

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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**HOUSE**

Tuesday, March 15, 1955

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bernard Alderman of Livermore Falls.

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

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate:

Resolve Authorizing a Survey of State Government (S. P. 441) (L. D. 1233)

Resolve for Support of "Ruggles House" in Columbia Falls (S. P. 442) (L. D. 1234)

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:

Resolve to Construct Part of East B. Hill Road, Oxford County (S. P. 443) (L. D. 1235)

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 Declaring the Communist Party Illegal and Unlawful" (S. P. 444) (L. D. 1236)

Bill "An Act relating to Statute Limitations for Trespass on Land" (S. P. 445) (L. D. 1237)

Bill "An Act relating to Legislative Research Committee" (S. P. 446) (L. D. 1238)

Bill "An Act relating to Motion for a Directed Verdict in Jury Trials of Civil Actions" (S. P. 447) (L. D. 1239)

Bill "An Act Providing for an Interpleader Compact" (S. P. 448) (L. D. 1240)

Bill "An Act to Provide a Uniform Method for the Exercise of the Initiative and Referendum in

Municipal Affairs" (S. P. 449) (L. D. 1241)

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 Interstate Water Pollution Control" (S. P. 450) (L. D. 1242)

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 Disposition of County Fees" (S. P. 451) (L. D. 1243)

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.

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

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Providing for State Pension for John J. Roy of Montville (S. P. 304)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Providing for Motor Vehicle Registration Plates (S. P. 44) (L. D. 33) which was recommended.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. PARKER of Piscataquis  
JAMIESON of Arrostook  
COLE of Waldo  
— of the Senate.

Messrs. NADEAU of Biddeford  
DENBOW of Lubec  
FERGUSON of Hanover  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HIGGINS of Scarborough  
DUNN of Poland  
CARTER of Etna  
PULLEN of Oakland  
— of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Reports and Resolve recommitted to the Committee on Highways.

In the House: Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson of Hanover, the House voted to concur with the Senate in recommitting the Reports and Resolve to the Committee on Highways.

#### **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:

##### **Agriculture**

Bill "An Act relating to Milk Control" (H. P. 1101) (Presented by Mr. Bowie of Durham)  
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Bill "An Act relating to Marketing of Milk" (H. P. 1102) (Presented by same gentleman)  
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Sent up for concurrence.

##### **Inland Fisheries and Game**

Bill "An Act relating to Bounty on Foxes in Washington County" (H. P. 1103) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)  
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Hunting of Wild Turkeys" (H. P. 1104) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Westbrook)  
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

##### **Judiciary**

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Selling Deer" (H. P. 1105) (Presented by Mr. Rogerson of Houlton)  
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Night Hunting for Deer" (H. P. 1106) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

##### **Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of Commissioners for the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Saco" (H. P. 1107) (Presented by Mr. Courtois of Saco)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

##### **Liquor Control**

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Minors on Certain Premises Selling Liquor" (H. P. 1108) (Presented by Mr. Bowie of Durham by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

##### **Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act Amending Laws on Water Pollution Control" (H. P. 1109) (Presented by Mr. Beal of Lisbon)

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Bill "An Act relating to Mineral Exploration" (H. P. 1110) (Presented by Mr. Greene of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

##### **Public Utilities**

Bill "An Act Creating the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District" (H. P. 1111) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

##### **Retirements and Pensions**

Bill "An Act Amending the Law Permitting Municipal Employees to Receive Federal Social Security Benefits" (H. P. 1112) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

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Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Charles Moore of Auburn (H. P. 1113) (Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn)

Sent up for concurrence.

##### **Transportation**

Bill "An Act relating to Traffic Officers at Drive-in Theaters" (H.

P. 1114) (Presented by Mr. Edgar of Bar Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Over-weight of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1115) (Presented by Mr. Greene of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Orders

On motion of Mr. Cates of East Machias, it was

ORDERED, that the balance of the regular compensation of a member not paid to the late William C. Hanson in his lifetime, be paid to Miss Abbie Hanson, his daughter, who for many years has been his constant companion and home-maker.

