete Highway Laws" (S. P. 115) (L. D. 278)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

### **Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction in Equity of Probate Courts" (S. P. 39) (L. D. 25)

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act Exempting the State and its Subdivisions from Fair Trade Act" (S. P. 50) (L. D. 47)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

### **Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference**

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

#### **Agriculture**

Bill "An Act Clarifying Laws on Slaughterhouses and Meat Processing Plants" (H. P. 327) (Presented by Mr. Elwell of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act relating to Sum Paid Superintendents of Schools of Towns Having More Than Seventy-five Teachers" (H. P. 328) (Presented by Mr. Evans of Cornish)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Secretary of State" (H. P. 329) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Airport Construction Fund" (H. P. 330) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve for the Purchase of One Hundred Copies of "History of Otisfield, Maine" (H. P. 331) (Presented

by Mr. Anthoine of Windham by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Creating the Maine Vocational - Technical Institute Scholarship Fund (H. P. 332) (Presented by Mr. Jones of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve providing Funds for Operating Pilot Programs in Marine Commercial Fisheries and Maritime Occupations (H. P. 333) (Presented by Mr. McCluskey of Warren)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Addition to Chemical Engineering Building at University of Maine (H. P. 334) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of a Science and Classroom Building at Gorham State Teachers College (H. P. 335) (Presented by Mr. Roundy of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Skowhegan Armory Project (H. P. 336) (Presented by Mr. Whiting of Skowhegan)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### **Business Legislation**

Bill "An Act relating to Transportation of Explosives" (H. P. 337) (Presented by Mr. Albert of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### **Claims**

Resolve to Reimburse Cecil Merrill of Dixfield for Damage done by State Ward (H. P. 338) (Presented by Mr. Howard of Dixfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Lyman (H. P. 339) (Presented by Mr. Kimball of Dayton)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Frederick Standley of South Windham (H. P. 340) (Presented by Mr. Anthoine of Windham by request)

Resolve in favor of Amy M. Meister of Otisfield (H. P. 341) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

### **Education**

Bill "An Act relating to Exits from and Means of Extinguishing Fire in School Buildings" (H. P. 342) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Newport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Approval and Accreditation of Secondary Schools" (H. P. 343) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Children Attending School in Adjoining Town" (H. P. 344) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Residence of Parents of Children of School Age" (H. P. 345) (Presented by same member)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Supplement Loans by Maine School Building Authority" (H. P. 346) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Meeting of Joint Superintending School Committees" (H. P. 347) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Requirements in Construction of School Buildings" (H. P. 348) (Presented by Mr. Knight of Searsport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Conveyance of School Children" (H. P. 349) (Presented by Mrs. Mann of Paris)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Advance Educational Subsidy Payments" (H. P. 350) (Presented by Mr. Roundy of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Highways

Bill "An Act relating to Permits to Haul Farm Products Over Certain Highways" (H. P. 351) (Presented by Mr. Albert of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Membership and Administration of State Highway Commission" (H. P. 352) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve reappropriating Road Reserve Funds in Town of Kennebunkport (H. P. 353) (Presented by Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve reappropriating Road Reserve Funds in the Town of Mars Hill

(H. P. 354) (Presented by Mr. Fine-more of Bridgewater)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Construct Portions of Pequawket Trail, Oxford County (H. P. 355) (Presented by Mr. Olpe of Brownfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve providing for Construction of a Substitute Road in Howland (H. P. 356) (Presented by Mr. Rich of Charleston)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Inland Fisheries and Game

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Keywayden Lake and Virginia Lake in Oxford County (H. P. 357) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Special Deputies in War Time or When War Imminent" (H. P. 358) (Presented by Mr. Dumais of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Contracts of Minors under Statute of Frauds" (H. P. 359) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Amending Declaration or Pleading Anew after Demurrer" (H. P. 360) (Presented by Mr. McGlaflin of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of the Governor to Four-Year Terms (H. P. 361) (Presented by Mr. MacDonald of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election (H. P. 362) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to the Superintending School Committee of the City of Belfast" (H. P. 364) (Presented by Mr. Greene of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Southport Cemetery District" (H. P.

365) (Presented by Mr. Greenleaf of Boothbay Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Mexico School District" (H. P. 366) (Presented by Mr. Howard of Dixfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Create the Auburn Parking District" (H. P. 367) (Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary and Bond of Treasurer of Community School District" (H. P. 368) (Presented by Mrs. Mann of Paris)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement Pensions for Police and Fire Departments of the City of Portland" (H. P. 369) (Presented by Mr. McGlaulin of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Parkman School District" (H. P. 370) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Brownville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Duties of Building Committees and District Trustees re Schoolhouses" (H. P. 371) (Presented by Mr. Roundy of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Liquor Control

Bill "An Act to Provide Refunds on Certain Liquor License Fees" (H. P. 372) (Presented by Mr. Brockway of Milo)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 373) (Presented by Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Malt Liquor in Nonreturnable Glass Containers" (H. P. 374) (Presented by Mr. Osborne of Fairfield)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

