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OF THE

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## HOUSE

Tuesday, March 1, 1955

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

Prayer by Dr. Rodney W. Roundy, Representative.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

### House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

### Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Portland University (S. P. 316) (L. D. 885)

Resolve providing for a Recess Committee to Study School Finances and Needs in the State (S. P. 317) (L. D. 886)

Resolve relating to a Water System for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians (S. P. 318) (L. D. 884)

Resolve Appropriating Monies for Instructorship in Adult Education (S. P. 319) (L. D. 883)

Resolve Appropriating Monies for a State Supervisor of Local Adult Education (S. P. 320) (L. D. 882)

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.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Counter-signature on Insurance Policies by Resident Agents" (S. P. 321) (L. D. 887)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Public School Adult Education" (S. P. 322) (L. D. 888)

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 Free Tolls over Deer Isle - Sedgwick Bridge" (S. P. 323) (L. D. 889)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Deer Throughout the State" (S. P. 324) (L. D. 890)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Nominations for State Senators from Cumberland County" (S. P. 325) (L. D. 891)

Bill "An Act relating to Possession of Firearms by Felons" (S. P. 337) (L. D. 901)

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 the Practice of Physical Therapy in the State of Maine" (S. P. 326) (L. D. 902)

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 relating to Insects and Diseases of Trees" (S. P. 327) (L. D. 892)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Educational Requirements for Chiropractors" (S. P. 328) (L. D. 893)

Resolve Relating to Admittance of Henry Bittues of Augusta, to Pownall State School (S. P. 329) (L. D. 894)

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

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Extend the Power to Serve to Public Utilities Organized by Special Act of the Legislature" (S. P. 330) (L. D. 895)

Bill "An Act Regulating Natural Gas Pipe Lines" (S. P. 331) (L. D. 903)

Bill "An Act relating to Condemnation Proceedings by Water Districts" (S. P. 332) (L. D. 896)

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 Interstate Shipment of Clams" (S. P. 333) (L. D. 897)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Tax Refund on Motor Fuel" (S. P. 334) (L. D. 898)

Bill "An Act Exempting Towns from Gasoline Tax" (S. P. 335) (L. D. 899)

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 providing Additional Facilities at Piscataquis County Court House" (S. P. 336) (L. D. 900)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair has been informed that there are in the gallery eight Senior Girls Scouts from Stillwater accompanied by their Scout Leaders, Mrs. Richard Mills and Mrs. Nathan Rich.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a hearty and cordial welcome. (Applause)

### Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Bernard L. Smith, of Madison (S. P. 202)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

### Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Merchandise Maintained by Retail Store Liquor Licensees" (S. P. 226) (L. D. 567) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Recording of Deeds of Land of the Penobscot Tribe" (S. P. 123) (L. D. 319)

Report of the Committee on Public Health reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Members of the Board of Registration in Medicine" (S. P. 61) (L. D. 88)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Licensed Practical Nurses" (S. P. 165) (L. D. 359)

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities reporting same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of Maine Public Service Company" (S. P. 113) (L. D. 275)

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting same on Bill "An Act Exempting Real and Personal

Property Occupied or Used by Tax Exempt Organizations from Taxation" (S. P. 137) (L. D. 329)

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

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

#### Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Holding Devices for Trailers" (S. P. 68) (L. D. 93)

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

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

(On motion of Mr. Cianchette of Pittsfield, tabled pending first reading and specially assigned for tomorrow.)

Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Spot, Fog or Auxiliary Lights on Certain Vehicles" (S. P. 69) (L. D. 94)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Restricting or Increasing Speed of Motor Vehicles by State Highway Commission" (S. P. 71) (L. D. 96)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Specially Designed Motor Vehicle Number Plates for Maine Members in Congress" (S. P. 170) (L. D. 360)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Repealing Special Duty of State Police Re Registration of Motor Vehicles and Licensing of Operators" (S. P. 171) (L. D. 361)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Repealing State Police Enforcement at Agricultural Fairs" (S. P. 172) (L. D. 362)

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

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

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Joseph's College" (S. P. 158) (L. D. 352) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House, the 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. 158, L. D. 352, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Joseph's College."

Amend said bill by striking out the word "Roch" in the 3rd line of Sec. 1 and inserting in place thereof the word 'Roche'

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

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Permitting Harold E. Urquhart of Lubec to Build Weir in Cobscook Bay, Washington County" (H. P. 233) (L. D. 212) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on February 17.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 233, L. D. 212, Bill "An Act Permitting Harold E. Urquhart of Lubec to Build Weir in Cobscook Bay, Washington County."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of section 1 thereof, before the period, the words ', to take, catch or kill all kinds of fish except Atlantic salmon'.