On motion of Mr. Denbow of Lubec, it was

ORDERED, that the House of Representatives declares a vacancy to exist in the representation in this House of the class towns of Beals, Columbia Falls, Cutler, Jonesboro, Jonesport and Machiasport on account of the death of the Honorable William C. Hanson, and be it further

ORDERED, that a copy of this Order, certified by the Clerk of the House, be sent to the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the oldest town in the representative class in which the vacancy exists.

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

### House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Harnden from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Flagstaff Lake, Franklin County (H. P. 476) (L. D. 521) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### Recommitted

Mr. Potter from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in West Branch of Penobscot River (H. P. 149) (L. D. 149) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford.

Mr. SANFORD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have talked with the Senate Chairman of the Fish and Game Committee, also the House Chairman of the Fish and Game Committee, also a number of the members of the Fish and Game Committee and as we have more information on this resolve. I wish to recommit it to the same committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, moves that Resolve Regulating Fishing in West Branch of Penobscot River, House Paper 149, Legislative Document 149, be recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report and Resolve were recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MacDonald from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Appeals from Decisions of Liquor Commission" (H. P. 665) (L. D. 741) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Dudley from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer on the Island of Mount Desert, Hancock County" (H. P. 296) (L. D. 308)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Jim Pond, Franklin and Somerset Counties (H. P. 537) (L. D. 594)

Mr. Gardner from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regu-

lating Fishing in Arnold Pond in Coburn Gore, Franklin County (H. P. 472) (L. D. 517)

Mr. Harnden from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Crosby Pond in Coburn Gore, Franklin County (H. P. 475) (L. D. 520)

Mr. Browne from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Special Deputies in War Time or When War Imminent" (H. P. 358) (L. D. 396) as it is covered by other legislation.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Earles from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Operating After Suspension of License to Operate Motor Vehicle" (H. P. 593) (L. D. 654)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Ross of Bath, the Report and Bill were tabled pending acceptance of the Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 23.)

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. MacDonald from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Clarify Provision for Child, Etc. Omitted in Will" (H. P. 482) (L. D. 527)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the Report and Bill were tabled pending acceptance of the Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 16.)

Mr. Needham from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to a Revolving Fund to Satisfy Judgments from Motor Vehicle Accidents" (H. P. 271) (L. D. 255)

Mrs. Thomas from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Repealing Laws on Beano" (H. P. 711) (L. D. 779)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Childs from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not

to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Approval of Certain Heating Units" (H. P. 750) (L. D. 831)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce.

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker, with the approval of the Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee, I move that this matter lie on the table pending acceptance of the report and be specially assigned for Wednesday, March 23.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman to kindly approach the rostrum.

(Conference at rostrum)

The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this matter lie on the table pending acceptance of the report and be specially assigned for Tuesday, March 22.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, moves that Item 12A, Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Approval of Certain Heating Units," House Paper 750, Legislative Document 831, lie on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be specially assigned for Tuesday, March 22. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report and Bill were so tabled and assigned.

Mr. Howard from the Committee on Natural Resources reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Convey Island in Three Mile Pond, Kennebec County (H. P. 842) (L. D. 932)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Forest Commissioner to Convey Fan Island, Washington County (H. P. 787) (L. D. 870)

Mr. McCluskey from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on Resolve relating to Dragging for Quahogs in Maquoit Bay, Cumberland County (H. P. 762) (L. D. 838)

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 Reports on Damages by Dogs to Poultry" (H. P. 633) (L. D. 710)

Mr. Caswell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Failure of Towns to Re-mit Dog License Fees" (H. P. 562) (L. D. 619)

Mr. Soule from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Annual Meeting of Board of Veterinary Examiners" (H. P. 512) (L. D. 576)

Mr. Henry from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported same on Resolve Authorizing Certain Monies in Possession of the Augusta State Hospital to be Added to the Hospital's Trust Funds (H. P. 700) (L. D. 768)

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

### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Edgar from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Transportation of Explosives" (H. P. 337) (L. D. 378)

Report was read and accepted.

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

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have this bill tabled until Tuesday next. I wanted to have it tabled before the acceptance of the committee report, but I guess I was not quick enough. Is it possible to reconsider it?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it is possible to reconsider.