### Natural Resources

Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Institutional Service to Convey to Portland Water District a Right of Way for a Pipeline over Land of the Reformatory for Men in South Windham (H. P. 375) (Presented by Mr. Anthoine of Windham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Public Health

Bill "An Act relating to License Fees for Barber Shops and Beauty Shops" (H. P. 376) (Presented by Mr. Hanson of Gardiner)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Public Utilities

Bill "An Act relating to Permits and Certificates for Motor Vehicle Carriers" (H. P. 377) (Presented by Mr. Allen of Chelsea)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment and Duties of Trustees of Presque Isle Sewer District" (H. P. 378) (Presented by Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Repealing Lighting of Railroad Cars by Naptha" (H. P. 379) (Presented by Mr. Dostie of Winslow)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of York Sewer District" (H. P. 380) (Presented by Mr. Hancock of York)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Retirements and Pensions

Resolve providing for State Pension for Gordon Millett of Wilton (H. P. 395) (Presented by Mr. Blanchard of Wilton)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Sadie Crush of Wilton (H. P. 396) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Harold Parsons of East Machias (H. P. 387) (Presented by Mr. Cates of East Machias)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Allen M. Scott of East Machias (H. P. 393) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Helena St. Pierre of Rum-

ford (H. P. 389) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Galon Fogg of Wynn (H. P. 391) (Presented by Mr. Dicker of Lakeville Plantation)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Bessie A. Trott of Wynn (H. P. 392) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Herman Leroy Archer of Mapleton (H. P. 397) (Presented by Mr. Foss of Chapman)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Alfred Wik of Stockholm (H. P. 384) (Presented by Mr. Getchell of Limestone)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Nannie Anderson of Stockholm (H. P. 394) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for William Louis Pelkey of Limestone (H. P. 398) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Granting a Pension to Katharine M. Rolfe of Bridgton (H. P. 388) (Presented by Mr. Haughn of Bridgton)

Resolve providing for State Pension for William J. Thayer of Lincolnville (H. P. 381) (Presented by Mr. Knight of Searsmont)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Mrs. Addie Lavoie of Milford (H. P. 390) (Presented by Mr. Needham of Orono)

Resolve Granting a Pension to Hubert E. Redding of Oakland (H. P. 382) (Presented by Mr. Pullen of Oakland by request)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Arthur Glidden of Howland (H. P. 385) (Presented by Mr. Rich of Charleston)

Resolve providing for State Pension Increase for Geneva Morton of Garland (H. P. 386) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Guy Brisley of Oakfield (H. P. 383) (Presented by Mr. Soule of Merrill)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act Permitting Don H. Saunders of Lubec to Build Weir in Dennys Bay, Washington County"

(H. P. 399) (Presented by Mr. Denbow of Lubec)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Digging of Clams in the Town of Lincolnville" (H. P. 400) (Presented by Mr. Knight of Searsmont)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in St. George River in the Town of Warren" (H. P. 401) (Presented by Mr. McCluskey of Warren)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Commercial Digging of Clams in Brooklin and Sedgwick, Hancock County" (H. P. 402) (Presented by Mr. Roberts of Brooklin)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to the Printing of the Blood Type of the Operator on the Operator's License" (H. P. 403) (Presented by Mr. Knight of Searsmont)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Overtaking and Passing School Buses and Lights Thereon" (H. P. 404) (Presented by Mr. McCluskey of Warren)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Orders

On motion of Mr. Seaward of Kittery, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Alden of Gorham be excused from attendance this week because of illness in his family.

On motion of Mr. Walter of Waldo-boro, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Robert Plummer of Methodist Church, Waldo-boro, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, March 10, 1955.

#### House Report of Committee Ought Not to Pass

Miss Cormier from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of E. Maude Dionne, of Skowhegan (H. P. 69) (L. D. 74)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Recording of Notices of Liens and Certificates of Discharge of Liens for Internal Revenue Taxes" (H. P. 2) (L. D. 2)

Bill "An Act relating to Membership of the Board of Trustees of the North Haven Port District" (H. P. 11) (L. D. 10)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Readfield School District" (H. P. 14) (L. D. 13)

Bill "An Act relating to the Superintending School Committee of the City of Presque Isle" (H. P. 44) (L. D. 55)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Avon (H. P. 5) (L. D. 279)

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

### Amended Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Elevator' under Board of Elevator Rules and Regulations" (H. P. 12) (L. D. 11)

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

### Orders of the Day

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, would the Speaker inquire from the Clerk if the Clerk still has in his possession the order which was passed yesterday relative to printing in newspapers.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that that paper is in the possession of the House.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I then move that we reconsider our action of yesterday whereby we passed such order.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it passed House Joint Order, H. P. 326, that the Chairmen of the various committees be directed to have their respective clerks prepare before 2:00 p.m. of every Tuesday copies of a list of all Bills and Resolves which have been

assigned for public hearings the following week. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker —

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the same be tabled and assigned to a day certain being Wednesday of next week.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that House Joint Order, H. P. 326, be placed on the table and specially assigned for Wednesday, one week from today, February 9. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the House Joint Order was so tabled and assigned.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Order relative to Report by the State Highway Commission to the 97th Legislature before March 1, 1955 on questions submitted, tabled on February 1 by the gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook, pending passage. The question before the House is on the passage of this order. Is it the pleasure of the House that this order receive a passage?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook.