The SPEAKER: The Chair awaits a motion.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Quinn of Bangor, the House voted

to recede and concur with the Senate.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Permitting Don H. Saunders of Lubec to Build Weir in Dennys Bay, Washington County" (H. P. 399) (L. D. 415) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on February 17.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 399, L. D. 415, Bill "An Act Permitting Don H. Saunders of Lubec to Build Weir in Dennys Bay, Washington County."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of section 1 thereof, before the period, the words ', to take, catch or kill all kinds of fish except Atlantic salmon'.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Quinn of Bangor, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that also in the gallery are fifteen students from the Eighth Grade of Milford accompanied by their teachers, Mr. Edgar Cousins, Mrs. Howard Mayhew and Mrs. Cecil Beal.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a hearty and cordial welcome. (Applause)

#### Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves (transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to Joint Order S. P. 25) were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

#### Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Service Offices Established by Division of Veterans Affairs" (H. P. 955) (Presented by Mr. McCluskey of Warren)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Directing Review of General Statutes of Towns (H. P. 956) (Presented by Mr. Browne of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Town of Old Orchard (H. P. 957) (Presented by Mr. Hancock of York)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Claims

Resolve in favor of Francis Coyne of Westbrook for Damage by Escapees from Reformatory for Men (H. P. 958) (Presented by Mr. Porell of Westbrook)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Highways

Resolve Authorizing a Reclassification of Highways (H. P. 959) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing Study of Proposed Maine-Quebec Highway (H. P. 960) (Presented by Mr. Reed of Fort Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Raccoons in Waldo County" (H. P. 961) (Presented by Mr. Elwell of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting Skunks and Raccoons in Somerset County" (H. P. 962) (Presented by Mr. Gardner of Hartland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Labor

Bill "An Act relating to Additional Contributions by Employers Under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 963) (Presented by Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Payment of Benefits for Total Unemployment Under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 964) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Creating the Baileyville School District" (H. P. 965) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Natural Resources

Resolve for a Recess Committee to Study All Phases of Stream and Water Pollution with a View toward Determining a Practical Solution and the Cost Thereof (H. P. 966) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(1,000 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Dragging for Lobsters" (H. P. 967) (Presented by Mr. Baird of North Haven by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Digging Clams in Kennebunkport, York County" (H. P. 968) (Presented by Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes on Class B" (H. P. 969) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes on Class A" (H. P. 970) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Tuition Charges at the Maine School for the Deaf" (H. P. 971) (Presented by Mr. Roundy of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Transportation

Bill "An Act Displaying Names of Owners and Lessees on Truck Tractors" (H. P. 972) (Presented by Mr. Greene of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Permits for Towing Unregistered Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 973) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Orders

Mr. Fuller of South Portland presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the members of the House have learned with profound sorrow of the death of Mrs. Ira C. Alden, wife of the Representative from Gorham, on February 23, 1955;

BE IT ORDERED, that the sympathy of the Members of the House of Representatives be extended to Mr. Alden of Gorham in the loss of his wife;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to send an attested copy of this Order to him.

The Order received passage.

### House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Quinn from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Sunday Sports in Public Schools" (H. P. 486) (L. D. 531)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Lord from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Special Town Meetings in Town of Mount Desert" (H. P. 440) (L. D. 486) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Beal from the Committee on Natural Resources on Bill "An Act Limiting Application of Outdoor Advertising Laws" (H. P. 494) (L. D. 538) reported same.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Brockway from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Commercial Fertilizers" (H. P. 246) (L. D. 234)

Mr. Caswell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Exempting Sales of Mixed Fertilizer to Federal Government from Fertilizer Tax" (H. P. 174) (L. D. 181)

Mr. Elwell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Tuberculosis Tests for Cattle" (H. P. 511) (L. D. 575)

Mr. Foss from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Clarifying Laws on Slaughterhouses and Meat Processing Plants" (H. P. 327) (L. D. 368)

Mr. Butler from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Archery Licenses" (H. P. 416) (L. D. 463)

Mr. Potter from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Gray Squirrels" (H. P. 423) (L. D. 469)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and assigned for third reading tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that this is apparently vacation week in parts of Maine for there are in the balcony of the House forty-five members from the Skowhegan Junior High School Civics Class accompanied by Wallace Cunningham, their teacher.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a hearty and cordial welcome. (Applause)

For the benefit of our visitors, the Chair will state that the House is now on page 6 of the Calendar, Item 10, under "Ought to pass" printed bills.