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. Speaker, I would ask for reconsideration and have the bill lie on the table pending acceptance of the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it just now accepted the favorable "Ought to pass" report of the committee on Bill "An Act relating to Transpor-

tation of Explosives." Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and on further motion of the same gentleman the Report and Bill were tabled pending acceptance of the Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 22.

Mr. Butler from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season for Fishing" (H. P. 414) (L. D. 461)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Goose Pond, York County (H. P. 269) (L. D. 253)

Mr. Dudley from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Mousam Lake, York County (H. P. 267) (L. D. 251)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Square Pond, York County (H. P. 268) (L. D. 252)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Ossipee Pond (H. P. 270) (L. D. 254)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in East Pond Stream (H. P. 656) (L. D. 733)

Mr. Harnden from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Flagstaff Lake in Franklin and Somerset Counties (H. P. 477) (L. D. 522)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Opening Porter Lake, Franklin County, to Taking of Smelts (H. P. 659) (L. D. 735)

Mr. Browne from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for the Union of the Towns of Bucksport and Verona as One Municipality" (H. P. 300) (L. D. 311)

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

Mr. Hancock from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Change the Qualifications of Citizenship of the Governor (H. P. 432) (L. D. 478)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that this bill lie on the table and be assigned for Thursday afternoon for the purpose of offering an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, moves that the Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Change the Qualifications of Citizenship of the Governor be tabled and specially assigned for Thursday, March 24.

It occurs to the Chair that if the gentlewoman's purpose is to offer an amendment, perhaps the Committee Report could be accepted today and the Resolve be given its first reading and assigned for second reading and the amendment then be offered in the usual course.

The Chair will inquire if the gentlewoman would be willing to withdraw her motion?

Mrs. CHRISTIE: All right, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, withdraws her motion.

Thereupon, the Report was accepted, the Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. MacDonald from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Change the Name of Rumford Falls Trust Company and Amend its Charter" (H. P. 192) (L. D. 197)

The Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that there are in the balcony of the House this morning twenty-two children of the Social Study Class of the Eighth Grade of the Rockport Junior High School under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Barter.

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

Thereupon, Bill "An Act to Change the Name of Rumford Falls

Trust Company and Amend its Charter," (H. P. 192) (L. D. 197) was assigned for third reading tomorrow.

Mr. Needham from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Establish the Town of Madawaska Municipal Court" (H. P. 299) (L. D. 310)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Confer Additional Rights and Powers upon East Branch Improvement Company" (H. P. 707) (L. D. 775)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Sale and Use of Electric Fences" (H. P. 729) (L. D. 791)

Mr. Childs from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Slum Clearance and Redevelopment Authority in Portland" (H. P. 920) (L. D. 1028)

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

Mr. Foster from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Regulating Abandonment of Iceboxes, Refrigerators and other Airtight Containers" (H. P. 836) (L. D. 927)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think this is a very good bill as far as it has gone and I move that the Committee Report "Ought to pass" be accepted, then I wish to either table it until tomorrow— In other words, I wish to offer an amendment, whether it is tabled or not.

Thereupon, the Committee Report was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that if the Bill be given its regular course, it would be in order to offer an amendment tomorrow.

The Bill was then read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Lord from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Amend



the Act Providing for the Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of Augusta" (H. P. 916) (L. D. 1024)

Mr. Martin from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Creation of the Office of Director of Public Works for the City of Waterville" (H. P. 917) (L. D. 1025)

Mr. Quinn from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer" (H. P. 923) (L. D. 1031)

Mrs. Thomas from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Power to Hold and Purchase Property by the City of Waterville" (H. P. 918) (L. D. 1026)

Mr. Crockett from the Committee on Natural Resources reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Unused Forest Fire Warden Headquarters Sites" (H. P. 786) (L. D. 869)

Mr. Lamb from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Renew Lease to Passamaquoddy Lumber Company (H. P. 788) (L. D. 871)

Mr. Greenleaf from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Bristol" (H. P. 850) (L. D. 936)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Digging of Clams in Freeport" (H. P. 936) (L. D. 1039)