Mr. COOK: Mr. Speaker, I have been advised that by deleting one word in Item number 1, which is the word "diagrammatically" that it would facilitate getting the answers to this order quite considerably so I move that that one word be deleted from Item number 1.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the order is in writing and in order to amend the order, the amendment must be submitted in writing.

The House may be at ease.

### House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook, presents House Amendment "A" to his order and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".



House Amendment "A" to House Order Relative to Report by the State Highway Commission to the 97th Legislature before March 1, 1955 on questions submitted.

Amend said Order by striking out from the first line of the second paragraph of the Order the word "diagrammatically".

The SPEAKER: The Committee on Rules and Business of the House having reported that this matter be acted upon without printing or reproduction, is it now the pleasure of the House that this amendment be adopted?

The motion prevailed and House Amendment "A" to House Order relative to Report by the State Highway Commission was adopted.

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

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker, through the Chair I would like to ask the gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook, whether this order relates only to the work done under the bond issue, the \$27,000,000 bond issue, and, if not, to tell the House how far back he expects to go.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin, addresses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook. The gentleman from Portage Lake may answer if he chooses to do so.

Mr. COOK: Mr. Speaker, this order is perhaps concerned predominantly with the bond issue but it is not exclusively so, as will be shown for instance in Item 11, which does not have any relation to the bond issue. I believe there are several others and as far as how far back that goes that is in the first paragraph where it states "with respect to the period of time beginning July 1, 1950 and ending January 1, 1955".

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

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I am not trying to defeat this order, but it strikes me that this is quite an order and for that reason I think we should give the matter careful consideration. There are several points that I suggest that you take into consideration before voting on this matter. 1. It strikes me that it might have been well to have this a

joint order instead of just from the House. 2. Is this order for the purpose of investigating the Highway Department? If so, wouldn't it be better to have it done by a committee of investigators rather than by an order? 3. Is this order for the purpose of embarrassing the Highway Commission - I don't claim it is, I just bring that out for a point of consideration. Finally, when we get this information are we any better off than we are now? Some of the information asked here can be obtained from the reports of the Highway Commission. I find some of the questions are questions that to me seem of very little importance. I am not particularly interested in who they bought material of or what engineer had charge of some particular job. Neither am I greatly concerned because some engineer under-estimated what a particular job would cost. Everybody knows that the price of labor and material has advanced tremendously in the last few years.

I am, as I stated before, not trying to defeat the order. I think it is of enough importance so that we should carefully consider it before passing. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards.

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: For further information I would like to make the motion that we table this matter until tomorrow afternoon at 1:30.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, moves that this matter be laid on the table and specially assigned for tomorrow. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Mr. FINEMORE (of Bridgewater): Mr. Speaker, I would rather not have it tabled for tomorrow because - -

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to ask the gentleman a question before it was tabled in case I might not be here tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire if the gentleman wishes to argue on the question of the time of tabling. It is in order if he so chooses.

Mr. FINEMORE: I would, please, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would rather not have it tabled, if possible, for tomorrow as I believe a lot of the members would like to go home tomorrow. I believe as the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaulin, has said that this order is good. There may be some things that should be talked over so if the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, would table it for Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, I would appreciate it a whole lot.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards.

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to change my motion for tabling until Wednesday of next week.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, now moves that the House Order be tabled until Wednesday of next week.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook.

Mr. COOK: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Is a motion to table debatable?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that an order to table is not debatable. However, it is in order to debate the time for which the matter will be assigned.

Mr. COOK: Mr. Speaker, is it possible to call for a division of the House on this motion?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may request a division if he so chooses.

Mr. COOK: I should like to, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, that House Order relative to Report by the State Highway Commission to the 97th Legislature be tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday next, February 9. The gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook, requests a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, that the House Order be laid on the table and specially assigned for Wednesday next, will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred nine having voted in the affirmative and twelve having

voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the House Order was tabled pending passage and specially assigned for Wednesday, February 9.

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

The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Joint Order relative to Refurnishing House and Senate Retiring Rooms, House Paper 284, tabled by the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, pending further consideration.

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

Mr. ROUNDY: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry I have not had an opportunity to talk with the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, but it seems to me that in view of the complete and radical changes here when the new office building comes into use that the proper motion to be made is that this be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, moves that House Joint Order, H. P. 284, be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I notice that the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, is not here in the House this morning but I have discussed the matter with him and he is very willing that this matter be heard. I do not know what all the facts are and possibly there is need of new furnishings in the retiring rooms. Therefore, I think that we should have a hearing on it and I would move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that House Joint Order, H. P. 284, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Joint Order was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

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

The Clerk will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship,

Adjourned until one-thirty o'clock tomorrow afternoon.