Mr. Ross from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Keeping of Skunks and Raccoons in Captivity" (H. P. 417) (L. D. 464)

Mr. Lamb from the Committee on Natural Resources reported same on Resolve Authorizing the Commis-

sioner of Education to Convey a Portion of the Edmunds Township School Lot in Washington County (H. P. 601) (L. D. 657)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bill read twice, the Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

### Recommitted

Mr. Libby from the Committee on Natural Resources reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in an Island in Kennebec County (H. P. 675) (L. D. 751)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Williams of Hodgdon, the Report and Resolve were recommitted to the Committee on Natural Resources and sent up for concurrence.)

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Natural Resources reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Authorizing the State Board of Education to Convey Certain Land in Fort Kent to the Town of Fort Kent (H. P. 548) (L. D. 605)

Mr. Baird from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in St George River in the Town of Warren" (H. P. 401) (L. D. 417)

Mr. Greenleaf from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in Georges River" (H. P. 455) (L. D. 490)

Mr. Stanwood from same Committee reported same on Resolve relating to Smelt Fishing in East Machias River (H. P. 561) (L. D. 610)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice, Resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned.

### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Lord from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Gardiner" (H. P. 110) (L. D. 118) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 110, L. D. 118, Bill "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Gardiner."

Amend said Bill by striking out the 4th paragraph of Article II.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 1st paragraph of section 3 of Article II and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

**'Sec. 3. Vacancies, forfeiture of office.** In case of a vacancy caused by the death, resignation, removal from the city, or removal from office, as hereinafter provided, of any member of the city council, the vacancy shall be filled from the ward in which such vacancy occurs by a majority vote of the remaining members of the council.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2 of Article IV and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 2. Organization, qualification, quorum.** The members elected shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties by a justice of the peace or by the city clerk, and a record made thereof. A majority of the whole number elected shall be a quorum and they shall elect their own vice chairman. The mayor shall be chairman ex officio and shall vote only in the case of a tie.'

Further amend said bill by inserting after the word "council" in the 5th line of section 3 of Article V the following words: 'or other elective offices'

Further amend said Bill by striking out of all of subsections (a) and (b) of section 1 of Article VI, and inserting in place thereof the following:

(a) The following officers and boards, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the city council in regular session.

1. City Manager
2. City Clerk
3. Trustees of Gardiner Public Library.
4. Trustees of Gardiner Water District.
5. Superintendent of Cemeteries.

6. Superintendent of Parks and Playgrounds.

7. Director of Civil Defense.

(b) The following officers and boards shall be appointed by the city manager with the advice and consent of the council:

1. Treasurer.
2. Tax Collector.
3. Chief of Police, special police officers and constables.
4. Chief of the Fire Department.
5. City Solicitor.
6. City Physician.
7. City Auditor.
8. Public Works.
9. Health Officer.

10. All other department heads now existing, or which may be appointed, established through ordinance and resolve.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting before the period at the end of the next to the last sentence of section I of Article VIII the following:

': but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor cast in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election.'

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

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Provide a Selectman-Manager Form of Government for the Town of Madawaska, in the County of Aroostook" (H. P. 490) (L. D. 552) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 490, L. D. 552, Bill "An Act to Provide a Selectman-Manager Form of Government for the Town of Madawaska, in the County of Aroostook."

Amend said Bill in Article X by striking out the last sentence of Section 1003 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: 'An ordinance, resolution or vote so referred shall take effect upon the

conclusion of such meeting unless at least 100 electors, constituting a majority of those voting thereon, shall have voted in the negative.'

Further amend said Bill in Article X by striking out the last sentence of subsection (a) of Section 1004 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

'Such ordinance shall take effect on the 10th day after the conclusion of such meeting unless a majority of those voting thereon shall have voted in the negative.'

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

Mr. Stilphen from the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to Permit Before Examination for Applicant to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 496) (L. D. 540) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 496, L. D. 540, Bill "An Act relating to Permit Before Examination for Applicant to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "**culture**" at the end of the 4th line the following underlined words:

**'who has been a resident of the State of Maine for a period of at least 6 months.'**

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, before the single quotation mark, the following underlined sentence:

**'The applicant shall pay to the Board a fee of \$3.'**

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

Mr. Dicker from the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Examinations for Applicants to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 497) (L. D. 541) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee

Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 497, L. D. 541, Bill "An Act relating to Time of Examinations for Applicants to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 5th line thereof the stricken out figure "1st" and the underlined figure "2nd", and inserting in place thereof the figure "1st".

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, before the single quotation mark, the following underlined sentence.