Mr. Roberts from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Alna" (H. P. 456) (L. D. 491)

Mr. Stanwood from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Clams in the Town of Penobscot" (H. P. 851) (L. D. 937)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Pemaquid River, Lincoln County (H. P. 658) (L. D. 766)

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

### **Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment**

Mr. Foss from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Examination by Board of Veterinary Examiners" (H. P. 513) (L. D. 577) 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. 513, L. D. 577, Bill "An Act relating to Time of Examination by Board of Veterinary Examiners."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined words "and Tuesday of July at least once a year" in the 3rd line from the end and inserting in place thereof the underlined words: 'and the Tuesday following said 2nd Monday of July'

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

Mrs. Thomas from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Create the Brunswick Parking Authority" (H. P. 622) (L. D. 628) 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. 622, L. D. 628, Bill "An Act to Create the Brunswick Parking Authority."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of Section 4 (a), (8), the following:

'except, however, that no products used in or for the servicing of motor vehicles, other than municipally owned or operated motor vehicles, shall be sold or dispensed at or in connection with public off-street parking facilities by the District or any lessee thereof.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the period following the word "meeting" at the end of the last line of the 1st paragraph of the Referendum clause and insert in place thereof the following:

‘; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equals or exceeds 20 per cent of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election.’

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

#### **Passed to Be Engrossed Recommitted**

Bill “An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Cases of Forcible Entry and Detainer of Recorders of Municipal Courts” (S. P. 220) (L. D. 561)

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

Mr. BROWNE: Mr. Speaker, whereas the amendment which I was requested to offer at this time would amend the bill in substance, I should like to have it considered by the Committee as a whole and therefore I move now that Legislative Document 561 be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Browne, moves that Item 2 under Third Readers, Bill “An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Cases of Forcible Entry and Detainer of Recorders of Municipal Courts” be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Passed to Be Engrossed**

Bill “An Act relating to Peremptory Challenges in Criminal Cases” (S. P. 217) (L. D. 558)

Bill “An Act relating to Abstracts of Criminal Records for State Bureau of Identification” (S. P. 248) (L. D. 680)

Bill “An Act relating to Jurisdiction of State Courts after Federal Court Disposed of Criminal Case” (S. P. 252) (L. D. 684)

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 to Amend the Charter of the Town of Mount Desert to Give the Selectmen Authority to Make Ordinances” (H. P. 281) (L. D. 265)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire if the gentleman from Mt. Desert, Mr. Reynolds, cares to make a motion at this time.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Mr. Speaker, on Item 5, Legislative Document 265, I respectfully request that this item be laid on the table and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 22.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Mt. Desert, Mr. Reynolds, moves that this Bill be tabled pending passage to be engrossed and be specially assigned for Tuesday, March 22. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled and assigned.

Bill “An Act relating to Height of Letters on Signs on School Buses” (H. P. 283) (L. D. 267)

Bill “An Act Permitting Municipalities to Raise Money for Christmas Decorations” (H. P. 457) (L. D. 492)

Bill “An Act relating to Financing by Brunswick Sewer District” (H. P. 623) (L. D. 629)

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 Exempting Persons Seventy Years of Age from Poll Tax” (H. P. 685) (L. D. 753)

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

(On motion of Mr. Brockway of Milo, tabled pending third reading and tomorrow assigned.)

Bill “An Act relating to Biennial Assessment of State Property Taxes” (H. P. 723) (L. D. 787)

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

**Amended Bills**

Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Architects" (S. P. 224) (L. D. 565)

Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Kennebunk" (H. P. 67) (L. D. 72)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of York Sewer District" (H. P. 380) (L. D. 423)

Resolve in favor of the George Green Estate (H. P. 290) (L. D. 303)

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 as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

**Passed to Be Enacted  
Emergency Measure**

An Act Prohibiting Commercial Digging of Clams in Brooklin and Sedgwick, Hancock County (H. P. 402) (L. D. 418)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 118 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Finally Passed  
Emergency Measure**

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)

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. 122 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Passed to Be Enacted**

An Act relating to Holding Devices for Trailers (S. P. 68) (L. D. 93)