**'The examination fee paid by the successful applicant at the June examinations shall include the license fee to the next license date.'**

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

Mr. Greenleaf from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Commercial Digging of Clams in Brooklin and Sedgwick, Hancock County" (H. P. 402) (L. D. 418) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 402, L. D. 418, Bill "An Act Prohibiting Commercial Digging of Clams in Brooklin and Sedgwick, Hancock County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the comma at the end of the 8th line from the end and inserting in place thereof a period.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 7th line from the end and inserting in place thereof the following: 'Nothing herein shall prohibit a resident or riparian owner of shores or flats in their respective towns from digging and taking one-half bushel of clams therefrom for food for himself and family.'

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

**Passed to Be Engrossed**

Bill "An Act relating to Snow Removal from 'Compact Areas'" (S. P. 92) (L. D. 224)

Bill "An Act relating to Exits from and Means of Extinguishing Fire in School Buildings" (H. P. 342) (L. D. 381)

Bill "An Act relating to Children Attending School in Adjoining Town" (H. P. 344) (L. D. 382)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Residence of Parents of Children of School Age" (H. P. 345) (L. D. 383)

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Meeting of Joint Superintending School Committees" (H. P. 347) (L. D. 384)

Bill "An Act relating to Advance Educational Subsidy Payments" (H. P. 350) (L. D. 388)

Bill "An Act Ratifying a Proposed Compact Between the State of Maine and Certain Other States Providing for the Establishment of the New England Board of Higher Education" (H. P. 409) (L. D. 456)

Bill "An Act relating to Filling Vacancies in Membership of Council in Fort Kent" (H. P. 433) (L. D. 479)

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

**Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act relating to Local Option for Sale of Malt Liquor by Part-time Hotels" (H. P. 441) (L. D. 487)

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

(On motion of Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for tomorrow.)

**Amended Bills**

Bill "An Act to Incorporate Associated Industries of Maine" (S. P. 160) (L. D. 354)

Bill "An Act relating to Requirements in Construction of School Buildings" (H. P. 348) (L. D. 386)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Southport Cemetery District" (H. P. 365) (L. D. 402)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Parkman School District" (H. P. 370) (L. D. 421)

Bill "An Act to Establish a State Committee on Educational Television" (H. P. 467) (L. D. 512)

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

**Passed to Be Enacted  
Emergency Measure**

An Act relating to Indebtedness of West Gardiner School District" (H. P. 439) (L. D. 485)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had, 123 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Orders of the Day**

Mr. Ferguson of Hanover was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On January 27 the Joint Standing Committee on Highways was authorized and directed by Joint Order to report to the Legislature such recommendations as seemed proper with respect to the proposed reclassification of highways.

The Committee has considered the proposed reclassification of highways and in executive session unanimously adopted a resolution which I am sending to the desk and request that the Clerk read.

The SPEAKER: If there is no objection, the Clerk will read the resolution of the Joint Committee. The Chair hears no objection.

Thereupon, in accordance with Joint Order (S. P. 105) directing the Committee on Highways to make recommendations and report to the Legislature, Mr. Ferguson of Hanover presented the following resolution which the Clerk was directed to read:

The CLERK: Resolution adopted by the Joint Standing Committee on Highways re proposed reclassification of highways.

WHEREAS the Legislative Committee on Highways has carefully considered the report of the State Highway Commission made available to each member of the 97th Legislature wherein the Commission discusses five possible plans for the administration of the state aid highway system; and

WHEREAS the Committee has had to weigh the provisions contained in these five plans and the effect of the plans upon the municipalities of the State, and

WHEREAS the Committee believes that it is not desirable to increase the cost for maintenance or construction of highways at the local level; and

WHEREAS the Committee believes that many municipalities could not undertake the needed improvement to rural highways under Plans 2, 3, 4, and 5;

Be it resolved that the Committee recommends to the 97th Legislature the adoption of Plan 1, with the provision that any town which so desires may apply to the State Highway Commission for reclassification of any part of its state aid highway system.

(Off record remarks by the Speaker)

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

Thereupon, on motion of the gentleman from Bremen, Mr. Hilton, the House voted to take from the table the fourth tabled and unsigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Willful Concealment of Merchandise in Stores" (H. P. 861) (L. D. 881) tabled on February 24 by said gentleman pending third reading; on further motion of the same gentleman, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

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

The Chair would call to the attention of the House the fact that a resolution memorializing Congress to call a convention for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the administration by the several states of their respective school systems, and for other purposes, has been received from the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia.

This certified copy of the resolution will be available for anyone who cares to study it in the office of the Speaker.

If there is no further business to come before the House, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Jennings of Strong,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.