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

An Act relating to Possession of Gill Nets (S. P. 185) (L. D. 437)

An Act to Prevent the Pollution of the Waters of Sebago Lake (S. P. 195) (L. D. 446)

An Act relating to Public Reserved Lots in Baxter State Park (S. P. 227) (L. D. 568)

An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Gardiner (H. P. 110) (L. D. 118)

An Act Exempting Sales of Mixed Fertilizer to Federal Government from Fertilizer Tax (H. P. 174) (L. D. 181)

An Act relating to Commercial Fertilizers (H. P. 246) (L. D. 234)

An Act Clarifying Laws on Slaughterhouses and Meat Processing Plants (H. P. 327) (L. D. 368)

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

An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in St. George River in the Town of Warren (H. P. 401) (L. D. 417)

An Act relating to Archery Licenses (H. P. 416) (L. D. 463)

An Act relating to Keeping of Skunks and Raccoons in Captivity (H. P. 417) (L. D. 464)

An Act relating to Closed Season on Gray Squirrels (H. P. 423) (L. D. 469)

An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in Georges River (H. P. 455) (L. D. 490)

An Act relating to Permit Before Examination for Applicant to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture (H. P. 496) (L. D. 540)

An Act relating to Tuberculosis Tests for Cattle (H. P. 511) (L. D. 575)

**Finally Passed**

Resolve Regulating Fishing for Black Bass in Schoodic Lake in Washington County (S. P. 154) (L. D. 347)

Resolve relating to Smelt Fishing in East Machias River (H. P. 561) (L. D. 610)

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

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. Bills passed to be enacted. Resolves finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, An Act Exempting Real and Personal Property Occupied or Used by Tax Exempt Organizations from Taxation, Senate Paper 137, Legislative Document 329, tabled on March 9 by the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, pending passage to be enacted.

The Chair will request the page to kindly seek the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, in the anterooms.

The House may be at ease.

#### House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair has just laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter tabled by the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, pending passage to be enacted and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham, Senate Paper 137, Legislative Document 329, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Trapping for Bear", House Paper 413, Legislative Document 460, tabled on March 10 by the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, pending third reading and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The committee amended this regulation to good advantage but in reading it over I recalled an incident where I almost myself walked into a trap and I thought that possibly a further amendment would be advantageous. If I can prevent any individual from being injured or prevent their being crippled or perhaps even pre-

vent the loss of their lives, I will feel that I have not spoken in vain.

The reason for wording this in both English and French is because, as you all know, there are a good many people working in the woods up north that possibly do not speak English and if we are going to trap any bonded Canadians, we do not want to do it with a bear trap. I do not hunt bear myself because, I will tell you, you get really cold if you hunt bear but I would like to have comments from the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, on this matter because he has very thoughtfully provided us with an exhibit of what a lethal weapon this bear trap is by bringing in a cub trap and he will take up from here, I believe. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter.

Mr. POTTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am thoroughly in accord with this amendment which might seem to be a little far-fetched. I brought this in to demonstrate, a medium size bear trap. The full size traps are nearly one and a half times the size of this. It can only be opened with clamps, screwed down on each spring. The bear trapper sets these traps in the blueberry fields and in the apple orchards during the entire season when the bear is active, which is from April through to when snow comes in the fall. They set them around where children are picking blueberries with their parents and they set them around in the orchards where the people might stop in for a picnic in the fall and pick up a few apples. In a lot of areas we have old, abandoned apple orchards. The man who owned the apple orchard probably long since passed to his reward and they set these traps, they cover them with grass or roll them up in moss. They are entirely concealed and unless we have good protection, it is very easy for a man to get into them. In fact, there is an authentic record in our town some years ago of a man getting caught in one of these and if it had not been for a neighbor hearing him holler he probably would have been there until he died. They would break a man's

leg for sure and there is no way that he could get out of them. If he wasn't taken out, he couldn't get out. I think this bear trapping proposition would be given all the protection we possibly can.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, offers House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 413, L. D. 460, Bill "An Act relating to Trapping for Bear."

Amend said Bill by striking out the last sentence thereof and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence:

**"Said enclosure shall be marked by substantial signs with the words "BEAR TRAP" and "TRAPPE D'OURS" with letters not less than 3 inches in height, said signs to be spaced around each enclosure at intervals of not more than 20 feet and each sign securely fastened to the top strand of barbed wire."**

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates", House Paper 191, Legislative Document 196, tabled on March 10 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, pending third reading and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On the last legislative day, L. D. 196 was amended. This was "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates." It was amended on the last legislative day to include inhabitants at large in cities of over 30,000 inhabitants. Because of that amendment, it became necessary to change other provisions in the act and this House Amendment "C" is to now adapt the act to meet the re-

quirements of the amendment and I move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, offers House Amendment "C" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "C".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H. P. 191, L. D. 196, Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates."

Amend said Bill in the 25th and 26th lines thereof by restoring the stricken out words and punctuation to read as follows:

'or the clerk of the municipality, as the case may be,'

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

**"Sec. 2. R. S., c. 9, Sec. 7, amended.** The last sentence of section 7 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Secretary of State shall, at the expense of the State, provide every city and town clerk of a city of over 30,000 inhabitants with blank forms suitable for the statements required to be returned to him."

House Amendment "C" was adopted.

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, this morning, suggestions have been made for further amending this matter and I now move that this matter be tabled to be heard Thursday of this week.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, moves that Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates", House Paper 191, Legislative Document 196, be again laid on the table pending third reading and be specially assigned for Thursday, March 17. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled and assigned.

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

Thereupon, out of order and under suspension of the rules, Mr. Jennings of Strong presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the Doorkeeper of the House, Clarence P. Chase, while following his hobby of ice fishing for relaxation over the weekend, was favored with unusual luck and today has in his possession a large pickerel which he caught;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that said Clarence P. Chase be permitted to present to the Speaker of the House for his approval and pleasure this fisherman's pride.

Thereupon, the Order received passage, amid the applause of the House.

Mr. Clarence P. Chase then came to the rostrum and presented the fish to the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: On the record, this looks like a fish.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, in order to show my respect and the esteem in which I hold you as a friend and to show my appreciation for the excellent work you are doing as Speaker of this House, I wish to present you with this fish. I am sorry it is not larger but it is the best I could do on this trip. I caught this fish myself, as you may not believe but I did. It came from the waters of Great Pond in the Belgrade Chain of Lakes. It is 27 inches long and weighed five pounds when it came out of the water.

You know, Mr. Speaker, they say that fishermen are awful liars, or should I say some fishermen are awful liars, unless they have the credentials to prove their statements. I think on this occasion I have the proper credentials.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I hope that you and your family will enjoy eating this fish as much as I did catching it. (Applause)

(Speaker Trafton then displayed the fish to the House.)

Speaker TRAFTON: Mr. Chase certainly has a prize. I do not know whether this is offered partly because he knows of a certain other fishing trip recently which certain members of the Legislature went on and came back unsuccessful but it

is a beauty. Thank you very, very much, Mr. Chase.

The Chair thinks that members of the Fish and Game Committee might well come up after the morning session is over and study this specimen.

Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BIBBER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Today commemorates the 135th birthday of the great State of Maine. I think it only fitting and proper that we as members of the 97th Legislature pay tribute to this birthday, and, for the sake of the record, I would like to read the small article that was in the paper.

"Its independence from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts became complete on March 15, 1820, eight days after the separation act had been signed by President James Monroe. The reason for the separation act was that the northern states needed the creation of a state to preserve the balance of power with the southern states due to the Missouri Compromise. State records show that Portland, Augusta, Hallowell, Brunswick, Wiscasset, Belfast and Waterville made bids to be the permanent capital but Augusta was finally selected in 1827. Bangor was rejected because it was too vulnerable to enemy attack according to the reports of that day."

I think it only fitting and proper that on this day we stand and pay tribute to the State of Maine and to those great people who have made it one of the finest states in the Nation.

Thereupon, the members of the House rose and remained standing for a moment in silent tribute.

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

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland,

Adjourned until nine-thirty o'clock tomorrow morning.